

Meeting of the Board Agenda

Meeting Date: October 28, 2020

Meeting Time: 7:30 PM

Meeting Location: Zoom meeting:

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call – Determine if quorum present: Nancy Copa, Russ Clark, Rob Vos, Jen Cremin, James Miller, Mike Glantz, Jenny Tigerina, Therese Kemper, Elizabeth Garber, Russell Bruce, Ben Faulk
- III. Approve minutes from previous meeting (Therese); approved
- IV. Treasurer Report (Elizabeth G.)
 - a. Elizabeth will email the latest treasurer update to everyone
 - b. Elizabeth will send a comparison of this year vs last year to Nancy by Friday;
 - i. still a few outstanding registrations from fall, she'll follow up with families
 - ii. did well financially considering
 - c. Nancy: does she need to meet Elizabeth at the bank to add her signature to the account; Elizabeth says yes
 - d. Venmo: Elizabeth started an account as an easy way for payment of gaiters
 - i. Tried to see if we could make it an option on SI app for payment, she's working on it
 - ii. More Venmo payments would save us money over a credit card because of fees through the credit card and SI app.
 - iii. Therese asked how to verify with Elizabeth if someone pays for gaiters via Venmo?
 1. Elizabeth indicated it's a good idea to verify;
 2. She may set up the account so we can see it on iPads;
 3. Venmo info is going to the Chaires gmail account, so not checked daily;
 4. Elizabeth will keep thinking through how to verify/notify her and will develop procedures. For now, Therese will text or email
 - e. Update on Fall Ball expenses (this year vs last year)
 - i. Next time or via email
- V. Fall Ball Update
 - a. Safety Officer update (Therese)
 - i. We are good on signs, gaiters (sold 40ish), sanitizer, and marked spacing in most dugouts;
 - ii. Safety coaches: some kids are more receptive than others



- iii. Mixed compliance with distancing by spectators, but those who want to adhere to distancing are not having any difficulty
 - iv. Others' observations/experiences;
 - 1. Russell: people doing as well as can be expected; grandparents have said they are feeling safe and comfortable at the field. Mike: players have been good about masks in practice and games; spacing of fans better than expected;
 - 2. Nancy: Gary, LL District administrator, said county approved safety plan, no changes made to what was submitted; still unsure if county is doing random checks; no changes, Woodville asked for copy of safety plan.
 - a. Nancy will check on whether county is doing spot checks;
 - v. Chaires, current and past, member safety survey?
 - 1. Therese suggested a survey/poll of parents and managers to gather impressions and reservations;
 - 2. Mike suggested Google Forms; Therese will start working on it
- b. Background Check update (Russ):
- i. Background checks are starting to come in; 25 pending;
 - ii. In past, if we made a good faith effort, LL is okay as long as checks are in the process/submitted.
 - iii. Three checks returned for incorrect emails;
 - iv. Clarification: any adult in contact with kids, regardless of role, should have a background check; if had one in the spring, it's good still; it's good for a year;
- c. Successes
- i. Nancy: Success was that this season happened at all. 14 teams formed, managers volunteered, uniforms organized, ordered, delivered...!
 - ii. Rob: kudos to Mike on getting umpires!
 - iii. Russ & Mike: everyone was excited, everyone pitched in;
- d. Lessons Learned
- i. Nancy: Chaires families will step up when we need them; Filled MP managers quickly when a request was made;
 - 1. How do we lean on volunteers/families more?
 - 2. We can do better as asking for help.
 - a. For example for Opening Day, can we get volunteer parents to help corral people, get kids in order, etc. Letting them know where we have gaps and need assistance.
 - ii. Mike: totally agrees; make notes of people who are helpful; they may be the ones who come to annual meetings and join the board;
 - iii. Mike reported problems with third base pad on upper field—safety issue, pops up, clay is inside the pad/base of the base. Nancy will talk to county; Rob: suggested getting a scoop to scoop it out—there's a special tool; Nancy will talk to Gary
 - iv. Second lesson learned by Nancy: At the beginning of the season, remember to email rules, bylaws, info on equipment to managers;
- e. Scoreboard on lower field was out today; upper field was out on Friday; Mike: each board is controlled by a separate box; be sure to use the correct one.



- VI. Spring 2021 Schedule (Nancy)
 - a. Nancy presented spring schedule;
 - i. Proposed registration Dec 14, 2020 to Jan 10, 2021; evaluations Jan 23 & 24; Draft Jan 27; Practice starts Feb 21; Games start March 1; 9 to 10 weeks of games;
 - ii. schedule is assuming dates for district based on last year, assuming they have the tournaments in 2021.
 - iii. Nancy will email everyone a copy of the schedule
 - iv. Jen Cremin noticed that the All Star meeting is set for May 31, which is Memorial Day; Nancy clarified that the All Stars can't be announced until June 1, so have meeting the night before so word doesn't leak out; will probably keep it;
 - b. We will vote on schedule at the next meeting

- VII. Batting cages update (Ken/Heath): Ken sent Nancy an update:
 - a. County is prepared to submit ASAP (?) permit application, which is next step;
 - b. We owe the County a \$600 application fee;
 - c. After that, building permit for cage pole barn needs to be submitted;
 - d. Therese asked for clarification: two batting cages by lower field; getting pole barn to cover during rain, so managers can still practice; Elizabeth noted the plan is to eliminate water that sits there because it tears up the ground; Mike added: might do a sidewalk slab for batters to stand on; Rob says yes, there will be a slab for the kids to stand on.

- VIII. IRS Update and discussion (Nancy)
 - a. Nancy met with Tony Dorsey and Roxanne Campbell, she's doing the application for 501c3; Been trying to get 501c3 for years
 - b. Tony is the accountant; he did taxes that ended Sept 30 2019; wants to do 2020 taxes; will charge same as last time, approx. \$700;
 - i. Rob V: didn't we trade services for Tony with a banner? Mike G Yes; Mike offered to reach out to accountant to see if the barter is possible again; Rob V and Mike, benefits us to give him a banner for some fee reduction; Nancy will mention the possibility of a barter to Tony again on Tuesday when they speak.
 - c. They needed a narrative on Chaires for the application; Nancy drafted it, including information about the league, roles and responsibilities; she submitted that.
 - d. They are meeting again on Tuesday to review; Roxanne supposed to have everything finalized to put into federal system;

- IX. Constitution (Mike)
 - a. Language in subsection B is not optimal; should be changed, after speaking with past Board members, this is not something we want removed from constitution; previously, conflicts between travel ball and Chaires regarding recruitment; need deterrent; Mike is not anti-travel ball;
 - i. Nancy: Has Mike put together language he'd like to propose; Mike has and is working on finalizing it; Nancy offered to work with Mike on the draft language change; we will review next meeting;

- X. Website vs SSU Play (Rob)



- a. Nancy: ChairesLL.com vs SSU Play; register through SSU play; Is there a good reason to have both of them? Did people miss the sign up because they went to Chaires website instead?
 - b. Rob: SSU Play website is hosted by SSU play; standings, registration, announcements; ChairesLL.com is hosted by GoDaddy; hasn't kept ChairesLL up to date because there are competing priorities and it is not easy to update; started a new website, consider using a new web designer;
 - c. Russell B signed up to be information manager; Nancy: can Russell B and Rob collaborate on website? Can it be ready for spring registration in Dec? Rob V website is easy through GoDaddy, can get with Russell; Russell B agrees;
 - d. Mike: Sports sign up and game changer run through Dicks'; they are migrating to Team Manager program for leagues; new app; has all game changer abilities, now called Team Manager; it might evolve; Rob: can't put documents on SSU site; still need Chaires site to put our stuff online;
 - e. Nancy: SSU play said we should be able to build our website; that never came to be.
- XI. Board Member Duties –
- a. Training new Board members
 - i. Didn't discuss in detail.
 - b. Roles still needing assignments
 - i. Need majors players agent
 - ii. Need sponsorship and fundraising: Mike nominated James! James said he'd give it a try; Mike will be blamed for all funds lost 😊
 - c. Waivers: Nancy will work with Russell
- XII. Next Meeting (November 18,2020 @ 7 pm)
- XIII. Adjourned 8:47pm.