

Northfield Youth Baseball Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, October 21,, 2018
7:30 pm
LOCATION TBD

2018 ANNUAL MEETING

Board members present: Steve Fox, Rich Cahoon, Keith Argabright, Daniel Hollerung, Mark Auge, Marc Mellgren, Lance Reisetter, Kelly Pithan, Megan Kraby, Ross Thompson

Board members absent: Kristin Holz, Sean Stanchina, Doug Stanga

Guests: Tom Morrow, Rhonda Pownell

1. Call to order and Approval of Agenda

Called to order - 7:31

Approval of Agenda - Steve moved, Rich seconded.

2. Membership Comment

-Rich commented that if we as a board are going to have an opinion about the Cannon River Civic Center proposal then we need to vote about it as a board.

-Megan suggested we talk about it as a board immediately and stated that one of the items involved in the arena proposal is the 3x increase for the Parks budget which could bring bathrooms to Sechler, which would be important to the NYBA.

-Daniel is now serving on the Parks and Rec Board for the City of Northfield and provided information on the numbers which are 70% for the civic center and 30% for the parks.

-Mayor Pownell joined the meeting and Megan asked her to speak to the process of determining how the money is spent. The Parks Board gives recommendations to the City Council and the City Council decides. There has not been discussion specifically about Sechler.

- Mark A. questioned whether we should endorse the CRCC. Megan questioned why we wouldn't since 30% is going to go back to the parks of Northfield. Mayor Pownell discussed the benefits of sports tourism.

-Steve motioned to support emphasizing the 30% that comes back to parks could directly affect Sechler and send the language around to the group for approval. Lance seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Administrative Items

1. Electing of new board members: Nominations, discussion and vote

Open Board Positions:

- Coaching Director - Megan nominated Jeff Smiens; Steve nominated Chris Graupmann. Steve spoke about Chris's qualifications, Megan and Lance spoke about Jeff's qualifications. Vote on Jeff: 6 aye Vote on Chris: 2 aye
- Equipment Manager - Nomination of Tom Morrow; Tom spoke about the position. All voted in favor of Tom
- DIBS/Volunteer Coordinator - no nominations
- Concessions Manager - no nominations
- Event Coordinator - no nominations
- At Large Travel Committee member - Daniel nominated Kelly Pithan. All in favor of Kelly.

In House Committee Report -

In-House Agenda

1. In-House Coordinator updates
 - Tball/Futures - Catherine Engle
 - Rookies - Nikki Oakland
 - Minors - Megan Kraby/Kristin Holz
2. In-House changes
 - Tball/Futures single season - shortening season length
 - 2nd graders - will be Rookies league
3. 2019 Dates
 - Registration: Feb. 1-March 15 - Ross said that Travel registration is closing on March 1st to allow for coordination of try-outs. Rich agreed. Steve suggested registration be opened earlier for in house if we were going to close it earlier. Discussion ensued regarding an opening date. Lance suggested having the CAC attend the info session to answer questions about registration.
 - In-House evaluations dates/location
 - Rookies/Minors opening day: May 6
 - Tball/Futures single season: May 18 - July 19
 - HR Derby June 26; Skill comp. June 27
 - July 1-5: No In-House activities
 - Classic: July 26-27

-Ross requested that in house games be kept off the fields prior to the June Classic (June 21st - 23rd) on the Thursday night especially. Discussion was had regarding the feasibility of that and decided we would cross that bridge depending on the numbers of kids that register for in house and the number of teams that need to play that evening.

Travel Agenda

1. MBL/MBT Meeting Recap - no new bat changes, helpful that we managed the umpires ourselves, MBL/MBT wants us to manage our association behavior ourselves. Megan suggested we decide what our position is with Fall Ball as she was made aware of a situation this fall ball with the TB11's where Northfield parents were disrespectful to one

of our umpires. Lance agreed to have a conversation next fall with Northfield coaches. Daniel agreed we need to discuss in the future.

- Review the highlights from the October 3, 2018 meeting
- 2. Fall Pre-registration - gives us an idea of who would be registering for travel/tournament teams to allow for some pre planning. Daniel suggested offering a \$20 discount on registration for people who completed it. Steve suggested that this would not be helpful and Rich added that we cannot lose the \$20 per player fees. Discussion was had regarding moving full registration up to a fall/early winter registration but tabled for the next meeting.
- 3. Majors and SMCBL
 - Feedback from Kristy @ Farmington - all positive feedback, worked great according to Kristy. Daniel offered to take over Majors under the travel umbrella for this league. In house agreed. Travel director will be in charge of coordinating.
- 4. 2019 Tryouts
 - Dates/Locations - March 14-17th tryouts. Go live on website on March 22nd. In past piggy-backed in house evals after minors evals at Carleton. Ross wants to jointly do try outs the same day instead of having two separate tryouts and not have any tryouts at the high school at all. Equipment would be moved from Carleton to the Dome. Rich brought up that 1 hour was not enough time for Minors tryouts. Ross is accommodating increasing the time on each the age groups. Rich and Steve questioned whether there needed to be a 2 day tryout for 10's and 11's tourney teams. Ross and Lance did not think that a 2 day tryout was needed but that changes were warranted on stations and number of evaluators present. Megan asked about evaluators and Daniel said that is still a discussion to be had.
- 5. 2018 Field Supervisors Report - Lance asked why field supervisors only support in house and referenced a incident this summer where he was getting a field together and FS's were pulled off his field (as an opposing team was there waiting for the game to start) to get in house fields together. Rich stated that there could be some flexibility. Discussion was had regarding looking at the FS's responsibilities and where changes could be made. The issue was tabled.

Open Board Meeting Adjourned - motion by Megan, seconded by Steve.

Closed meeting discussion items:

1. Budget - Keith will present a budget in November. Keith wants to walk through some numbers tonight. Keith has put together some spreadsheets but the income/expenses that he has received are not matching up.
 - a. Increase in income - 3 more tournament teams
 - i. Tournament income -
 - ii. Sponsorships - \$17K in 2017 and \$11K in 2018

B. Expenses -

- I. background checks - planning for 3 year turnover
- li. bank fees - accounting fees
- lii. coachs fees - lumped coaches books in there which would be more equipment
- lv. equipment - more than this year because need new tarps for fields
- V. program expenses - What are these?
- Vi. Tournament expenses - 2017 and 2018 numbers are similar - trying to figure out why 2017 is so high. Suggestion to have a separate line item for the June Classic vs. the tournaments we send our kids to.
- Vii. Travel team expenses - MBL fees
- Viii. Keith calculates 2017 a very rough estimate of a loss of \$23,000.

2. Daniel brought motion to appoint Keith Argabright as Treasurer. Lance seconded. Voted Keith Argabright in as Treasurer unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned - Megan moved, Steve seconded.