

September 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Web Meeting-Board Members Present: Myria Shakespeare, Toi Gile, Erika Lindsey, Tim Shockley, Madison Gambala, Danielle Larson, Tanya Lewis, AJ Votion, Kelsey Hagan, Daniel Singh, Traci Gilmour, Nick Andrews & Rachelle Bonnett

Board Members Absent: Joe Deluna (UEX), & Jesse Conrad (UEX)

ED/members: Kyle Scholl & Suzanne Bavard

Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm

There were nominations/voting for the president position. Erika Lindsey was voted in which left the VP position open. Per Bylaws it is usually the Secretary who moves up, but Toi asked to stay where she was, and Traci motioned, and Erika seconded it to waive it for the next year until the 2021 elections. Board agreed. Kyle will send out Survey Monkey for the nominations for VP. Per Bylaws it needs to be a Men's division.

Traci made a motion and Tim seconded it to approve the revised minutes from August

Committee Reports:

Kyle will contact outgoing board member if they still want to stay on the committees.

Rules: Nothing.

Bylaws: They met last week and are revamping the bylaws, might have to start from scratch. They did some work and the goal is to have it completed by Jan. We will discuss more at the Oct retreat

Concessions: Nothing

Marketing/PR: Nothing. Suzanne will be off as chair and we are adding Nick to the committee. We will need to get a new chair.

Tournament: Nothing. Will talk at retreat

Finance: Suzanne sent out the financials to review. There was an error in the Leagueapps system with the Stripe program that does the CC and has been fixed, next set of financials will show that. After all the expenses and fees came in, we made \$5400 this year. Suzanne reached out to a few accounting firms and the one firm that got back to her was \$60/hr. and they do not do tax prep. She was not sure how that compared to what we are currently paying.

She recommended just using for another year to see if we can get better communication with Schmidt's & Buck. We need to make sure to break out all the expenses better. Traci would like to see a breakout of the pay to play fees (daily \$10 fees) and the fees that were just for the pay to play at the tournament (\$25). Traci is also concerned with the taking money at the field and not getting in the system. Was discussed that the people who take the money at field (Myria, Erika, Toi & Kyle) make sure to document in the Leagueapps what it was for. We have an invoice for the member and then when they pay, we go in and credit the account. AJ

asked about maybe using Venmo or PayPal and might be easier which will be discussed, good idea. Rachelle will be added to committee

Awards Committee: Most of the Championship, MVP and All tourney jackets have been distributed, only a few left and Kyle will contact them. Most plaques have been given out; Traci wants to give a few more Pioneer jackets.

Improvements: Traci will talk to Rob about getting SE Abatement in the house to see what it will take to get it cleaned up. It is time to sell the board all agreed. Nick asked about getting an appraisal done and it will cost \$3500 since it is listed as commercial zone. Traci will bring a report to the retreat.

Was also discussed to wait on the connex trailer until we decide about the house. Kyle and Myria are still working on finding one and getting it here. Was asked if AML might have one to donate, was told they do not have any here. Sampson Tug can help get one to the field we would just need to figure out how to get off trailer (maybe Suzanne husband Jeff can help).

Also, to be discussed at retreat, maybe look for some acreage to possibly buy for fields.

Nick will be added to committee.

Polling: Nothing currently. We need to come up with end of the season questions and get to Erika by the retreat.

Calendar: Toi & Madison will work on and bring some mock ones to the retreat.

Covid-19 Response: Nothing. We are hoping to remove this committee soon but will revisit in Jan.

Special reports:

Unfinished business:

ED Update: Everything up to date per Kyle-

New Business:

The retreat is scheduled for Oct 10th at the Travelodge from 8-5. The masks will be required and no food & drink from outside may be brought in. They will be provided tea, coffee, water, and donuts. The committee chairs will need to come to the meeting with what they need for their groups as well as a budget if they can. We can set up the WebEx to do as well for board members that may not be able to come all day.

Traci had nothing to report from USA Softball But will check on what the leagues up in Anchorage pays to play for players and teams-per next item.

Was discussed to maybe raise team fees and player fees. Traci would like to know when they were raised last and how much. Kyle will investigate it.

Some items brought up for discussion: selling softballs to members. Can we sell our old softballs (still the valid ones) to members? Do we get a discount for buying more? Kyle will investigate it. Will kick out to the finance committee for a fundraising idea. Another was having sponsors buy banners to hang at the fields.

Bigger cost up front to get the banner but can reuse each year if sponsor continues to pay for the "spot on field to hang".

Nick would like to kick the having metal spikes to the rules committee. Per Traci it is against the USAA softball rules due to liability of people getting hurt since usually the sliding is spike up. Also, we should have men's stealing back next year, was only due to the Covid-19 mitigation plan that we were not allowed this year.

Was suggested we reach out to CBJ to see what their plans are for fields next year (are they doing the SB fields?) also was discussed the jox box might be backward.

Suggest we talk about some winter events for fundraising or just basic comradery. Will talk about at retreat. Also, to do possibly do a 5-10 year forecast for the members on what is planned. Rachele will outline a plan and bring to the retreat to discuss, maybe form another committee.

What about having Rainball on Father's Day weekend? We will need to check with Sitka and Whitehorse associations to see if they would be willing to come over in June instead of July. Per Nick he has spoken with some of the Sitka Assoc and they seem to like that idea. He mentioned that fishing is a big thing in July and might get more men's teams at least able to come in June. Maybe then have an end of season tourney as well. It was suggested to ask in a poll the question of moving to June. Per Nick he does not like to poll everything and we as a board need to just discuss and then make the decisions. We will always have people upset whatever we decide to do. We will move to the retreat to discuss. Toi and Madison will do up a few calendar suggestions with Rainball in June and an end season tourney.

Myria, Toi & Erika will need to do the ED review in the next few weeks.

Next meeting will be at Travelodge- Oct 10th form 8-5.

Adjourned at 8:11 pm pm-Toi/Myria

