

**Thunder Baseball League
Minutes for Board of Directors
February 12, 2012
7:30 pm – BUMC room 203**

Preliminary:

Call to order at 7:30 pm

Welcome Guests – Five Star Photography, Team Sports Photos, Positive Coaching Alliance

Roll Call – all BOD present

Comments – sent landlord a note regarding the leaking gutter. Thank Marilyn Kerr for the Thunder Academy logo painted on the wall.

Approval of Agenda – Debbie makes motion to approve agenda, Mike seconds, all approve

Approval of Minutes from 1-22-12 – Mike makes motion to approve minutes, Robert seconds, all approve

Positive Coaching Alliance: Tyler Johnson

- National non-profit started by Jim Thompson in 1998 at Stanford Athletics. Started in Denver as a result of a Daniel's Fund Grant
- Transforming youth sports so youth sports can transform our kids
- Kids quit sports because they aren't fun
- Coaches and Parents live and online workshops. Organizations can choose workshops.
- Offer different programs that include classes, 2 minute email drills weekly, and monthly newsletter

Picture Vendors:

1. Five Star Photography – Brian & Valerie
 - 7 years in North Area
 - Teams/Individuals
 - Work with league to determine what we would like; flexible dates with teams
 - Digital Memory Mate – 8x10 – no cardboard – name/logo included
 - Kick Back to league - \$2 per order or plaques for coaches and 8x10 for assistants
2. Team Sports Photos – Gretchen
 - Quick turnaround
 - Pictures online for additional purchases
 - ESPN products
 - Offer 2 different Memory Mates for parents as well as 37 different packages
 - Head Coach Plaque and 8x10 for assistants
 - Posed action posters
 - Fundraising
 - Worked with City of Broomfield for 40 years.

Reports:

President's Report:

- New website should be up on February 28
- Expansion is nearly completed – needs paint
- Updated cage calendar to Debbie by Tuesday/Wednesday
- Academy is going to implement a “Helmet Rule” while in cages. It is about player safety. Safety is about prevention. Educate coaches who need to educate kids
- Home Depot – Tom Cappelletti – there is a program for non-profits. They will help with complete build & cost of projects. Application process takes about 4-6 weeks. Can potentially use for the Shed at BIP complex.

Executive Directors Report: Shawn Williamson

- Rockies Day at Coors Field on May 20 - \$20/seat. Pavilion Seating. Email will be sent to coaches.
- Concussion Training – needs to be completed by March 31. Currently we have 15 of 59.
- 8/9s volunteers for Opening Day – each team needs to have one volunteer for Opening Day. It is about team representation as well as spreading the workload.
- Softball Update – City will take care of all field/umpire scheduling. Debbie will handle cages. They are in the process of finalizing uniforms.
- Community Outreach – Tom C.
 - 6 bins of equipment were donated during the Give Sports event at BHS/Holy Family game.
 - Shawn A. needs to work with Woody Shelton at Enterprise during summer months
 - Looking at creating water bottle with Thunder & A Precious Child through Polar Water in Boulder. Sell bottles and profit goes to charity. Example is being made
- Uniforms are in process. Most teams have paid. A few stragglers still.
- Field Allocations should be received by end of week. Shawn is attending a meeting with the City of Westminster regarding usage of their fields. We currently have 1 field on Monday and Wednesday.
- Equipment Distribution – Mike Lively
 - Only 5 teams haven't picked up equipment
 - Baseball distribution started. Need to pay that bill to JCJBL.
 - Have some equipment that we can return to Sportline
- City Storage at BIP – Rick Wiethern
 - City – can we have 1? BBL has 2
 - 8x12 facility if we build
 - Might qualify for Home Depot project
- Fall Labor Day tournament – TBA/TBL – sent Tate and Brent email. Need to follow up.
- JCJBL Open Division Update –
 - TBL has 6 teams participating
 - All divisions filled. 11 and 12 year olds had to be combined.
 - Knight Time Baseball is being added under the Thunder umbrella for Open Division. They will wear their own uniforms and supply their own fields. They signed an alliance agreement with TBL, agreed to our code of conduct and will pay \$100.00 scheduling fee.

CFO Report: Jim Walther & Scott Neitenbach

- Reviewed financials
- Addressed outstanding player payments
- Jim working on Jugs pitching machine instructions
- TBL Charter Agreements – Debbie has collected from more than ½ the teams.

Information Manager/ PR Report: Shawn Arroyo absent, but told Debbie to pass along that he will be sending Constant Contact newsletter on Tuesday.

Thunder Calendar:

- Tournament meeting on February 23 at Indoor Facility at 6pm
- JCJBL meeting is Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 7pm.
 - Friendly amendment to have BBL kicked out. Changing from 2/3 to ¾ votes.
- BHS Gala – March 16 at 6pm
- Coaches the Coaches Meeting– Sunday, March 18 at 6pm in Cages 8/9
- TBL Board Meeting – Sunday, March 18 at 7:30 pm at BUMC
- April 7 - 8/9s Opening Day at BIP. Picture Day for 8/9s
- April 23 – Picture Day for 10-14s
- June 2/3 – TBL Susan G. tournament with special event on June 1

New Business:

- Chamber renewal – discuss off-line
- Vendor proposal protocol
- Bat brands for tournaments. Stick with Max & Slugger.
- Robert makes a motion to vote for Team Sports Photo for 2012 season. Darron Seconds. All Approve.

Adjourn at 8:59 pm