

BRANDON VALLEY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

June Board Meeting Notes

Sunday, June 9, 2019 – Tailgators

Attendees: Stuart Peschel, Al Kirkeby, Paul Peterson, Brian Bertsch, Levi Sanders, Jason Honey, Dan Wrightsman, Gary Walz, Chris Brown, Jeremy VanHeel.

Having a quorum present, meeting was called to order by Peschel at 8:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – motion by Brown, seconded by Bertsch to approve the May minutes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Peterson presented cashflow report through 5/31/19. As of that date total balances are \$178,078.71. We have \$81,161 in checking accounts with about \$4100 in expenses that have come through as of June 6. Gator repairs came to \$5445. Motion by Bertsch, second by Sanders to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

PIZZA RANCH TOURNAMENT – thanks to the hard work of several volunteers we were able to get all the games in despite the rain. There was a parking problem and one fan called a tow truck to tow someone parked 3-deep blocking her in. Suggestion made that for the Sunshine Tournament we see if the city can put up poles and flags/tape to designate straight lines for parking. Kirkeby will contact Devin about this. Gate was \$16,930 and registrations \$16,437 for a total of \$33,367. Umpire expense \$7000, trophies \$1152.60, food for umpires \$200, and baseballs \$400 leaving a net income amount of \$24,614. Need to make sure that umpires in Valley Springs get food and water at future tournaments.

SUNSHINE TOURNAMENT – Peschel asked VanHeel to have some players help on Friday afternoon at 3:30 to build mounds on Diamonds D and G. We will only be using the big field in Valley Springs this tournament for 14U games. FNB Field will be a host site for the Dakota Classic Legion tournament at the same time as Sunshine tournament.

ALL STAR TOURNAMENT – district tournament will be played again this year in Valley Springs July 6-10, expecting 6 teams. Most of the work force for this event will be parents of the BV players participating. Will need volunteer announcers for all games. We will see if the Little League official can keep the official book and pitch count or if we need people to do that. Peschel will line up umpires.

VALLEY SPRINGS SPRINKLER – last fall there was apparently a miscommunication between Ryan at the City of Valley Springs and McClure Plumbing and Heating and the sprinkler system on the Little League Field did not get blown out. As a result, it froze over the winter and will have to be replaced. McClure's will repair it at no charge to the BVBA. May need to wait until after the Little League District tournament and manually water as needed before that.

LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHT – June 27 in Valley, Minor League game at 6:00 p.m. followed by Intermediate game at 8:00. Will have the raffle drawing and the drawing for the Sportsmanship Award trip that night. Will have each team nominate 3 players for the Sportsmanship Award and recognize them that evening, 96 total players with 15 of them winners of the trip. Umpires will be selected for the games from our highest performers.

RAFFLE TICKETS – Chris has extra books of tickets if anyone wishes to sell. Players need to turn in their tickets by June 21, the drawing will be on June 27.

JUNIOR LEGION TOURNAMENT – Lennox has committed bringing our team count to 5.

LOAN PAYMENT – motion by Bertsch, seconded by Peterson, to make the September principal payment of \$56,875 now to save on interest. Motion carried. This gives us the flexibility to only pay the interest due in September if we wish, or will prepay the loan if we make full September payment.

BUS A/C – the air conditioning failed on the bus again. It will be taken to T&A to look at and possibly Mitch Meyer will look at it to see if we can repair it ourselves.

DOB REPORTS

BIG FIELDS – teams are making up rainout games where possible. VanHeel is talking to his coaches daily, has received multiple compliments from parents on coaches. Had a parent complaint about another parent keeping book and going into the dugout, also trying to coach from the fence. Needs to be addressed, players need to learn to keep book and we have coaches to do the coaching. 16U uniforms not in yet. Fall ball is expected to work similar to last year in terms of number of teams and age make up. Will be structured to have more scrimmages and these as well as games will be played in Valley to save on the outfield grass at FNB Field. Tryouts – look to schedule them in late winter at the Sanford Field House.

SMALL FIELDS – only 1 player has not yet paid their travel team dues. Eight of the nine teams have been tallied for All Star team, tryouts are set for June 17-18.

SPONSORSHIPS – \$24,150 has been collected, Tailgators has \$1500 due yet, Ace Hardware \$2500, and McKenzie River just pledged \$1000. Should get \$29,400 if these come in.

LEAGUE REP REPORTS –question raised about when the benches would be replaced at McHardy, and that the old benches from Diamond A (aluminum, no legs) are still at Aspen between Diamond B and the batting cage. Kirkeby will reach out to Devin. UPDATE: Devin doesn't think he will have time to get the benches installed at McHardy until July.

With no further business to discuss Sanders motioned the meeting be adjourned. Peterson seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

The next board meeting will be July 14, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. at Tailgators.