**WHYBA Meeting Minutes**

**3/21/2019**

**Attendees**: RJ Sherman, Scott Bodenschatz, Bart Howley, Scott Bartlett, Frank Cirelli, Mike Kurcharski, Gary Masenior, Chris Roberts, Matt Olson, Adam Robinson, Jason Jorgensen, Keith Gibbons, Dan Smith, Justin Anuario, Joe Russo

**Meeting Started 7:31**

**Public Feedback:** Many concerned parents came to meeting to discuss why Majors & Minors moved to draft. Several mentioned it was inconvenient driving to different towns and others that is wasn’t fair to their child not to play with their friends from town. RJ Sherman explained some of the dynamics in why we went to draft. Citing super teams of the past, kids from towns in past were still sent to play for other towns(left-overs), to Little League wanting WHYBA to implement draft all along as they do for all organizations that are part of LL. RJ took time to explain to the public that the board is trying its best, as 75% of the WHYBA board volunteered in January 2019. Prior to that, plans were in effect to dissolve WHYBA, send back to towns, and possible not have baseball at all.

Another point was made by public the registration cost is high, yet there is very little equipment supplied by WHYBA and management of equipment is poor. RJ agreed with the parent and highlighted some of the changes in what new equipment each team will have from t-ball to majors. Joe Russo also advised that he is managing the equipment now and outlined some new procedures for this year that will manage equipment more efficiently.

Also asked to open spirit wear store earlier.

Gary Masenior advised there are 10 parking spots newly created for Taylor St field.

**Mike Yanosy Treasurer:**

Account Balances:

-Mike Yanosy reported prior to meeting current WHYBA balance of $29,700.00

-Mike advised future expense and revenue reports will be posted on WHYBA website: WHYB Board>Monthly Financials

**RJ Sherman President:**

-RJ Sherman motioned to purchase 45 new helmets at a cost of $770. Break down 3 new helmets for each team in minors & majors. 5 helmets for each team in Rookie and Tball. Approved-unanimously

-RJ advised Ump coordinator position has been filled by Brandon who was recommended by Matt Olson. Brandon has been an umpire previously.

-RJ proposed having opening day at Boro Park on April 27th.

**Scott Bodenschatz VP:**

-Scott Bodenschatz will check what banners are at Meadowbreeze.

**Bart Howley Secretary**

-Bart asked if tractor was removed from shed on Steinhardt, which Gary Masenior confirmed yes.

-Bart asked to remove Mark Indirick from admin roles on WHYBA website. (FYI- I noticed Danny Dunn & Chris Cannovo had access to some roles which I have also now deleted)

-Bart advised he added Chris Roberts as admin role for FB page and WHYBA website.

-All Stars for Majors will start June 15th(11 & 12 year olds)

-Question came up if board members can vote on motions if they are late for meeting. Bart will check with business admin in town to verify.

**Scott Bartlett Safety:**

-Scott advised will be submitting safety/background checks to Little League

-Scott advised we have 22 first aid kits/6 ice packs

-Safety plan has been submitted to LL

**Bill Darcy Fields:**

**-**Still need Franklin portajohn location & Taylor St.

1. **FIELD USE**

Franklin - Mike Kucharski confirming (3/7) if form and/or COI to request use is needed from Franklin School

Boro - Steinhardt, Memorial Rookie, Taylor St. Teeball, Boro Park - forms and insurance all complete per Bart

Mansfield - form and COI submitted by Justin Anuario (3/10)

Oxford - OYA President, Becky Roberts (via Janice Duffy), field use form not needed.  RJ processing COI naming Oxford Twp additional insured (3/13)

Washington Twp - form and COI submitted 2/26 (confirmation of receipt by Ann Kilduff, Twp Secretary).  Follow-up to check on status sent 3/17.

1. **FIELD CONDITIONS**

Franklin - Per Mike Kucharski - there is a pile of about a yard or two of infield dirt near the field. It could use a fill-in on a few areas of the infield. I could get the school to move it where I want it with their machine.

Boro - N/A

Mansfield - Full assessment needed; both Brocious and Rookie field need a lot of work

Oxford -  Wilkinson & Pequest Rookie need WHYBA Board discussion

Washington Twp - N/A

Prices:  Beam/Partac ranges from $60-$80 per ton. $60 is the lowest price (picked up from Great Meadows).  The type Meadow Breeze purchased from Beam in the past was Diamond Mix - Original Premium (4mm). Dawson Corp/Windsor Infield Mix is $43.50 per ton (delivered) or $19 per ton if picked up from 631 Wright Debow Road, Jackson, NJ 08527 (approx 90 minutes from Washington).  This is who Tom Kachela ordered from in the past.

1. **PORT-A-JOHNS**

Received bids from both PW Waste (who took over Hicks account that serviced WHYBA last season) & Russell Reid (RR).  PW Waste agreed to keep prices the same as 2018, $18.75 per unit per week (estimate 8 units/10 weeks = $1,500); Russell Reid $23.75 per unit per week, plus $100 to deliver and $100 to pick up all units = $2,100)

I am preparing maps of all fields, noting locations and will provide to Martin at PW.  Gary M owes me map of where he wants until placed at Taylor Street Tee ball field.

8 units does not take into account extra unit for Franklin Tee ball field which did not have one last year.  Mike K reached out to John Fields to inquire but he has not responded.

1. **FIELD SUPPLIES**

Chalk for all fields - will be stored in Washington Boro shed, thank you Gary M

Pallet of Piqua White Athletic Field Marker from Partac $177.50 plus delivery

Franklin -

Boro - 360' (twelve 7-foot sections (84') per carton) $130 standard type per carton; Boro needs 5 cartons at cost of $650 from Partac (won’t order Yellow)

Mansfield -

Oxford

Wilkinson - requested a new Field Liner; The LTW-25 from Partac is $145 & three rubber mushroom base plugs BBP-64 set of three $14 from Partac;

Pequest Rookie requested new bases (in-ground & pitchers mound rubber)

* + - 1. Price for in-ground $200-325 for three bases depending on style (from Partac)
      2. Higher quality throw down bases MBSBB-TD set of 3 Schutt bases, home plate and pitchers rubber $17.95 from Partac

Pequest Tee Ball field requested free moving bases - higher quality, same as noted above.

Washington Twp - N/A

**Jason Jorgenson-Matt Olson Sponsorship/Fundraising:**

- Jason suggested providing sponsors at all levels($200, $300, and $500) with some type of team hat or plaque. Today only $500 sponsor gets something.

-Slugfest: Discussed making first round easier so most participates move on to 2nd round to generate more money. Making 1st round more fun to cheer everyone on and less competitive. Scott Bodenschatz suggested having Slugfest a Meadowbreeze. Date of Slugfest June 1st, with rain day of June 8th.

**Joe Russo Equipment**:

-Adam advised he had his own equipment bag from last year but did have WHYBA catchers gear.

-Frank(Mansfield coach) also advised he had his bag from last year with equipment in it.

- Chevy through Rossi donated 1 equipment bag, 3 catchers gear, 2 buckets of practice balls, 2 hitting tees, and 3 scorebooks.

1. Equipment shed at Wilkinson Field has been cleaned out completely with all old unusable/damaged equipment thrown out.  All current equipment has been inventoried, with spreadsheet being kept with numbers for each equipment type. – ***Will provide upon request for record keeping.***

2.       23 Gear bags should have been distributed last season based upon number of teams and coaches, minus a couple of coaches who either coached multiple levels and only given one bag, or a couple coaches who had their own equipment and did not take any WHYBA provided gear. Only 15 gear bags have been accounted for as of 3/17/19.  A discussion should be had as to suggestions on how to go about trying to retrieve the 8 missing bags.

3.       Bats – 1 for each team at every level (Tball, Rookie, Minor, Major) were ordered on 3/15/18 from BSN.

***4.       Game Balls – Order placed 3/15/18 from BSN sports.  Received notification from BSN rep that payment provided from Mike Y. was declined.  Sent email to Mike and RJ regarding same. Waiting to hear back if this is resolved as to ensure baseballs arrive prior to season start.***

5.       Quote for batting helmets submitted – Sent same to RJ – Waiting on Approval

6.       Asked to get price for 7 X 7 pitching screen.  Sent price to RJ – Waiting for further direction

7.       Asked BSN for price on field lining machine (same model provided by Darcy) as well as stake in mound and throw down bases for Oxford (Pequest field). They do not carry same model liner, but offered a better product (sku#BBDLM252) for $99.99.  Youth size mound $11.00, official size mound $16.00.  5 Piece orange throw down bases $12.00 – Sent information to RJ.

8.       Chevy points used to obtain various equipment – Order placed by RJ – waiting for delivery status – will pick up, store in shed and add to inventory numbers.

9.       Will be preparing gear bags according to age level needs – Once complete will provide pickup dates to all coaches – Created and maintaining WHYBA Supplied Gear by season spreadsheet which will track: Coach/Team receiving gear – date gear picked up – contents of gear bag at pickup.  Same will be used at the end of the season to track date bag returned and the contents of bag upon return.  ***Will provide upon request for record keeping.*** Plan to break up pickup dates by age group with oldest levels pick up dates provided first.

**Adam Robinson Player Agent:**

**-**Adam advised he sent teams to the Rookie & T-ball coaches on 3/21.

-All teams at all levels have been assigned with coaches.

**Dan Smith Uniforms Coordinator:**

-Discussion that time is running out on Majors uniforms. Major League uniforms 2 button jersey. Minors will get minor league teams in light weight performance tees.

-Rookie ball hats have WH logo with lightening bolt script. Pacific 805M model

-Room for 9 more sponsors that want to have names on jersey/team sponsor.

-Feedback from public to match coaches shirts with players shirts. Additional coaches shirts would be $250 cost. Motion to provide coaches shirts to match players was voted down 7 to 1. Did not pass.