

GVGS November 2011 board meeting

Attendees:

Bob Mattison, Anne Hennen, Tim & Maryanne Mickelson, Larry Zigan, Rick Godfrey, Dave Campbell, Keith Hiljus, Chris Staples, Andy Bukowski, Tommy Thompson, Dave Mullen, Steve Stinski

Minutes:

Tommy's update

Rates from the city should stay the same as last year

Could be delay in the nw little league fields opening. May impact our field assignments

Bench at Lions park for Floyd – we should discuss at a future meeting

Field prep – should stay with Ken and his girls

Jane has a coat drive, and is looking for donations

Lynne Osterman – SALI. Move the Twins clinic to opening day? Discuss at a future meeting: maybe have in between Junior and Senior games on opening day?

Non-voting Board position for umpire rep. Tommy talked to Mary Thingvold. Due to work conflicts is not interested in his position but suggested that we talk to Bob Mattison. Chris made a motion to add a non-voting board position for an Umpire representative. Anne seconded it. Motion carried.

Bob asked about expectations. Umpire consistency in their knowledge and application of the rules, especially the young umps. Also working with the board to explain the rules, and handle any umpiring complaints.

Discuss for Rule changes at the Jan board meeting: We need an explicit statement on how enforces the rules and can take care of a coach, player or spectator. Can the Umpire do this? Need to go over all of the rules.

Kimberly Ruthenbeck has volunteered to do an equipment swap. We'll add a notice on the registration form, the website, and send out reminder emails.

Drop off at her house, at tryouts, at GV park and rec (Tommy will check with them)

Swap on opening day or at tryouts. Give out vouchers, free will donation (with a \$5-10 cap). Coaches can make a request for kids with needs.

Bob Mattison's GVGS History book. There are costs associate with getting it into book form and published, such as cover layout (\$200), proof reading (\$350), and editing. Bob estimates around \$600, plus \$5 per copy. Bob is asking for \$1,000. Discussion around where the proceeds on the sale should go, such as donating to SALI. Anne will look into what it means to our status if we would sell it, and we'll have to file tax. Any additional funds needed would be voted on in the future. Dave made a motion to grant \$1,000 to Bob's book project, Larry seconded it. Motion carried. Initial printing will be for 125.

Rick gave an update on the fields. He talked to the city about fields. They will look at the fields to see if they need dirt. They also made some changes to the fields at Medley. City is looking into new chalk liners. We'll get the new rakes and squeegees

Volunteer coordinator and coordinating through dibs. This item was discussed at the last board meeting. We need a way to make known all of the volunteer opportunities that we have. Primarily volunteering at the tournaments. Discussed having a volunteer coordinator who would get all of the tasks from the board (Concessions, trash, field prep and tear down) and get them entered into the DIBS module on the website. Volunteers will need to register on the website and log in to claim a time slot. Andy made a motion to look for someone who wants to coordinate this effort, and to add the DIBS module to our website. Chris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Online registration proposal

Discussion around whether we still send a mailing, or if not, we may lose new registrants. Put a notice in the local paper. Flyers in the take home envelopes. GV patch.

Maryanne made a motion to add online registration and to send out flyers. Chris seconded. Motion carried. We will still need the paper option.

Keith will consider finding out how the 3th graders found out about the league, to see if the flyers are needed for next year.

Discuss at a future meeting: discuss updating weather policy for heat index

Discuss at a future meeting: Code of conduct – have the parents sign and bring to the coaches. Add as a step in the new Online registration process.

Chris will hold a meeting for all of the Traveling coaches. To lay out how to set up the teams and which tournaments are available.

Keith, Dave C and Dave M and Larry had nothing to report.

Anne asked for better warning as far as expenses coming to her. They should go through Tommy first for approval.

Note that the next board meeting will be Tuesday January 17th. There will not be a December meeting.