

**NHAA General Meeting
March 19th, 2019
Nordonia Middle School**

Call to Order: 6:35 pm

Board Member Attendance: Jim Filisky, Christina Lepri, Dann Jasko, Marc Sprang, Scott Lanzilotta, Joel Streby, Andy Papile, Dave Hermann, Randy Outward, Mike Brumfield

**33 community members/coaches were in attendance, including Umpire Nate Grimes*

Approval of July Minutes: 1st: Dave Hermann 2nd: Marc Sprang

Financial Report: (Marc Sprang): Budget Review

- Account balance:
 - o End of 2018 – Balance \$11,378.82
 - Less fall ball expenses
 - o Starting 2019 balance \$ 10,114.09
 - Currently at \$42, 329.18 (mainly due to registrations)
 - o Travel Accounts – Under NHAA Bracket
 - o Quick Books – now up and running, all receipts and accounting done for all NHAA sanctioned events

New Business:

- Scheduling
 - o BOT to take on scheduling
 - Dividing up leagues to set schedules (Jim, Dave, Joel)
 - o Registration
 - Cost was increased to \$115 per registration
 - Sponsorship increased to \$275 (no more banner sponsors due to Longwood not allowing them)
 - Went live Jan 21st currently at 472 registrations (as of 3.19.19)
 - Continue with registration – Closes 3/23, will re-open with late fee assessed
 - Email blast reminders sent, advertisements in Sagamore Voice and Newsleader
 - o Colt (Bobby Reville)
 - NHAA to Join TBL for this division as previously, includes some minor travel
 - Starts later in may due to HS commitments
 - Cost \$130 on website with registration
 - o Umpire / Scheduling
 - Dan Lingo – Head Umpire
 - Assistant Nate Grimes

- Classes started - Next Session March 27, 28, 30th
 - Rule books are on order
 - Code of Conduct
 - Agreed in meeting that Coaches on both teams need to have our Umpires “backs” this season to minimize/eliminate any issues

Softball Updates:

- Join with Independence, Valley View, Brecksville, and Seven Hills
 - Met with Admin for these communities this last week and will be setting the schedules.
 - Games will start a week later than years past for A and AA, NHAA teams will have extra practice time and will have practice games here in preparation for league play.
 - Season runs to end of June with playoffs and championship games in July
 - A few different rules to be adjusted and finalized at next meeting in April with their administrators for the league
 - A – Mini Pig Tails
 - AA - Pig Tails
 - Each team will play at least one game under the lights.
 - Rules to be updated on our website and rule book
 - A – 11-inch ball, AA – 12-inch ball

Insurance:

- Now a 12-month policy – New Policy, previous writer is not doing sports policy anymore, new provider and a 12-month policy has increased cost associated with new policy
- Traveling rec players partnered with NHAA Travel Policy as it is cheaper for teams traveling to other communities
 - A, AA, AAA, SK, Colt
 - Toro included
- Rec Policy will be initiated once the Teams and Registration closes

Fields:

Longwood:

- \$10 per field per day for games during week 2-hour time slot
- **Weather-related cancellations determined by City by 3:00pm**
- Lighted games are extra fee, lights off at 11 PM on timer
- Macedonia to maintain fields (Longwood and Sugarbush)
 - Fields are being re-done by City of Macedonia
 - Extra fee for lining
 - Extra fee for lights

- NHAA will try to schedule each team 1 game under the lights if possible, and finances allow
- Concessions – being run by Macedonia, no one contracted yet for this at last meeting
 - May have access to it for All Star and Championship Week was discussed previously with parks and rec if no contract with another party

Sagamore Hills:

- Sagamore has increased fees this year to \$10 per field per day
- **Weather-related cancellations determined by City by 3:00pm**
- No charge on weekend and for practice
- Cost of tournaments are up (fields and Pavilion rental)

Northfield Village:

- Restoring Smith Park (Houghton Rd.)
- Got the go ahead from Mayor and City Council
 - Providing 40 tons of dirt for use on this field and also dirt for Magnolia to extend the infield (more teams can play there)
- Looking for community assistance for repairing these fields, if interested and have equipment please contact the BOT, will be starting soon

Schools:

- NH Schools agreed to pulverize fields at Ledgeview and Rushwood
 - Need to recondition fields and benches
 - Turn over Northfield and Lee Eaton – open up early
 - Fence repair – looking for help for anyone who would donate time/supplies to repair fences at Ledgeview and Rushwood once fields are open, BOT will provide advertising and recognition via emails, website, and signage on the fence
 - Need approval from schools prior to any work on fields that are not associated with schools and NHAA

Field Day:

- April 6 or 7 or 13 or 14 - Field Maintenance Day (Weather Permitting)
 - Need volunteers to help, with out your help the fields may not be ready for play and games, we NEED your help.
 - Contact Randy Outward and Dann Jasko to volunteer

Clinics:

- Next Clinic @ Strike Force - March 24; 1-2:30 PM Boys, 2:30 PM -4:00 PM girls' softball
- Need Volunteers to assist in running remaining clinic
- Went well the last two clinics
- Volunteer of NHAA 12u Travel Coaches to assist in next clinic for pitching

- Special Thank you to Mike Cornett and Jenna Cornett for girls pitching this last week

Fund Raising:

- Night to Dine (Randy Outward)
 - Chipotle (Mid-May) / Chick-fil-A (April 23)
- Pictures – BOT looking at as an option with new company for picture day that is also a fundraiser
- Possible Francisco Lindor Signed Jersey: waiting to hear if we have the uniform when they come to CLE from Spring Training (8 days)
 - Being donated to us
 - To be picked at All Star Weekend with announcement
 - Further details to come

Bids:

- Field Maintenance:
 - Taking bids
 - There are less fields this season due to Longwood and Sagamore maintaining their fields.
- Uniforms
 - Jersey / hats / maybe socks

Toro:

- Maintenance – completed / tune up / repairs / plates / insurance

League Updates:

- LEAGUE TRUSTEE REPORTS
 - Will send out email for Colt registration deadline being extended

OPEN FORUM / BREAK OUT SESSION

Next Meeting Date: April 18th NMS 6:30 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm