

## MBA Monthly Membership Meeting 10/4/2018

**Attendance- Ethan Brathuhn, Jason Whitney, Shawn Hampt, Jackie Barlow, George Kues, Donnie Barnard, Matt Bailey, Misty Brathuhn, Steve Millington, Rob Rickabaugh, Matt Bishop, Ben Scherer, Jeffery Howard, Jim Buckingham**

### **Old Business**

- 1) Jackie- Approve the minutes from last meeting posted on the website.
- 2) By-laws have been approved and reviewed by the Board.
- 3) Batting cages to be done Monday or Tuesday of next week.
- 4) What is the timeline for the cage at Cape Horn. Need to contact Parks & Rec to have the new location approved. Move bull pen and cage to the end of the first base side fence, meet to stake it out and see where to put it. Any thought on a bull pen on the third base side.
- 5) Would like to have a covered batting cage at some point. Would have to have the structure approved. Stage 1 cage Stage 2 pavilion, Jackie will talk to Becky from Parks & Rec.
- 6) Treasurer Report as of Sept. 15, Blue Sox \$9789.87 Fall Ball Registration, In-House \$33,819.33.
- 7) Some fall ball players have financial issues. George- Do we want to sponsor a family each year. Should we do this for the community, get people involved, do a food drive.
- 8) Jeff- If a request comes in we help out. \$1,000 from sponsorship goes towards families in need.
- 9) Maybe have a special needs day for children with disabilities. Soccer does a corollary team maybe we should do something similar.
- 10) Rob- Why aren't our teams doing community service.
- 11) Chad from football has reached out to the rec council to pay field maintenance.
- 12) Baseball is responsible for fields until July 31. Aug 1<sup>st</sup> football mows fields and have not done that this year. Next year we need to come up with an agreement with the Town, Lions Club, Football, and Baseball. Right now, D&B fields are an embarrassment. Proposed that football split the cost.
- 13) Eric - Coached last year appreciate being given the time to speak. Has been with the program for 6 years. Sent an email to the board earlier, does not want to make it personal. Does not have a problem with Steve and Rob. Issue is he is uncomfortable when people with a for profit business come to a volunteer organization. Steve-Diamond Academy is separate. The issue is the fields, you left and come back, don't know the field availability for spring teams now. Other independent teams want the fields too. Looking for 12 dates. Would help with field maintenance. Jackie - Parents have the right to choose. Other organizations want to use the fields also we can't take one and decline another. Recommended going to Parks & Rec. First option was to ask Manchester Baseball. Membership recommended the Board to handle.

14) Shawn - Field availability MVHS is wanting us to use the field. Right now the field is terrible bad drainage. Having practices there would be up to him. Check the county policy. He would give us the help we need. Jackie to contact Liz Padgett the AD at MVHS. 8+ teams need a 90 ft. field for spring. Past years we have had enough fields. Let them know that we will use the field this year.

### **New Business**

- 1) Karen in charge of Nomination Committee – In by-laws Nomination Committee to select officers. Re-wrote by-laws was 4 officers and division coordinators. With no division coordinators we couldn't pass anything. Now any member that wants to can be in those positions. November vote members of board we are set until June. We redo it in March and will be on the same 2-year cycle as the rec council.
- 2) Karen- the nominees so far are Ethan Brathuhn, Scotty Glover, and Ben Lamb it is not closed. Will be voted on in November.
- 3) Jackie- Eric is an independent team that wants 12 days on a field in the spring. Jeff-MABA rules say that if a team leaves they can only take 2 kids from their current team. Does Manchester Baseball make sure that it doesn't conflict with other teams. Every team is responsible for maintaining their own field. Jackie- Received 2 emails on Eric's behalf voting yes to letting him use a field. By-laws say you have to be there to vote and anyone can vote. George motions to send it to the board, Steve seconds the motion. Vote was unanimous. Will be discussed at the next Board meeting on Monday, October 8.
- 4) In-House has nothing
- 5) Travel- In-door time will know by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, Shiloh 5 hours 1-6. Ask Mike to ask principal for more time. Requested field time.
- 6) Matt Bishop- Public Relations Committee given ideas of things to do and will meet with him later.
- 7) Tough for the board to be the committee and do everything else too.
- 8) Steve- Uniform Committee met Monday Elliot Flan joined the committee. Gathering info from different vendors, Arena Sports, Maryland Print House, etc. Mike coming up with the best product and price. Andrew did a nice recovery job. Jackie recommending spreading the work out to multiple vendors.
- 9) Travel registration on-line and open everything goes through Stone Alley \$2.75 per transaction. Take it off the team fee talk about it at the Board meeting. \$1 for bank account transaction. Steve send it out to coaches and check wording.
- 10) Some fall teams have excess money from rainouts. Use it for the team or put it towards spring registration.
- 11) Shawn - Touch base with the new Athletic Director to let her know about field usage. Jackie will contact her. Would like to do clinics. Field open middle of May to August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 12) Meeting Adjourned 9:10.