**Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 7, 2016**

**In Attendance**

Kevin Schaefer-President

Brandon Bailey-Board Position #1

Stephanie Butts-Player Agent

Tiffany Erickson-Secretary

Seth Ritchey-Safety Coordinator

Chad Stephenson-Coaching Coordinator

Ian Gerrish-Board Position #2

Matt Withers-Vice President of Baseball

Patrick Fagan, Registrar-Guest

Dana Larkin-Guest

Pat Miller-Guest

Cory Poznanski-Umpire in Charge

Jeff Wiley-Fundraising

**Absent**

Shilo Bedker-Vice President of Softball

**Meeting was called to order by Kevin at 6:03pm.**

**Minutes**

* Ian motions to approve December minutes as written. Stephanie seconds. Motion passes.

**Treasurer’s Report**

* Ian motions to approve financial report. Stephanie seconds. Motion passes.

**All-Star Selection Process Committee**

* Presented by Brandon on behalf of the committee.
* Detailed discussion followed.
* Final decisions have been made for the selection process. This procedure will be utilized this year in the selection of All-Star players.

**Equipment Purchase**

* Question about baseballs, do we want practice balls and game balls or just game balls to avoid confusion.
* Will cost league $200 more to do this.
* Stephanie motions that we spend the extra $200 to get all game balls. Seth seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Brandon was excused at 6:34pm.

**2016 Registration**

* We have 82 players registered, 11 coaches, and 1 umpire
* Patrick updated board on his progress.
* Working on finalizing dates for live registration events-discussed checking into Hats Off, Amigos, Library

**Miscellaneous**

* A field maintenance flyer was created by Nathan Butts for both business and parent volunteers.
* Pat Miller presented a player clinic for softball players hosted by a select softball team from down south. The players would coach the players and the coach would coach the coaches.
* Cost to our league would be $1000 (possibly negotiable)
* Would need a gym
* Discussion followed by the board once he left

Chad was excused at 6:45pm

**Fundraising and Finances**

* Jeff Wiley presented a few ideas for fundraising
* Team Sponsorship is now a flat rate of $200
* Wrestling did beef jerky. It was a bust. We will not be doing the beef jerky fundraiser because it wasn’t a good value for our families.
* A Hit-a-thon was discussed as a fun way to raise money
* At this time we will most likely be doing a raffle basket fundraiser.
* Jeff also brought a grant that needs written and submitted.

**Tryouts/Registration**

* Kevin will get with Bonzi to get the tryout sign-ups up and running
* Dates are February 6 and 7 and February 13 at the high school fields.

**Miscellaneous/Field Maintenance**

* Kevin talked to the schools about field maintenance. Their priority is to have the fields ready for PE or games, not outside organizations.
* It is determined that the district will do the initial drag and the league will have to do help with the rest of the maintenance.
* The City is currently “too busy” to meet with Kevin to discuss the needs of the league and field maintenance.
* Discussion followed.
* Seth has a possible lead for field usage if league can help create the fields.
* This will be looked into further.
* Seth is working on finalizing the safety document so it can be turned in asap.
* We need to organize a First Aid training for the coaches. One coach per team must be certified.
* Little League Days
* Matt and Tiffany will organize it.

Patrick was excused at 7:20.

* Fields need to be walked so that needs can be determined asap.
* Pictures-we can use Port Susan Middle School gym, but will need to pay a custodian for a minimum of 2 hours.

**Umpires**

* Cory presented about umpires
* Every year we have issues with getting enough umpires. Where can we recruit?
* AAA and up must have one umpire per team
* We do want quality vs quantity though
* He will also create a “cheat sheet” of rules for the coaches and umpires.

Seth was excused at 7:50

**Scholarship voting**

Next meeting set for Thursday, February 4th, 2016 at Tidelands Church.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.**