

## **WHYBA Meeting Minutes 1/19/2022**

**Attendees:** Sarah Politano, Misse Toth, Marcus Rannalli, John Toth, Ryan Lance, Mike Amorosi, Don Amorosi, Dan Smith, Matt Olson, R.J. Sherman

**Officially Called To Order:** Sarah Politano started the meeting at 7:41pm

Main Topics Discussed: Sponsorships and Fundraising

**Public Comment:**

**Don Amorosi w/ Fundraiser** — Drawing date must be printed on fundraising ticket—Slug Fest (June 4th, rain date the 5th, Meadow Breeze Park); proceeds to benefit WHYBA; \$10.00 Township Fee / \$120 State fee- Don will call state to confirm state fee amount is correct; suggests starting off with 250 books and will prepay fee to township and state; Don's fee is \$1.00 per ticket; Books to be given to coaches to disperse during first week of try-outs; Should draft a letter to be given out w/ ticket books to explain the purpose of the fundraiser and how WHYBA players benefit from it

**R.J. Sherman w/ Info about Somerset Patriots Fundraiser** — Should do earlier in season to get a Friday night w/fireworks; WHYBA buys tickets for \$5 and sell for \$10; in the past have combined with other Little League Associations and kids get to march around the field or visit the dug out; Should find a parent to help run this and give tickets to coaches to sell to their team players

**Sarah Politano President's Report:** Spoke w/ Brandy from Dairy Queen about possible fundraiser; Brandy wants to do a 5K run to benefit WTYA and WH Baseball; Sarah will touch base to clarify exactly who the money will go to

**TJ Stevens Vice President's Report:**

**Misse Toth Secretary's Report:** Will send sponsorship form to Ryan; Touch base with public school contacts to see if flyers are still visible to parents or need to be resent out

**Marcus Ranalli Treasurer's Report:** Going to keep the previous acct. open until registration closes and then they can close the acct.; Mike will write a check; There is a little less than \$19,000 in the acct.

**Scott Bodenschatz Equipment Manager's Report:**

**John Toth Field Manager's Report:** went to check out the fields with Scott; need time to fix fields, but most wont need much clay; Mansfield will need clay if we choose to use the field; If we use Steinhart field, the red clay will need to be taken out from pitchers mound and replaced, dug out fences need repair—see if boro rec will do something about repairs and need to get lime out of shed; RJ updated insurance certificate—John to send out via email to participating fields

**Scott Bartlett Safety Coordinator's Report:**

**Joey Matarazzo Umpire Coordinator's Report:** RJ advised that there is lack of umpires in the sport

**Ryan Lance IT Report:** Will create a promo code to give parents the Early Bird Rate bc they submitted questions via email about registration that we didn't get back to in time; will remove all board members private information (email and phone numbers) from the website

**John Sands Coaches Coordinator's Report:**

**Jamie Carzima Uniform Coordinator's Report:** Sarah updated that she gave Jamie the information on Uniforms; will need to get in 4-5 weeks before the 1st game and keep in contact w/ whoever we use on updates on the order (in case of delays); Team Spirit Wear through Destination Athlete (or All Star Sports—RJ has good hat vendors) after the start of the season and takes ~2wks once store closes—can do as fundraiser or @cost

**Mike Amorosi Player Agent's Report:** March 5th and 12th for Player Assessments at the Middle School from 10-1; RJ will give Mike the assessment forms; Need to set up who will do the evaluations (coaches can watch, but should not be involved in the evaluations); will need no less than five evaluators; needs a catcher and pitcher; RJ suggested to check with highschoolers for help

**Matt Olson Fundraising and Sponsorship's Report/Dan Kozelnik:** Sarah/RJ to get Matt a list of past sponsors and updated Sponsorship Form; will get started on getting sponsors to sign up

#### **Calendar of Events:**

Next Meeting—February 9th and February 23rd

Registration Closes—February 28th

Player Assessments—March 5th and 12th (@ Middle school from 10-1)

Team Assignments—Week of March 13th, finalized by March 19th (Mike Amorosi and T.J.)

Opening Day— April 23rd?

Slug Fest— June 4th @Meadow Breeze Park; Rain Date June 5th