

**West Central Baseball Association Board Meeting  
Community Center Humboldt, SD  
Sunday, February 4, 2024**

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call:**

Everybody was present.

Andy Lueth- President  
Joe Hanisch- Treasurer  
Josh Halverson  
Tom Schartz

Jacob Ellens- Vice President  
Tyler McCoy- Secretary  
Rob Lind

**Guests**

Matt Cain, Josh Schipper, Kim & Tom Lanham,

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

Jake motions to approve and Tom 2nds

**Reports**

- a. President Report- Andy Lueth
  - i. Andy and Joe switched their names over for the joint account through the city for the loan. The city is about done with the field lease agreement. Said it was a 10-year agreement, but their lawyer said that was too long, so we are updating it to a 5-year contract. He is getting binders for all board members with all the old notes/meeting minutes.
- b. Treasurers Report- Joe Hanisch
  - i. Joe is bringing a monthly balance sheet breakdown. Scheels donated \$1,000 and Reliabank has donated \$10,000. Ending balance is \$108,780.62. September of 2019 is when the board first started the investment.
- c. Social Media Report- Jacob Ellens
  - i. Jake has been posting all the deadlines and trying to keep everyone informed. He's been answering emails along with Andy. Look for new tournaments and Canaries game updates.

**Old Business**

None

**Public Comment**

Online talked about how there are a lot of kids getting passed over during tournament time and they are happy with where the program is going.

**New Business**

+1 Petitions

- a. Lanham's- Axel, 10u to 12u Been part of the program for the last 8 years. All three boys are in the WC baseball league. Played competitive the last 2 years. He's playing with 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade players and he's a 5<sup>th</sup> grader. He fell into team three because he had a bad tryout. He needs to be challenged so they think he needs to be on a travel team.
- b. Liam Kirkhoff- 12u- Doesn't agree with the evaluation that his son received. He thought the two groups had different throwing routines and wished they were all doing the same ones. Jake and Tyler disagreed and thought everything was the same and only one evaluator did all the hitting for each group.
- c. Beckam Thurn- From coach pitch to 8u, emailed in
- d. Carson Vessels- 14u to 16u- Matt says they are good enough to move up.
- e. Landon Kerkhoff- 14u to 16u- Matt says they are good enough to move up.

#### 16u Coach- Matt Cain

- a. He would like to coach the 16u as he has coached them since they were 5. They have won state championships 4 times, and it should have been 5. Doesn't look for any pay to coach and loves doing it. He has 17 kids and Andy is wondering how he plans on dealing with playing time. With all those kids and our little numbers at legion, can you work with the board on bringing kids up from 16u to legion. He met with the kids, and they love the idea of playing legion and 16u all year. Andy asked if scheduling between both leagues an issue is. Andy thinks he does a great job coaching and keeping the board up to date. Andy asks if maybe we rotate kids between both teams to make sure all the kids are getting playing time. Rob makes sure to stress that same message. Joe asks maybe to ask to have 16u and legion double headers to help the kids play on the same night at the same time. Heath Siemensma is going to help coach. Matt said he and the parents would help with a 16u tournament. Andy said it will only happen if we get parents to help.

#### Legion Tournament-

- a. Rob says other towns are asking if we have our legion tournament again this year.

#### Dates for Early Bird tournaments-

1. 10u/12u- May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> last year. Doing them on May 18<sup>th</sup> for 10u and May 19<sup>th</sup> for 12u. Jake will get some things posted. The cutoff will be 12 teams and we will have all our teams playing. The Rec tournament will be on Field E.

#### Canaries game-

- a. Rob says it is May 4<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m., the Canaries will play against Class B all stars. Jake said food and beverages will be sold.

#### Umpire Clinic

1. April 6, 2024- Josh will be in charge and it will be a Saturday morning training. 9:00 am start time. Joe will be around to get the addresses for the umpires and set up Venmo accounts for all the kids. He is thinking about doing a signup genius. Andy said umpires need to be 1 year removed but the comments on the live feed say it has been 2 years in the past. Tyler asks if we have had issues with kids not showing up if they were signed up, but Josh and Andy say that wasn't a problem in the past. We will vote on having kids umpire at least 4 games. Andy asks if anyone listening has any issues plus/minus Venmo to please comment or get a hold of us. Andy makes sure that every kid that umps for us

during tournaments will be certified and we will reimburse them. Josh thinks we should do the clinic and then figure out who we think should do the certification and then pay them extra for doing tournaments.

#### Coach Pitch Draft-

- a. March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Humboldt Community Center. Rob says only 2 coaches per team. Jake says during tryouts we have 1<sup>st</sup> year and 2<sup>nd</sup> year option for kids. The draft will be everyone picks one 2<sup>nd</sup> year kid then next round will be 1<sup>st</sup> year kid.

#### Coaches Clinic-

February 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Humboldt Community Center. All coaches are required to attend. Rob said DSU and DWU head coaches will be talking and running the clinic.

#### Releasing WCBA players to non WCBA sanctioned teams for state tournaments

- a. Rob is asking if we allow kids that played in the WCBA league all year if they would be allowed to forgo them to play with another team from another town. Also, someone from outside are they allowed to play with our team? Tyler says they shouldn't be allowed to play but we think the board should vote on a case-by-case scenario. Andy says the way our 14u-10u is setup then it shouldn't be an issue because those teams are already set up. 8u teams aren't set the same way so we need to discuss how to manage that better.

#### Concessions Coordinator-

- a. Ronda Travis did a great job last year doing it. Andy's wife said she would help get an account setup with Farnar Brocken to help with not running to get products from SF. Rob asks any group that wants to help run the gate/concessions to make money to please get a hold of us. Someone asked what the job entails, Andy said he handles all the pop and oversees the food, deposit money, helps open and makes sure volunteers are around to help train someone. Joe asked what we pay, Andy said last year we paid them \$5,000 and then we did so good that we paid them another \$5,000. Joe asks if Ronda would be willing to fill in if we need help. Joe might know of a couple that would be willing to help.

#### Umpire Scheduler

- a. Joe suggests going to signup genuine and then hire a 16u to take care of the day to day/verifying that they showed up.

#### Tournament Committee

- a. Andy says Clint Kohn said he would be willing to be on it and is asking if anyone else would be willing to help.

Josh motions to go into Executive Session. Rob 2nds

#### Executive Session

End of Executive Session at 9:30- All in favor

Josh calls to end session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob - All in favor to end session at 9:31

#### **Next Meeting**

February 4, 2023 @ 6 PM, Humboldt Community Center