

PWYSA
Board Minutes
August 9, 2010
8-10 pm
Plymouth Library Meeting Room
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Board Members Present:

Mike Carter
Sue Edblom
Brian Ingemann
Dennis Spindler
Tom Mertens
Mike Rod

Board Members Absent:

Laurie Hennen
Mark Anderson
Gregg Williams
Jeff France
Kent Sticha

Guests in Attendance:

Joe Waalk
Jim Folven
Dale Bjerke

Call to Order

Mike Carter called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

Finance Report

- Tom Mertens reviewed the July 2010 financials. See separate financial report for details.
- Registration income from fall ball and summer camp registration. Need to collect volunteer buyout fees from in-house. \$850 loss on in-house tournament. Still waiting for payment from St. Louis Park. Will wind up with minor loss, similar to years past.
- Vortex financials – per player wound up about \$600-700. Fundraising helped offset some. Hotel, travel costs separate. Cost includes uniforms but not spirit wear, assessed separately. Provided detailed accounting to parents. Tom will continue to do accounting for 16U. Need parent on 14U to be liaison for financials.
- Costs for background checks ran about \$1600. How often do we need to do them? Annually, every few years? Other options? Future consideration.

- Options for volunteer buyout fees – can't refund through credit card any longer, gathering checks and shredding is labor intensive. Need to investigate options for collecting up front or reimburse.

Motion

A motion was made to approve the July 2010 financials by Dennis Spindler. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Vortex

14U

Need parent liaisons for uniforms and spirit wear, and financials. Tom will continue to track from an association level and make sure the team is in order. Discussion as to whether it is better to keep it all in one account (PWYSA) or establish new one – consensus was to keep all in PWYSA to keep it above board.

Motion

A motion was made to have Tom continue to maintain accounting of both Vortex teams for 2011 with an appointed parent liaison for both teams.

Moved by Mike Rod, seconded, approved unanimously.

Fall Travel

- No new changes to rules.
- Registered 7 teams: 2 at 10, 3 at 12, 1 at 14, 1 at 16
- Need to round out some numbers
- May advertise on Fastports or call to find pitchers
- Potential to ask Vortex pitchers
- Rosters to Dennis 8/9
- Coaches mostly secured, need to pull a few more

Vortex tryout update

- Tryouts went well, need multiple fields for next year, time crunch
- Not expecting the turnout we received
- 82 players turned out
- out in front of other club team tryouts
- 15 came to makeup dates due to nationals
- 16s team finalizing offers
- 14s roster set
- teams meeting soon to decide on fallball plans
- not enough Wayzata players to establish 2 teams at each level
- potential to review mission for future development
- consider registering online to determine numbers for tryouts
- communications through minnesotavortex@comcast.net

Rec Update

Postponed to next month

Soft goods

t-shirts to order for fall
Vortex to run through Jim
Spirit wear – open up website for additional orders?

Operations

Field requests made to city, need to send checks and finalize
92 participants
send Mike C and Tom the city form, verify numbers
May host a fallball Sunday, more to come

Fundraising

Gregg not here, update next month

Volunteers

Need to recruit more board members
Look at parents of younger players

Misc

Thank you card for Tom’s brother in law, who bought 200 bags of coffee!
Uniform decisions need to be made for next year in the next few meetings
Banners for organization – generic – put back on the table

Motion to adjourn Brian seconded 9:45
Mike Rod missed his chance to second
Passed unanimously
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Minutes

The March minutes had not been distributed. They will be reviewed at the May meeting.

Travel Team Registration

Mike Carter discussed the upcoming Suburban League meeting and the need to have all travel team levels determined by that time. Determinations also need to be made on field assignments so that home field availability can be determined. PWYSA will register 2 teams at 10s, 3 at 12s, 2 at 14s, 1 at 16s and 1 16 Elite.

Wayzata Warm Up

- Registrations are coming in for the Warm Up. We have availability for 12 teams at each age level. 2 Wayzata teams are signed up for each level at this time.
- We will be using the fields at Elm Creek and Hamel. St. Anne's Church will run concessions at the Hamel fields so we only need to organize them for Elm Creek.
- Volunteer sign up is low because the Dibs system is not working properly. Brian will investigate and send out a mass email reminding parents to sign up once it is working.

Travel Update

- Mike Rod discussed tournament registrations for our travel teams. Most teams are finding the tournaments they want to attend and are getting registrations in.
- Umpires from the Suburban have formed a new organization – same people but different management. It may result in financial implications with deposits due in advance. More details to come.

Rec/In-House Update

- Jeff France discussed plans for the parent/player meeting, which is scheduled for April 26 at the high school. It will be organized much the same as the travel meeting, with Tim from Tanel there with equipment, Dennis will have spirit wear and gear. Board members are asked to attend and help.
- The decision was made to register our D5 kids as Little League in order to provide a better experience. It will allow for competition against other west Metro teams, from Carver, Victoria, Hopkins, Chaska and Chanhassen. They will play a minimum of 10 games against these teams. It will also allow for them to participate in a mid-season tournament and have opportunities for post-season play. Also the chance to be part of an All-Star team after the season ends. Further discussion ensued regarding registering all rec teams as Little League.

Motion

It was moved and seconded to register all Rec teams as Little League in order to provide a higher quality experience. The motion carried unanimously.

- Equipment bags for rec teams will be assembled Saturday April 17 at 9 a.m. Any available help is requested at the Hwy 55 storage location.
- Volunteers are requested to help with field improvements. Particularly noted is equipment for field maintenance at Redeemer and West and a job box at West and Plymouth Middle School.
- We are approaching the end of the registration period for Rec. A blast email will be sent out reminding parents of the approaching deadline.

Soft Goods

- Travel uniform order has been placed, and uniforms should be received no later than May 1. Rec uniform order will be placed April 6 and should be here in plenty of time for the meeting.

- There has been an issue with the spirit wear ordering system – orders are showing up but the funds are not being deposited in the account. Dennis is following up.
- Coach shirts are being ordered.

Operations

- Plymouth Middle School and Parkers Lake will be designated for the older teams with 43' pitching rubbers. They will have 40' ones that are temporary.
- Kent is working on field assignments.

Fundraising Update

- Good fundraising efforts are already underway.
- The 16U Elite team earned about \$900 bagging food at Cub.
- The Chipolte day raised over \$500.
- BWW Fundraiser earned \$135 for the association.
- Pancake breakfast at Green Mill in Plymouth is being planned for May 22 from 8-10 a.m., with proceeds to the association. They charge us \$1 per person, provide tickets and flyers. We should charge \$5-6 per person in advance. Need to get volunteers to work and a coordinator from each team. More details to come.
- Jeff is considering buyout costs in respect to rec program – their number of hours is lower than travel so the cost may need to be lower.

Other Business

- The fee for the 16U team (non-Elite) is being lowered from \$400 to \$340 because they will have a shorter season and fewer tournaments. They will have a \$60 buyout rather than \$75.

Close of Meeting

Motion: Motion was made to adjourn and seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – MONDAY, MAY 3, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.