

January 22, 2023

Attendees:

A.Stromgren, J.Baskin, J.Rhoads, S.Major, D.Berendes, T.Butau-Cox, J.Coleman, R.DiVito, D.Roe, T.Hartwell

Absent:

S.Leet

**Call to Order: 7:35pm CST**

**Approval of the 12/18/22 Meeting Minutes:**

J.Coleman – 1<sup>st</sup>

J.Rhoads – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Opposed – N/a

**Additions to the 1/22/23 Meeting Agenda:**

n/A

**Approval of the 1/22/23 Meeting Agenda:**

J.Coleman – 1<sup>st</sup>

J.Baskin – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Opposed – N/A

**Update on Appendices:**

- Schedule:
  - BigWest team setup is due 4/1/23
  - BigWest team registration is due 4/10/23
- Youth Night:
  - No update from NW – J.Rhoads to reach out.

**Financial review by J.Rhoads:**

- Approximately \$13,000
  - Renewed our insurance policy
  - All facilities are up to date
  - All offseason expenses have been paid
  - Upcoming
    - Offseason training expenses
  - We still have not yet paid for the Porta Potty @ SLPHS – A.Stromgren to follow-up with SLPHS.

### **Pitching/Catching update provided by S.Major**

- Going well.
- Park Terrace is big enough for the smaller groups making the offering more productive.
- Thursday nights are not the best night for some of our families – but we will never be able to accommodate everyone – we continue to offer what we can!

### **Try Softball**

- Scheduled for Friday 2/10/23 @ WWMS
- Community Ed should be sending the flyer/info to their distribution list
- Community Ed will be providing some setup staff.
- A.Stromgren to touch base with Community Ed this week to confirm the ball is still rolling.
- We will need to gather equipment from the dugout storage
  - Plan to meet at SLPHS on Wednesday 2/8/23 – approximately 5:45pm CST
    - A.Stromgren
    - J.Rhoads
    - J.Baskin
    - R.DiVito
- C.Bangle has committed to volunteering + looking to get the SLPHS varsity athletes to assist.
  - Haven't heard from T.Stone...

### **Panther Foundation**

- T.Hartwell provided an update:
  - J.Coleman will get the cutting boards to T.Hartwell this week.
  - Will be adding a gift card or two to fill out the basket.
  - Potentially adding a bottle of wine and/or beer growler to accompany the glasses that were made.

### **Panther Classic**

- D.Berendes provided an update:
  - Rich will update [www.slpfastpitch.com](http://www.slpfastpitch.com)
  - We are moving forward with the 8U bracket – D.Berendes to review the schedule.
  - D.Berendes has the following items already completed:
    - Field reservations
    - Tournament added to the Mnssoftball site
    - National Berths are in-flight
  - Fridley has confirmed that fields 5-6 are playable for the 8U level
  - A.Stromgren will look in dugout storage for old trophies that could be repurposed as team trophies for the Panther Classic.
  - New for 2023 – board members will be assigned shifts
    - Will be easier this year with many board members not having 10U/12U athletes.

- D.Berendes provided a top 25 hit list – most tasks are March/April & we will review at the February Meeting.

### **Uniforms**

- We will keep the same uniforms for 2023 as we used in 2022 + the addition of a t-shirt option for an alternate uniform for teams.
  - Motion – J.Rhoads & T.Hartwell 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Opposed – N/A
- Board will provide a notecard to athletes/families at uniform try-on so they can record the size that worked for them.
- The additional T-Shirt Jersey:
  - Dri-Fit
  - Unisex sizing (NO Womens sizing)
  - Max expenditure \$25/ shirt
  - Additional uniform items:
    - White Belt
    - White Sox

### **Program Registration/Cost**

- Registration will be open:
  - 2/1 – 2/28/23
- Cost of doing business has increased & we operated at a deficit in 2022. Raising fees by \$50 for 10U – 14U (\$25 to cover the additional uniform + \$25 increase to cover business expenses) 8U remained the same as we view it as an opportunity to get new athletes to try the sport at a greatly reduced rate.
  - 8U - \$50
  - 10U - \$450
  - 12U - \$450
  - 14U - \$525
- Motion for the above rates:
  - J.Rhoads
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – J. Baskin
  - Opposed – N/A

### **Panther Pride**

- S.Howard has advised that Panther Pride will not occur during May/June – she will reach out to see if we can spin it up for July/August
  - She was advised that it may be difficult to provide support teams in August – more to come.

### **Coaches Search**

- We have received 5-6 applicants already – the application deadline is 2/10/23

- Interviews will be conducted during the last couple of weeks of February & the Sub-committee made up of: D.Roe, R.DiVito, T.Hartwell & J.Baskin will make their recommendations at the 3/5/23 board meeting.
  - J.Baskin will operate in an advisory capacity and will not get a 'vote' from a recommendation perspective.

### **Evaluations**

- Continue using C.Bangle, T.Stone + SLP Varsity athletes for evaluations.
  - 10U – 14U
- Board to set clear expectations as to what we will provide the athletes & evaluators (time, payment, lunches, etc.)
- Same model as 2022:
  - 10U from 9am – 1030am cst
  - 12U from 11am – 1230am cst
  - 14U from 1pm – 230 cst
- Evals are Saturday & Sunday – athletes are required to be at 1 day, but are able to come to both
- Assign Board Members time slots – no reason everyone needs to be in attendance the entire time.

### **10U Dome Ball**

- S.Major/T.Hartwell/R.DiVito advised that it is going well & the athletes like playing another sport other than their main winter sport & think the DOME experience is fun!
- R.DiVito mentioned that it is a lot for some of the younger girls running from sport to sport.

### **Other Items:**

- A.Stromgren to update 2023 Summer registration with details
- R.Divito to update the website as a learning exercise
- A.Stromgren to place order for more REGISTER NOW signs (ABC Signs – 6)

Adjourned – 9:18pm CST