

WHYBA Meeting Minutes

10/19/2016

Attendees: Mike Yanosy (president), Dan Dunn (vice president) Desiree Mora-Dillon (safety coordinator), Tom Kachala (field coordinator), Mike Miller (equipment manager), Katie Hoffmann (treasurer), Chris Cannavo (secretary) Mark DeVoe (fundraising coordinator)

Board Members Missing: Rich Bland

Unofficial. Start: 7:06pm- Mike Yanosy requests moving forward that WHYBA is issued a debit card for purchases rather than using personal funds with future reimbursement.

Mike Yanosy requests an expense report made by the treasurer to be posted online and used as a matter of public record thus increasing WHYBA financial transparency.

Tom Kachala added that in the matter of public opinion, most people think WHYBA has more revenue than it really does.

Officially called to order: 7:09 pm

Board Positions

Board positions were voted on and filled. Mike Yanosy made the motion, Tom Kachala seconded the motion and all board members were in favor.

Secretary: Chris Cannavo

Treasurer: Katie Hoffmann

Fundraising Coordinator: Mark DeVoe

Board positions still open: Uniform Coordinator, Umpire Coordinator, IT Coordinator

Fundraising

Mike Yanosy reported that Slugfest was a big fundraiser but it was a massive undertaking. Scott did a great job but we need to spread out the responsibilities for the event. A sub-committee will be formed to further evaluate.

Tom Kachala recommends that Mark DeVoe is vested with the authority to make decisions regarding fundraising moving forward. He suggested that Mark DeVoe reach out to the former Fundraising Coordinator, Scott Reyes, for his sponsorship contact information.

Mike Yanosy strongly recommends a Fundraising subcommittee.

Mark DeVoe suggested adding a "Friends of WHYBA" banner to existing sponsorship opportunities.

JETS tickets are still available

Mark DeVoe asked if he has the authority to initiate fundraising events autonomously. Mike Yanosy explained to Mark that he can implement a fundraising venture / event after either an email chain or conference call with the board- Mark does not need to wait until the next monthly meeting to make a formal motion for a fundraiser.

Desiree Mora-Dillon suggested and will implement a fundraising dinner at the Taco-Bell in Mansfield at the conclusion of the Fall Ball season.

Mark DeVoe reported success he's experienced by sitting outside Wal-Mart for donations. He recommended that WHYBA request permission from Wal-Mart management to have a fund drive (with players in uniform).

Katie Hoffmann reported success experienced through a laser tag tournament for the Washington Y Wrestling program. The day / time of the laser tag tournament must be determined by the availability of the company (person) that provides the equipment. Desiree Mora-Dillon suggested the Mansfield gymnasium, or if weather permits, the football field with donated concessions sold.

Mike Yanosy hopes that WHYBA can host our own tournament as a future fundraising endeavor.

Dan Dunn would like to sell a new WHYBA magnet.

Equipment

Mike Miller reports that some equipment has not yet been turned in, but it is all accounted for. Mike said he will plan another date to collect equipment.

Mike Yanosy recommends a cut in spending on uniforms. Tom Kalacha agrees and suggests how uniforms can be reused.

Fields

The port-a-johns are needed until Oct. 31st, they will be removed Nov. 1st.

Mike Miller reported that a new pallet of line chalk is needed.

Dan Dunn reports that the conversion of the Oxford field will cost \$2,000. He would rather have that field work done now than wait until spring. (funding not currently available)

\$1,800 was spent on cutting the grass at Mansfield fields. The Mansfield Elementary School custodial staff is responsible for lawn maintenance and should be budgeted for by the Mansfield Elementary School Board of Ed. Desiree Mora-Dillon will follow up with Mansfield to reinstate the custodial staff with the task of lawn maintenance. Chris Cannavo suggested that before any money is spent on lawn care, sponsorship opportunities should be offered first.

Mark DeVoe suggested that WHYBA complete a grant application for the Iron Pigs to rebuild a field (perhaps D-4?) Mark Yanosy explained that the application is very detailed and quite extensive. Tom Kalacha reported that the fields have to be in horrid condition in order to be accepted. The Board agreed that there's nothing to lose by at least applying.

Tom Kachala reported that Franklin needs a load of dirt now, rather than in the spring.

Mike Yanosy reported that Mansfield owes WHYBA between \$500-\$800 for missing (plowed over from the paving company) clay.

Safety

There was nothing to report.

Clinics

Desiree Mora-Dillon praised the catching clinic put on by Josh but recommended that the other clinics need improvement.

Mike Yanosy suggested that the Lehigh Valley Baseball Association might be a viable clinic option.

Mark DeVoe was asked if he has any professional baseball connections that would be willing to run a clinic. Mark will follow up with some contacts that live in the area.

Desiree Mora-Dillon recommends WHYBA explore the cost and availability of Sports Galaxy batting practice in conjunction with a hitting clinic.

Web Site

Mike Yanosy is the acting IT coordinator, however the position is still open. There was nothing new to report.

Player Agent

An Opening Day ceremony will be discussed at a future meeting.

There was a brief discussion on “Open Draft” vs. “Evaluation”.

A 50/70 field setup is needed for 3 Major League level fields.

Desiree Mora-Dillon suggests that our league goes full on intermediate.

Mike Yanosy started a discussion on summer tournament teams and the future of traditional all-star teams.

Dan Dunn wants to keep a team in the USABL throughout the year and he expressed the importance of team unity. He explained the clear correlation between team success and experience playing together.

Tom Kachala recommended that WHYBA conduct an intra-league All Star game and suggested that players represent their “home team” in uniform. Further discussion is needed to decide how teams are divided.

Coaches Coordinator

There was nothing to report.

President’s Report

Fall ball should be a developmentally focused league.

Start thinking about Spring Registration proposed to open December 31st, 2016.

Try to remember the good ideas we had in April and May in order to plan and implement them now.

Meetings will be shorter moving forward. (1-1 ½ hours max) An email will be sent around to discuss availability with the possibility of Tuesday meetings at Hawk Pointe.

Meeting adjourned: 8:35 pm

Follow-up

- Fill open board positions
- Form fundraising subcommittee(s)
- Organize Laser tag date, time & location (Katie)
- Plan Taco Bell dinner fundraiser (Desiree)
- Coordinate a Wal-Mart donation drive (Mark)
- Mansfield custodial staff to cut their own grass (Desiree)
- Apply for Iron Pigs to rebuild a field

- Mansfield owes WHYBA between \$500 - \$800 dollars for missing (plowed over?) dirt.
- Mark DeVoe will reach out to Iron Pigs for possible WHYBA clinic(s), especially pitching
- Opening Day ceremony
- Organize an intra-league All Star Game
- Plan for spring registration to open Dec. 31st
- Email round to find the best day for meetings, possibly Tuesday at Hawk Pointe.