MYBA MONTHLY MEETING, MAY 5, 2013

Blumenfeld called the meeting to order at 8:05 P.M. Present are Kristie Woelfel, Christine Jackson, Alicia Skow, Bryan Barnes, Guy Cierzan, Bill Garrision, Elise Fine, Lori Mittag, Mike Blumenfeld, and Scott Beazley. Not present are Scott Zosel and Brent Gregerson.

Secretary's Update:

Blumenfeld moved to accept the April minutes. Elise seconded. Passed.

Bryan Barnes will make sure all minutes of all meetings are posted on our website.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Garrison, treasurer, gave the update:

--As of May 3rd, there is $44,843.00 in our operating account.
--There is a balance of $4,869.00 in the travel director account.
--Cooperstown account has a balance of $1,547.00. Fran McCloskey has check writing authority because she is coordinating Cooperstown for the 12AAA this year.
--We transferred $1,000.00 back into our account that the Cooperstown people owed MYBA. The paid us back the money that was fronted them.

Registration Fees:

We have payment arrangements with five different families. Three are payed in full. The remaining families are current with their payments and will be paid in full by the middle of June.

Travel Director Update:

The sun came out! Not everyone has rescheduled their games from last week. Alicia Skow now has phone numbers for field supervisors.

Some teams got rained out from tournaments this weekend and will get partial refunds depending upon how many games they were able to play.

Elise Fine, Registrar, Update:

203 kids registered for MYBA, including the developmental league. We will have two development teams, one at nine and one at ten. Our coaches must go through additional training and must have additional background check. 19 players--doing a roster of 10 and a roster of 9.

Christine Jackson, Assessment Manager, Update:

Jackson updated the board on equipment:

We have a lot of adult small pants.

We have 100 breakable ice packs coming this week to be distributed to the teams.

Guy Cierzn, Risk Management Update:

95 percent of our coaches have completed their BCA forms and concussion training.

Mike Blumenfeld, Coach Coordinator Update:

Blumenfeld indicated that Carlyle is also head coaching Eastview JV team. That has been a problem because the 14AA have not had Carlyle's full attention. The coach interview committee must make sure that amy potential coach for MYBA is not coaching another team next year. Blumenfeld discussed this issue with Coach Carlyle.

Long Term Planning Topics for Summer:

Blumenfeld discussed items that needed to be addressed long term. Blumenfeld feels we need to discuss fundraising, fall tryouts, Harlow memorials, Handbook finalization, waiver policy and marketing.

Fall Tryouts:

We need to give families August off. That is when we tell them to go on vacation. Fall tryouts need to be held when the kids are back in school.

Discussion had as to whether the board is interested in fall tryouts. Blumenfeld felt we should do 10U tryouts in the winter so we have time to conduct some marketing targeted at that age group. We discussed whether we should just have fall tryouts for the older ages, 12, 13 and 14 and perhaps do 11U tryouts in the winter as well.

There are many questions. How do we handle the registration and commitment fee? How do we handle the "callback tryouts?" We want to have a better space and avoid conflicts. There are many positives to holding tryouts in the fall.

Discussion had regarding holding mid-September tryouts. This is very ambitious. We need to determine if we will conflict with hockey tryouts.

Cierzan moved that we conduct fall tryouts for ages 12, 13 and 14. Blumenfeld seconded. Motion passed.

Dates for tryouts were discussed as well as how much time we needed for the tryouts. Alicia Skow needs to know how many days are necessary and how much time is needed. Six hours for the initial tryout was discussed. Four hours for the make up date, if we decide to have one. For the second tryouts we need 12 hours over two days.

Skow indicated that the evaluators need to be paid and South High School needs to be included. We need to decide on an amount to pay the evaluators.

The first tryout will be held on September 22st. The second tryouts will be held on October 5th and 6th. Need to market to the younger players over the winter.

Garage Sale--is it going to happen?

Waiver discussion:

Blumenfeld asked for a show of hands as to how many board members are opposed to waivers, players playing up for the sake of playing up. Three members are opposed. Garrison worked on waiver language. See waiver language that are attached as part of the minutes.

Memorials for Art Harlow were discussed that included a bench at Stewart Park where Harlow coached and a whiffle ball tournament.

Motion made by Blumenfeld to adjourn meeting at 9:40 P.M. Fine seconded. Passed.