

PTAA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/11/16

Location: Harrison Room

Meeting Chairperson: Brad Yamrick

Members Present: Brad Yamrick, President; Vance Porter, Vice-President; Bobby Long, Baseball Director Elect; Roger Kral, Secretary; Kelly Rupp, Treasurer; Jim Lander, Softball Director; Jason Keenan, Secretary Elect; Chris Mains, Web Director, Steve Freas, Bob Lane, Baseball Director elect.

Brad wanted to open with stating that the Emergency Executive meeting previously held on 12/01/16 needed to be in the minutes that it started at 8:30 and finished at 9:50.

Note for next meeting in January, The By-Laws need to be revisited.

Baseball Update:

- Vance advised that the Westmoreland League is still discussing the size of the teams and the splitting of the Umpire Costs.

Softball Update:

- Jim updated us that the Combo tournament is moving up a week earlier in order for the USSSA tournament to move up a week.

A discussion around the need for Baseball and Softball to coordinate their tournaments needs to happen. Chris will load the tournaments in the Website.

Brad Update:

- November 17 rec board meeting let Brad know that the schab tournament asked for July 30th for the tournament. With a possible rain make up date.
- The Rec Board talked about signage that will help us.
- Chris bought up that they, the rec board, can collect from the signage.
- Someone mention to Brad that it would be good time to go back to the rec board and open up the sponsorship discussion again. The sponsorship could net \$8k to \$10K a year.

Treasurer Update:

- Kelly advised that they had a PTAA fields end of year walk through on 12/04/16.
- The following was noted:
 - Lights needed for the batting cages
 - Concession stand floor need re-done
 - Field 2 Pitching cages need to be repaired
 - Various Fencing issues and new fencing
 - Brad would like to install a “Misting Machine near the concession stand for the hot days. He feels it will generate concession stand business. More to come!

Website: Chris advised that refunds can now be done on the website now!

Concession Stand: Rebecca was not present but Kelly noted that Rebecca should have someone else help with the concession stand audit.

Field Maintenance: Erik was not present

New Business: The board was to have two topics of discussion but ran out of time.

The Topic of voting in the new Travel Baseball program consumed the remaining time.

Steve Freas presented what the final layout will be for the travel baseball organization.

He advised that the travel organization will have to submit a budget, provide tournaments to PTAA and they will create a board position which will be a liaison to the PTAA board.

The starting age will be in the 9U age group and finishing at 13U where Junior Legion will pickup.

The Travel Organization will have an indoor training complex and their own uniforms. The travel organization's name will be voted on.

There have been previous meetings on the structure. Tonight's meeting is to discuss and vote on it.

Brad- His position is to make sure what's best for PTAA as a whole. He wants to make sure it doesn't move to quickly making sure the bylaws are adhered to. He would like to do just to age groups. Brad would like a travel Director. He said, the program needs to guarantee it is set up for the future and to make sure in-house doesn't lose because of it.

Steve, stressed to Brad that travel will push in house and work with the in house board.

Chris was agreeing with Brad on how fast this needs to go but advised that based on the current set up up just doing 2 teams would basically exclude only on age group, 10U. They agreed that will not work.

Vance- Talked about his experience with travel. He feels that all travel must play in-house. He talked about how important a travel program would be now since All-American is falling down to 2 teams. The By laws are now stating travel.

Roger agreed with both Vance and Brad on making sure that the kids pay inhouse, that there is a travel director. He advised that whatever decisions are made that they are made for today and the future kids. Also, travel and in-house have to work out the schedules to make sure the kids can have play time with both.

Kelly- wants to make sure that travel and Allstars are separated by name to make sure everyone understands the two programs. She felt that the travel team should be under the pricing umbrella for all of PTAA when it comes to AD Starr and buying equipment.

Chris- He said the quality of play and coaches is very important for the program to succeed. He feels it is important for PTAA to put the travel team in.

Motion requested to put the travel program in the by-laws by Vance, Chris seconded, all in. Travel is now in!

Brad wanted to recognize, Steve, Brian, Bob and Phil for making baseball better with this new program.

Vance wants to motion a committee to do a financial results. He wants Vance, Chris, Bobby, Brad, Jim, and Kelly on the committee. He wants a General information committee with Brad, Jim, and Jason. He Baseball committee with Bobby and ?