

Meeting: Belvidere Youth Baseball

Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2017, 7:07 – 9:40 PM

Location: Alpine Bank

President: Chad Schwebke

Secretary: Rob Larson

Board Members: John Ross, John Fish, Larry White, Alan Kossman, Ludy White, Shane Laga, Joe Mundy, Arturo Martinez, Pat Andres, Dan Staton, Vern McElroy, Chad Schwebke, Rob Larson

Members: Alicia Perez, Karen Armstrong, Mike Reagan, Bruce Suter, Derek Mathews, Dave Reza

7:07 – Secretary’s Report

1. Approval of 11-30-16 Meeting Minutes

Motion – Pat Andres, 2nd – Rob Larson, Passed Unanimously

7:08 – Agenda Deadlines

Items due electronically by Sunday 9 PM prior to meeting

7:09 – Treasurer’s Report

Chad Schwebke reviewed current status with John Morrissey. BYB will take back the monthly financial items such as payroll, check-writing, deposits, etc. John Morrissey to continue year-end financials and tax returns. Savings of approximately \$2,000.

7:10 – Executive Commissioners’ Reports

1. Pat Andres nominates Art Martinez for Pony Commissioner.

Motion – Pat Andres, 2nd Joe Mundy, Passed Unanimously

2. Pat Andres nominates Larry White for Bronco Commissioner.

Motion – Pat Andres, 2nd Dan Staton

3. 3 coaches needed at both Bronco and Pony level.
4. Documents for registration, draft and try-outs posted on Dropbox

7:20 – Insurance

1. Chad/Scot still evaluating options. Will present options to executive board before the end of January.

7:21 – Game Times

1. Softball played at 6:00/8:00 last year while baseball played at 5:30/7:30. Chad wants to have all game times consistent. More information will be gathered about preferred game times to present for vote at February meeting.
2. Dan Staton stated that softball has started using 6:00/8:00 game times because of travel for Stateline schedule.
3. Chad/Rob will look into sending a Survey Monkey poll to the mailing list.

7:46 – Budget

1. Main programs lost around \$9000 last year.

2. New proposed budget has around \$9000 total profit from all programs.
3. New focus will be made to bring back previous sponsors.
4. Proposed budget includes break-even for main programs.

Motion – Chad Schwebke, 2nd – John Fish, Passed Unanimously

7:59 – Player Agent Updates

1. Alicia Perez spoke about some ideas for advertising. Suggested yard signs. Also suggested facebook ads.
2. Al gave costs and recommendations for advertising. Includes flyers, postcards, Boone County Shopper ad, and yard signs.
3. Chad recommended replacing downtown banner to reflect the new logo and ability to register online.
4. Al offered give additional sponsorship to cover costs of going over advertising budget.

Motion to approve additional Al Kossmans sponsorship to raise budget by \$500 – Al Kossman, 2nd Dan Staton, Passed unanimously

Motion to approve advertising budget – Pat Andres, 2nd John Fish, Passed unanimously

5. Rockford Rivets outing, Sunday, July 9.

Motion – Chad Schwebke, 2nd Joe Mundy, Passed unanimously

6. New logo to be painted on dugouts/concessions by Troy Yunk. Will pay for materials.

8:38 – Age Divisions for Baseball

1. Chad proposed to change baseball leagues to age groups 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U rather than use Pony names, since we are no longer affiliated officially.

Motion – Chad Schwebke, 2nd Pat Andres, Passed unanimously

2. Age cutoff to be April 30 for baseball, December 31 for softball. Players affected by this change will be given option of which league to play in.

8:48 – Umpire Training/Clinic Dates Approval

1. March 19, March 26, April 9. All three dates mandatory. Shane will lead.

8:51 – Volunteer Background Checks

1. Verified Volunteers - \$15/applicant.
2. Approximately 20 board members, 35 head coaches, 105 assistant coaches, 5 employees – 165x15=\$2,475.
3. Will ask for coaches to cover cost of their own background checks.

Motion – Chad Schwebke, 2nd John Fish, Passed unanimously

9:13 – Sponsors Update

1. Platinum Sponsor – Culvers has confirmed, Offered to other businesses also.
2. Pepsi – Operating without contract this year due to dismal 2016 sales.

9:24 – Softball/Stateline League

1. 8U umpire positioning. Shane to address putting umpires in B/C positions in infield.

9:26 – Equipment Changes

1. Will no longer issue batting helmets or bats due to safety/health concerns. League will issue catcher's gear and practice balls. Bats used must comply with USSSA BPF 1.15 (baseball) and BPF 1.20 (softball).

9:40 – Motion to Adjourn – John Fish, 2nd Chad Schwebke