



Junior Baseball Organization, Inc. Minutes
Board Meeting
May 18, 2014

Meeting called to order at 3:00pm by JBO President Rachel Skelton

- Introduction: Due to certain circumstances, Jason Seibel will be replacing Jeremy Shidner on the board as the 2nd District Commissioner from West Side.
- Resignation: Alex Skelton (tournaments) resigned from the board.
- Members present: Chris, Lynn, Misty, Christy, Phil, Brian S, Jesse, Shari, Rachel, Terrence, and Jason.
- Members absent: Todd, Brian M.
- Approval of minutes: Motion to approve April 13th board minutes by Jesse.
2nd by Terrence.
Approved
- Financial Reports: Submitted by Terrence.
*Balance: \$11843.99
*Checks outstanding: OR Dept of Justice for \$20. Pays through August, 2013. Earlier in the month paid \$100 to OR Dept of Justice-covers 2012 taxes. Taxes are caught up.
*Waiting on team fees from Clackamas and Trico.
- Motion to approve financial report by Chris
2nd by Jesse.
Approved.
- Association Applications: Submitted by Lynn.
*Trico is complete.
*West Side has 1 form left—Code of Conduct from Tillamook.
*Valley turned in paperwork at meeting. Will notify Shari of anything missing or those with corrections needed. Clackamas is working on a few pieces of missing paper work.
*Shari brought up the issue of decreasing the amount of paper work that has to be submitted by each association.
*Group discussion.
*Need the proof of insurance so we are sure we're covered.
*Change application to include check-off boxes for code of conduct, concussion training, background checks, waivers, etc.
*Clackamas has a similar type of form that they will email out as an example.

Team Rosters/
Team per Level

*Final rosters are due June 1st.
*Shari would like every district to submit a matrix to her listing number of teams by division and level. She will use that information to verify that she has received all rosters.

Waivers:

West Side, McMinnville Red, Senior American
*Had 11 players. 1 dislocated his knee, had surgery, and cannot participate for 3-6 months; leaves them with 10 players.
*Other SA team and their SN team have 11 players.

Motion to approve by Lynn.
2nd by Jesse.
Approved.

T-shirt Design:

*No design was submitted. Now open for anyone to submit a design.
*Chris with Blazing Stitches can do a high quality, 3 colors, 2 locations t-shirt in grey w/royal blue highlights. Cost would be \$4.80 per shirt.
*At the March meeting, Brian Mills said he might have a sponsor for t-shirts. No one has heard back from him on that.
*Rachel will gather design's (new logo, Chris @Blazing Stitches, and Jay @ Les & Bob's). We will then vote to make a final decision.
*Work on determining numbers and sizes.

Championship T-shirts

Lynn needed clarification on requirements for associations to purchase championship t-shirts. The decision did not make it into the minutes.

In the March's meeting, it was decided that it would be recommended, but not required, for each association to pay the \$125 per team for the 15 t-shirts.

*to pay the \$125 could have a financial impact on associations who don't have it in their budget.

* recommended associations purchase them because it helps tournament hosts and the cost to the team upon arrival would be considerably more than the \$125.

State Brackets:

Could not find any brackets to alleviate the 12 man bracket issues.

*If you lose 1st game or if you win-lose, you end up in the same spot, except that the loser of the first game is in a better position because they only had 1 game pitching, where the win-lose team had 2 games of pitching.

Jason will take this on.

Championship Trmths:

Tournament hosts need to be at next board meeting on June 22nd.

*go over ground rules and what they need to do

*plans for coaches meeting

Umpire bids are due at the June 22nd meeting.

*\$40-\$45-\$50, 2 umpires per game

*Shari needs contact info for association umpires

Championship Trmts
Continued:

Tournament wild cards

- *No play-ins---hard to find locations and times to do it.
- *4 wild card berths determined by team count at each division and level.
- *top 25% gets 1 wild card berth, next 25% gets 1, etc.

Apparel:

Phil is still waiting on the JBO apparel. No specific date when it will be received.

Safety Concerns and/or
Sportsmanship:

Lynn brought up 2 concerns regarding interleague games between Trico and West Side.

*Are both districts counting games as league and not practice?

Jesse and Chris both responded: yes

*Are JBO pitching rules being followed in the interleague games?

Jesse and Chris both responded: not always

- Jesse, Chris, and Rachel made the decision to bypass JBO pitching rules in order to facilitate the interleague games
- West Side was helping Trico out by interleaguig and getting the kids playing.
- Gresham being coached by HS coaches so cannot play games on weekdays. (just until school ball is over)
- With considerable travel time, weekend games are necessary.
- They told coaches to treat weekend games like a tournament, but never actually gave any pitching maximum.
- Both Jesse and Chris do not want kids over-pitching and told the coaches to be careful.

After group discussion:

- Having a pitching concession for interleague games is not equitable to those teams who have rainout games and still follow the pitching rules.
- Coaches need to develop pitchers.
- Coaches need to be educated on pitching safety and technique.
- Neither district commissioners nor executive board members can change JBO pitching rules without a board vote.
- No official vote was taken, but several board members spoke of waiving coach suspensions and game forfeits for previously played games as the coaches were following instructions given by their district commissioners.
- From this point forward, JBO pitching rules apply to all.

Chris stated that West Side will probably have to drop Trico from their schedules. Jason said he would like to look at it and see if they can make it work.

They will report back to the board.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:08pm

Next Meeting:

Sunday, June 22, 2014
3:00pm
Wilsonville Public Library