

MBA Monthly Meeting 11/7/2019

Attendance: Ben Lamp, Ethan Brathuhn, Thomas German, John Wennell, Kristin Brooks, Marty Gordon, Mike Hinkle, Matt Bailey, Bill Irwin, Shawn Hampt, Jeffery Howard, & Misty Brathuhn.

Treasurers Report: Travel -\$10,452.01, In-House- \$32,541.99, Outstanding Fees to Coppermine

Matt- We did not get the self-help money. Just got the notice today \$25,000 for work at MES. Get one set of fields at a time. Will still do some work. We asked for dirt funding was low this year, will still improve the fields. MT Laney sit down with the owner.

Old Business:

Fall ball over feedback email had good and bad. Marty said it went well and extension of the regular season it was great foundation for next year. Ben good to play other Carroll County Teams at the fields at Cape Horn.

Matt- Feedback: Kids had fun. Confusion with rules depending on who we played most in 7/9. Coaches weren't on the same page. Some wanted to be competitive. Next year games earlier and at CTP.

Marty- Westminster made comments of what rules they were going by.

Ben- Fall ball was a last min decision work it out with umpires at the beginning of the game. Great for the program.

Pitching Clinic- 10 Kids \$40 donation kids loved it one on one environment, 2 guys there, 2 more clinics to go

Fields Clean-up dates to come

New Business:

Registration Fees going up \$10 will be up this week and will fix prices.

Bill Irwin- Come up with fees for his team \$200 deposit. Signed up for Ripken Tournament needs letterhead (Kristin will send it)

Uniforms- Board decided to go with Arena maybe new design and logo

Diamond Academy Clinics- DA would like to hold free clinics at MVHS. Should do it, should let them help our program. No limit of kids, no dates yet maybe beginning of the year.

Hampstead- Agreed to play them interleague play 9/10-11/12 need to meet and go over rules and scheduling

Shed inventory done. Bill Irwin suggested we get loop hoes for grass on fields

Picnic- Does everyone enjoy the picnic, make it bigger, possibly opening the pool or players rent it out \$20 person (500 max people). Trophies maybe at the last game. Do it at CTP park pavilion. One mention of the picnic in feedback and it was negative. (Movie night, Dunking booth) Radar guns, maybe move it to D field. Have food trucks, Kona Ice (give kickback) \$.50 - \$1.00 Invite sponsors to come. Ask Steve Miller about discount pavilions

League Coordinators- Dec and Jan responsibilities (we do the draft and schedule) find someone if we need it.

In-House Evals- Feb 29th & March 7th 6-10, 7/8 6-8, 9/10 8-9, 11/12 9-10

How to make the teams 9/10 split up teams better Head coach and Assistant coach kids on team and sponsor everyone else goes into evals and split up into even teams. Make it more fair. Used basketballs wording to add it to registration.

Umpires need to know the rules (2 decent umps all year) need better umpires. 9/10 idea we had to have our own umpires with the high school kids.

Jason- one umpire asked if he could talk to the kids and give them tips

Shawn Hampt- Clinic for anyone that wanted to come out to umpire when he was a kid. Will talk to one of the head umpires to run clinic (MBA Rules) Put it out to the players at the HS meeting

Winfield games umpires were part of an organization, Dave Downs said they were getting kids from a junior umpire league.

Ruins the game when you have a bad umpire

Matt- umpires coming from and organization can we report them for not doing a good job

Ben- Met with Steve miller lights on C & D field are working and would like to do night games in the spring. C Field 7/8, 9/10, 11/12. Friday night game every week of the season

Travel- 8U, 10U, 12U, & 13U teams formed and practicing. Working on a schedule for indoors. Bill will take 4 hours at Ebb Valley, Shiloh 13U every other week after the first of the year. Want four seasons

Travel Uniforms- 2 different jerseys one hat, most teams first year with this uniform

Dave Crafton – 11U

Thomas -9U interested in coaching moved to the area in August. Coached last year in Winfield and has coached for Reisterstown.

Hold another tryout for this age group. Talked to 2 other parents that were 9U kids, pick a date Shiloh .from 1-4 Sundays 3 weeks from now. Would like to go through tryouts

Kristin- any Facebook advertising. Fundraising prospect list 240, reached 170 wrapping up next week

Roof Right giving away \$500 grant a week

Take sponsor packets and hand them out when you meet with people Get donations for Hit-A-Thon and Raffle. We rely on grant for dirt

Matt- We need to invest in equipment to maintain fields, have a specific fundraiser if we ask for other things from self-help. Equipment to make it easier to work on fields. Have to stay on fields

Shawn- Helps with maintenance to drag the year round. Rake dirt back on. Create year long schedule to drag fields 12 Volunteers 1 every 4 months. Meeting Adjourned 9:30pm

