

FYBA Board Meeting – September 18, 2007 – Fairfield Optimist Club

Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Members present: Mike Starkey, Dave Padgett, Jeff Burns, Bill Lange, Spence Gunnell, Leslie Hutzell, John Ervin, Rob Ritchey, Bill Jarvis, Nick Gotschall, Steve Jones, Chris Thorsen

Members not present: Brett Lewis, Dawne Williams, Gary Anderson, Ken Bates

Other attendees: Ken Wilsey

1. Discuss outstanding Board members interest for 2008 –
 - a. Open board positions remained open as the nominees were not present to vote in. The vote will be held at the next meeting:
 - i. Director of Players - Todd Gill has resigned from the board – This position is now open
 - ii. Director of Girls Slowpitch Softball - Bill Hodge – Did not attend will contact to verify interest.
2. Change constitution for board voting – The board was presented a modified draft for review changing the board nominee and voting to July/August time frame for the second time. Also the Board will remove the assistant Director positions. Changes approved by the Board.
3. Fall Ball update – It was communicated to Ken Wilsey that the restrooms are to be open during Fall Ball games.
4. Waterworks Improvement Project – Dave Padgett reported that he is meeting with the City and architects on Friday, planned construction starts immediately after Fall Ball. Dave will coordinate the move of equipment and storage with Leslie, Steve and Wilsey. It is agreed that AABC team may use apply their time to assist in the move. This will be coordinated with Steve, Dave and Brett. Dave will send information regarding possible Board attendance at the October 15, unveiling ceremony at 5:30 Fairfield Arts Center.
5. Financial Update – Currently FYBA has a balance of \$21,100 with some outstanding bills for lighting, trophies, and fall ball uniforms.
6. Girls Fast pitch sign ups – The SW Ohio league has stated that if FYBA plans to participate in their league we need to have registration of managers and players completed by end of January. The board will work with Rob to step up registration communications, forms and time frame.
7. Park video surveillance – Vandalism to concession stands has occurred and the board discussed placing video surveillance and signage as a deterrent. The city reported that they do not have any security system at the park. It was suggested that as the concession stand improvement is planned we include that into the design and costs. In the meantime it was discussed about placing a deadbolt, Steve should follow up with Wilsey.
8. Maintenance and Concessions contract – Progress was made to the contract review and will be sent to board member for review and comment. Also it is noted that due to the current field conditions the board recognizes that seeding to be approved.
9. Township fields – Mike Starkey contacted Mike Rahall, Township Administrator to discuss township field and concession issues. Mr. Rahall is to schedule meeting in next 2 weeks.
10. Photographer contract – Chris Thorsen inquired to the status for the current photographer, which Baker Photography. Chris requested time at the next board meeting to present.
11. Field Usage – Mike Starkey brought up the issue of maximizing field usage for game and practice. It was proposed that the league VPs be responsible for their assigned fields. This topic was tabled until the next meeting.
12. High School – There are number of issues that the board would like to discuss with FHS including but not limited to use of gyms, sharing of fields, alignment to program. Mike Starkey and Spence Gunnell will set meeting.
13. Tournament Planning – Jeff Burns brought a request for fields on July 3-6 for a 11U tournament. Spence will work with Jeff on dates for Ripken State Tournament and it is recognized that we will discuss calendar at the next meeting. Also to be considered in opening day event.

Next meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on October 2nd at the Optimist Club.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45

Minutes per Michael Starkey