

BRANDON VALLEY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

January Board Meeting Notes

Sunday, January 13, 2019 – Tailgators

Attendees: Stuart Peschel, Mike Hokenstad, Al Kirkeby, Paul Peterson, Brian Bertsch, Craig Riley, Missy Livingston, Jason Honey, Dan Wrightsman, Gary Walz, Torrey Sundall, Jeremy VanHeel.

Meeting was called to order by Peschel at 7:01 p.m.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT –Paul Peterson reported balances as follows: main account \$31,282, fundraising savings \$2,929, Field of Dreams account \$29,091, and umpire account \$36. Based on these balances Paul stated we can make the remainder of the May 2019 loan payment at this time to save interest if we wish to. Income for November and December was \$6,937 high school registrations, \$1,350 summer registrations, \$2,719 tournament registrations, \$9,050 winter workouts and camps, \$4,000 sponsorship. Recent significant expenses paid: \$1,890 income tax preparation, \$400 annual Quick Books subscription, \$874 bus insurance, October and November DOB payments, \$2,183 Field of Dreams (mostly to J&R Seed), and \$493 to Lipitzke's for sprinkler work.

BUS REPAIRS – bus needs transmission replaced, quote from Jay Egge is \$2200 to rebuild the old one or \$3300 for a new transmission. After discussion the board opted to put in a new transmission.

REGISTRATIONS – 94 players registered for summer, 26 teams have registered for tournaments, 94 players registered for winter activities, 54 players registered for high school but Coach Van Heel believes this to grow to 61 or 62 by time registrations close Tuesday. Our summer registration forms have also yielded an additional \$1500 in contributions for the Field of Dreams plus one registration asked for a call back about making a donation of \$500 or more.

PANCAKE FUNDRAISERS – 2/24 in Valley Springs, 3/24 in Brandon, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. both days.

2020 LEGION STATE TOURNAMENT – we have submitted a bid to host the 2020 Legion State Tournament. Post 131 is very supportive, they will furnish volunteers and color guard if we get it. Coach Van Heel will be attending state legion meeting in Pierre to deliver our presentation.

UPDATE FROM COACH VAN HEEL – hitting league started today, one single session based on numbers. Numbers are good but down from last year, potentially because some of last year's travel teams are in practicing on their own. Winter workouts start this week with 60 players. High school registrations close 1/15, coach has reached out to some players that had indicated they will play but are not registered yet. With projected numbers we will either need to add a 4th team or cut to 45 players. Each option has pros and cons. Freshman/sophomore schedule is double what it should be in anticipation of a 4th team and budget will support an additional coach for the spring. Numbers look to be 11 seniors, 13 juniors, 18 sophomores, and 20 freshmen. Currently recruiting summer coaches.

DOB REPORTS – as of yet we do not have a Small Fields DOB. Coach Van Heel has agreed to assume a number of the DOB duties: managing the paid coaches, write umpire checks for big field games, work with Mark Zolme on scheduling umpires, run team meetings, coordinate evaluations to set travel teams, run monthly coach’s meetings, and be the escalation point for parental complaints for big field teams. Motion by Brian Bertsch to eliminate the Big Field DOB for 2019 and assigning the mentioned responsibilities to Coach Van Heel for an additional \$3,000 per year, to be included as a line item in the budget under DOB. The motion was seconded by Missy Livingston and carried unanimously.

LEAGUE REP REPORTS – Jason has heard some complaints from parents of players not invited to practices being held by last year’s 8 year old travel team.

OTHER BUSINESS – Mike Hokenstad has received 1 formal scholarship offer and expects one more to be coming in. The United Way has a program for non-profit sports that will give a voucher for \$100 to qualified families. We will explore getting set up to take these.

With no further business to discuss Bertsch motioned the meeting be adjourned. Hokenstad seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

The next board meeting will be February 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Tailgators.