

January 10, 2021 Chaska Baseball Association Board Meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:31 PM.

Approval of Minutes – Bri made a motion to approve and Jeremy seconded to approve the minutes from December.

Sam – Equipment.

- Sam talked to Chaska Softball and they may be interested in buying chalk for fields together. There could be a cost savings with this.

Crystal – Concessions

- Waiting to find out more about if concessions will be open for the season. Going to approach the softball association about possibly teaming up on concessions. Softball currently doesn't offer concessions. Seems like it may be an opportunity to work together. We will have to make sure the books are good for each entity.
- Chaska Classic – 12aaa parents are to be assisting with concessions. 12aaa needs to work with Bri on concession planning for food and other ideas. The Chaska Cubs may be interested in coming and grilling burgers at the Classic. Brannon will be in touch with Crystal to discuss this further.

Ericka – Fundraising Update

- Ericka gave a presentation regarding our fundraising needs for this year and is focusing fundraising on field maintenance. We will need to develop a logo for this fundraising. We could possibly have kids do videos to assist with getting the message out on fundraising. Ericka is going to work on a logo. Ericka is going to send an email to the board regarding the need for videos for this fundraising, as well a draft logo.
- Ericka has been talking to people that do fundraising professionally and has been getting ideas on how to do fundraising through social media, etc. We can give families a "goal" of how much money they should try to raise.
- Also, discussed streamlining out fundraising process between general association needs, 12aaa, 12aa, etc.
- Ericka said that most corporate businesses have a website that includes a fundraising or charity component. This is an avenue for fundraising.
- Ericka asked where things were at with signage at fields and also about having sponsorships on uniforms. Tate will check with the City on signage. The sponsorship on uniforms may be a 2022 program.
- Ericka brought up having a donation/sponsorship link on the website. This could be a link to something like GoFundMe to facilitate payments.
- Craig Baumann brought up that we could look at raising fees \$25 per player to be put towards field maintenance/improvements. This would be an easy way to raise money and players would get a benefit.

Bylaw Discussion

- Tate would like everyone to review the bylaws and get comments back to him. Jeremy noted that there may be a few things we need to clean up. Eric Ricard noted that it appears we are generally following our bylaws and we can clean some things up as necessary.

Financial Update – Tate Update

- Tate has written about \$18,000 in checks for tournaments this summer. We have gotten \$6,000 to \$8,000 in for registrations for Chaska Classic.
- Tate is working on a credit card application. The credit card would be for association business.
- Tate is working on finalizing the 2020 books.

#### Tate – President Update

- Tate has been working with Chaska Softball to see if there are opportunities we can team together on for the benefit of both organizations.
- Discussion on the Carver Baseball Association and what they have been working on. Chaska players will need a waiver from CBA if they want to play for Carver.
- Tate has been working with the City on field updates.
- The apparel orders have arrived after delays with COVID. Next year we will have the orders due sooner.

#### Registration – Bri

- 13 and 14 are set up in Sports Engine. It should go live later this week. In house and community registration is being worked on right now. Tate will get it advertised on Peach Jar as well. We will follow State and CDC guidelines for any future tryouts or expos.
- The volunteer language was updated to be more specific. The current volunteer fee is \$150 and if families don't fulfill their hours the check is cashed.
- Jeremy asked if we want to slide the social media policy into our registration. This will start in 2021.

#### Travel Director Update - David

- David created a policy that noted if kids are double rostered with both Chaska Baseball and Club Baseball that Chaska Baseball will be the number one priority if there are conflicts.
- David will be sending out the tournaments for each team soon.
- 13 and 14 tryouts will be held March 5 and 6<sup>th</sup> at the Dome.

#### Brannon – Website Update

- Brannon has been updating documents on the website. Otherwise it has been quiet.
- Tate noted that we may work with softball on a scheduling system so fields could be better utilized.

#### Jeremy – Social Media Update

- Ideas for February newsletter – will note registrations, a save the date on the Expo, Dome sign up time, senior spotlight, and the bat rule.
- The newsletter has been a great addition for communication.

#### Eric – Player Development

- Nothing new to report. Coaches clinics will be held closer to the season.

#### Brad – Equipment

- We need to order new chest protectors. We are looking at about \$3300 for this at this point.

#### Angela/Aimee – Youth League

- Expo tentatively set for April 10<sup>th</sup>. Keeping the registration fees the same. Season would end in Mid-July. Looking at extending the length of the season. The first few weeks will be more fundamental based. Tate will contact the school district to reserve the HS for the Expo.

#### Community League – Chris

- There should be an email upcoming regarding Community League. There is an early February meeting and typically a scheduling meeting in mid-March. Registrations will follow what is happening with the Youth League.

#### Umpire – Jeff

- Jeff is out of town but he wants to make sure we have equipment available. Bill will assist Jeff as necessary.

High School Program Update – Craig Baumann

- Not much to update on. The kids are having captains practice about three times per week at this point.

Misc.

- How was the Dome usage? It seemed to be about half full.
- Tate gave a reminder to review all of the documents and bylaws by the middle of this week.
- David noted that CBA will be meeting with the Cubs in the next week or so for State Amateur Baseball Tournament Planning.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM.