

March 4, 2014 MYBA Monthly Minutes

Mike Blumenfeld called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. Present at the meeting are Bill Garrison, Justin Benjamin, Alicia Skow, Elise Fine, Lori Mittag, Christine Jackson, Cheryl Sullivan, Bryan Barnes, Scott Zosel and Guy Cierzan. Not present at the meeting is Erik Nelson.

Secretary Update (Mittag):

Blumenfeld moved that the minutes from our February 4, 2014 meeting be approved. Barnes seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Update (Garrison):

As of March 3rd, the balance in operating account is approximately \$9,992.00.

Travel Director's balance is approximately \$9,098.00.

Cooperstown balance is \$5,297.00.

We bought baseballs and additional catcher's equipment for around \$4,500.00.

Paid evaluators for spring in the amount of \$1,290.00.

Rent for the YWCA was \$1,600.00.

The next biggest expense will be uniforms and team dues for MBL.

To date, \$10,800.00 has been paid out of the Travel Director's account. This represents primarily tournament fees.

Balance for all the accounts is around \$24,388.00.

Beginning tomorrow, we will start receiving MYBA registration fees.

Registrar Update (Fine):

In the fall, we had 138 players tryout. At the winter tryout, there were 128 players. Total 266. Of those, 12 have dropped out of the program and 5 have been wait listed. 2 have asked to drop out.

The numbers by age group:

14U--5 teams 59 players

13U--3 teas of 38 players

12U--3 teams of 37 players
11U--3 teams of 37 players
10U--4 teams of 48 players
Mini-Millers--3 teams of 10 players

250 players will be playing for MYBA this year! Most ever!

Registration is up and live on the website. Email will go out tomorrow morning. Families will have 72 hours to pay otherwise they will get a nasty gram from Fine. Families will be told that they will lose their spot on a team unless they get in touch with Fine. Four players will be receiving full scholarships across all ages.

Travel Director Update (Skow):

One thing that is changing is the number of innings that pitchers can pitch for all age groups and this applies for tournaments. The number of innings will be reduced. It will also apply during the season to the 10U group, and will also address how many innings one can pitch in a week.

MBL Coaches' meeting April 22, 23 and the 24th. Location TBD.

MYBA's coaches' meeting is on March 17th at Nokomis Rec Center from 7:30 to 8:30. Really? The 17th??

Skow meets with the Park Board tomorrow to get our field assignments.

MBL needs to know by March 28th whether we will have a 15U team.

Asset Management (Jackson):

MYBA has all of its baseballs purchased, more catcher's gear, primarily for ages 6 - 9. Jackson seems to think that we have enough gear for all of the MYBA teams.

Needs more bandaids and ice packs for the first aid kits.

Jackson indicated that she can order orange shirts for teams that want them, but they may not have them in time for the start of the season.

The online store is not as profitable as we had hoped it to be. Online store closes on March 10th.

Risk Management (Cierzan):

Cierzan has updated the background check forms and everyone will need them. We need to update our concussion certifications for some of the coaches.

Cierzan suggests that we have guidelines as to how many coaches per team because the background checks cost money.

Cierzan will need to update the insurance because we have more teams, 21 in total. He will need to pay more for insurance. However, the three mini-miller teams are insured through the park board. So, we need insurance for 18 teams.

Coach Coordinator (Blumenfeld):

Evenson is coaching 12AA and David Kern is coaching 13A. The 14A and 12A teams still need a coach. Blumenfeld has a lead on a coach for 14A, but is at a loss for 12A. One dad on the team is interested in coaching but he is on military assignment.

No coach for 10AA either and Blumenfeld has exhausted all parents on the 10AA team.

Old Business (Blumenfeld):

The flow of the tryouts went well. Players had fun. No injuries. The negative is the split tryout concept.

Team selection was a long night but the committee made fair and equitable decisions. We followed our own rules and allocated players. Overall, few complaints by the families after the teams were formed. No one has quit.

Opening Day (Skow):

April 27th is opening day. Skow needs help with the gift certificates that were donated for prizes. Some expired. Do we want to do certificates again? We will find a use for the certificates that were donated last year for this event.

Discussion had regarding banners. Sullivan will try to get three banners donated for the event. Skow will contact the food vendor. Fine is looking into a photographer.

Discussion had about whether we find an announcer for fields 1 and 2. It was suggested by Sullivan that we use a karaoke machine.

Fundraising (Sullivan):

Chairs. We have only 15 pre-ordered. We need at least 50 for the company to make them. So, we would need to give the manufacturer cash up front, about \$1,000.00. We need to sell 25 to break even. We could potentially make \$2,000.00. The board members seem to think we can sell 10 more between opening day and the party that Sullivan is planning.

Rummage sale--Tangletown rummage sale. Have some of the boys helping at the sale in their uniforms. Sullivan will plan the rummage sale. Target date is usually the weekend before Mother's Day.

Working on the party. Pick a venue, Town Hall Lanes is targeted. We could do a bowling fundraiser. Sell drink tickets. Parents can meet each other. Pay a flat entry fee and it is for just adults. Working on getting them to donate the bowling. Targeted date sometime before opening day. Or, should we do it after opening day so we can talk it up with the parents at the opening day event? The concern is bumping up against tournaments. Targeting a date in May.

Mini-Millers (Benjamin):

Would like to make sure the third, new Mini-Miller team will be in a tournament. The teams have already begun practicing.

They will be playing at Pearl, Longfellow and a third undecided park.

Benjamin will have a meeting with the families and determine the coaches.

New Business (Directors):

Dick's Day (Cierzan): We are doing a MYBA day on March 15th. Will get 20% off anything we buy at the Richfield store. They want to have some of our uniforms on mannequins and some employees may wear our uniforms.

We will get \$500.00 from Dick's and gift certificates for the our organization. Some of the certificates will go to scholarship players and how the rest will be used will be decided by MYBA. MYBA will promote Dick's Day. Good exposure for us.

Fall vs. Spring Tryouts: Discussion had about doing fall vs. spring tryouts. Discussion had about continuing to have the older players tryout in the fall and the younger players tryout in the spring. Directors liked the way we did tryouts this year. Need to be more efficient and disperse the work load better.

Discussion had about the issue. No decisions were made.

April 12th is the scheduling meeting from 8:00 to 1:00.

MYBA 15U team is considered. Need to know by the end of March 28th. Kady and Pope are coaching. Have five players so far.

Motion made by Blumenfeld to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Sullivan. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.