

March 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Rick Varner, Tanya Lewis, Jodi Garza, Suzanne Bavard, Myria Shakespeare, Toi Gile, Katie Damian, Kelsey Hagan & Erika Lindsey

Board Members Absent: Rob Luna, Shaun Guthrie, Garry Remsberg, Nick Garza, Celeste Lopez & Mike Lopez

ED: Kyle Scholl in attendance

Members: Traci Gilmore

Meeting called to order at 9:35 am

Approval of the February minutes was motioned by Toi and seconded by Kelsey. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Rules: The committee met and had some rules to present. First one was adding on the calendar to have a cutoff date of July 1st to change teams. Erika made the motion and Toi seconded it. Motion passed.

The committee suggested that pitchers are suggested to wear a mask for the 2019 season and for it to be a requirement for the 2010 season. The board will purchase 6 masks to have on the fields for people to use during their games. People probably will not like it, but we are doing it as a safety issue. Tanya asked if they can make sure it accommodates people who wear glasses. We will have wipes at the fields to make sure to clean the masks after you borrow it for games. We will have Everett talk about it during Rules meeting. Kelsey made the motion to accept and Rick seconded it. Motion was passed and Jodi abstained from the vote.

Regarding the sub rule still using the \$10 to play per night and be eligible multiple games or divisions per night (if you follow the cross over rule for coed). It is up to the player to keep track of how many nights they have paid to play and if more than 5 maybe just join a team. If the player only plays a night or 2 then decides to join a team then all that will be due is the balance to \$50. If you have at least 7 players, you can get up to 3 more players from your division/classification or lower. The lowest divisions if they have only 2 teams in that division, they can get up to 2 players from the division above them.

Kelsey will send all the updated verbiage to the board to add to the handbook. Suzanne made the motion to accept and Erika seconded it. Motion was passed. We need to get all the new rules to the handbook, post online and have them printed for the managers packets and let teams know at the meeting.

Players can sign up as free agents, but we will need to classify them if they only want to sub on teams.

Regarding the Grind they can use players from any women's division and from Men's E & F. they will also play by all the same rules as the men's (i.e. Same ball, stealing, no coed line). Erika made the motion to accept and Toi seconded it. Motion passed.

We also need to add an Umpires group in League apps so we can have easy access to send all the updated rules and any information to them as well. Kyle will add and get all the umpire emails.

There will be no 5 run spots for the play throughs this year. We will be doing a 5 run cap for both teams for all inning except the last which is open. Toi made the motion and Katie seconded it. Motion passed.

Bylaws: Megan sent the bylaws to Myria. We still need a chair, and no one volunteered. They need to have a meeting soon to get it all updated. Megan did a lot already. They just need to meet and go over.

Concessions: Nothing to report. We just need to make sure add on the calendar to get the permits/updated business license in Dec. Toi did renew the business license for the 2019-2021 period. we need to update the officers on the SOA website.

Marketing/PR: There was a registration round out at Squires today from 3-5 and then one scheduled for March 16th at DZ from 11:30-1pm. There has been a lot of interested on the FB page.

Jack, Myria and Traci were on Capital Chat again last week to talk about the registration and to help promote for umpires.

The committee is still working on the whale watch tour on May 18th for members first and then if we do not sell out then open to the public.

A banner is up on the fence in McDonalds drive through and have heard good comments on it.

Tournament: Committee met and have a few ideas on how to reach out of town teams. We should post our tourney link on other towns web sites to get more interest. They are working on sponsors for the Coed/Rainball. Does not look like there will be a one pitch tourney from the umpires since they have high school games the first 3 weekends of May. Was suggested we do a one pitch, draft tourney with the strike mats the weekend of May 13 & 13. Only for men's/women's, was too hard to do coed. The board has decided to move forward with it unless we hear otherwise from umpires. We will be ordering the mats.

Finance: Jodi/Suzanne is trying to work with Schmidt's and Buck on the accounts. Suzanne is leaning more towards just taking them over. All the budgets for the committees were due today and were given to Suzanne. The Biannual report is due soon and we need to update the officers on it.

Pioneer Committee: will meet in March.

Improvements: Rob not in attendance. We still have money at Don Ables. We will need to discuss the container again and get approval. We should get approval every year if we do not buy in the previous year. Myria is getting the info back out.

Polling: Nothing

Calendar: nothing tills next year (2020)

Special reports:

Unfinished business:

Bank update: We have already approved for Kyle to be added as a signer as well as getting him a debit card. Erika would like to be a signer and a debit card for her as well as taking Nick off as signer and the debit card. Toi made the motion and Kelsey seconded it. Motion passed.

ED Training: Balls have been ordered.

We will need to do a Men's E rep if we decide to do the E division. Garry said he is willing to move to that, but we will need to do an election. Was mentioned that we can have 2 Men's at large if needed.

Was discussed about having 2nd place trophies for the season. Teams really were not excited to have a 2nd place trophy. A motion was made by Toi and seconded by Kelsey that we will only do 1st place for the division winners for the first and second seasons. Motion passed. Tourneys are different.

Was also discussed about looking for a new vendor for trophies that might be more cost effective. Kyle will be researching. Maybe Creative Source or Juneau Rubber Stamp

Reminder that the Season Classification meeting will be on Saturday, March 30th, 9:30 am at the old library in the Mendenhall Mall. The Managers meeting will also be at the old library in the Mendenhall Mall on Friday, April 19th from 6:15-8pm. We will be doing the bat stickers as well. we need to let teams know to bring any new bats.

The umpire training was discussed. There were only 4 board members attending. Want to have more come. We need to look at our contract and write up an amendment to it regarding the board only umping on an as needed basis and not the schedule full time or for tourneys. Also maybe just get a shirt or 2 to be put in the shed for board members to use when needed. Not buy the full uniform. Kelsey will draft something for the board to review and then we will meet with JDOA. Kyle, Suzanne, Kelsey, Myria and Toi all agreed to review and meet with umpires. Hopefully we can get the amendment and meeting soon.

New Business:

Next meeting will be April 13th at 9:30 am at the Alaska Housing room behind the Valley Post office

Adjourned at 12:19 pm Katie proposed, and Toi seconded

