

CAA Executive Board Meeting - October 18, 2021

Zoom meeting attendees: Terre Kemble, Bill Kemble, Jaxon Lang, Lenny Checheris, Dave Erickson, John Hawley, Jerry Orcutt

(Meeting opened 7:06pm)

Agenda

1. Financials – John
 - a. Collected \$300K last 3 months
 1. Diamond Sports revenue \$123K – somewhat more than expected
 2. Basketball revenue \$190K – aligned with expectations
 - b. Some minor cash outflow for Diamond Sports and Basketball remaining
 - c. More revenue for Basketball and Diamond Sports to come with Community League registrations
 - d. Diamond Sports cashed net \$17K volunteer checks recently
 - e. Both Basketball and Diamond Sports feel comfortable with financials despite pandemic
 - f. \$305K current combined bank account balances
2. Baseball/Softball 2021 Wrap Up: Jerry/Lenny
 - a. Very successful year, only a few hiccups. Softball has grown significantly.
 - b. Jaxon requested a follow up financial check-in at next meeting.
3. Basketball Update: 2021
 - a. Midwest 3v3 League successful, dedicated to former board member Angie Quinn.
 - b. Travel teams formed and practicing. CNHS coaches ran tryouts again. Girl's tryouts scheduled to avoid fall state softball tournament.
 - c. Using skills development matrix to help coaches focus on appropriate and expected skills. Attempting to provide parent visibility into the matrix to frame conversations over player development during season.
 - d. Community League evaluations end of Oct for grades 4-8. No leadership for boys or girls groups. Multiple Basketball leaders will tag team responsibilities to get season underway, but that is only a short-term solution. Possible partnership with Chaska on Storm Hawk teams in some grades.
 - e. Hosting Timberwolves camp Oct 21. CAA Basketball gets 20% cut of registrations, should amount to \$1000.
 - f. Positive COVID test for 8th grader. Followed school district COVID policies to determine participation guidelines for handful of impacted players.
 - g. Volunteer removed from a team due to failed background check that arrived after season began. Due diligence performed by members of basketball and executive boards, as well as consultation with former CAA President Brian Benkstein, who is an attorney.
 1. Need to explore requiring more time between registration and assignment to teams, to avoid this in the future.

4. Old Business
 - a. Membership Conduct Follow Up. Discussed another recent confrontation between same parent and a Diamond Sports volunteer, involving alleged theft of balls from a tryout event. Must continue to keep an eye on this parent.
 - b. Basketball/Diamond Sports Sponsorships. Appropriate, involved parties from each sport leadership team actively communicating and cooperating to leverage sponsorship opportunities. Spearheaded by Pete Linder and Molly Thomas. We will let this play out and hope it continues to improve and expand.
5. New Business:
 - a. Website Scheduling.
 1. Known challenge to Sports Engine platform (SE) creates workaround need for schedules to be created on old League Athletics (LA) site, which links to SE site, in order to provide real time updates. Also no auto-notification to teams when schedules are changed, so teams are required to check their team site on SE regularly for any changes, and scheduler is required to send out email blasts with every change. Appears SE has no plans to fix these issues, their standard response is “there are add-on scheduling apps”.
 2. Diamond Sports investigating outside app called Diamond Scheduler, which could be a potential solution for Basketball also.
 - b. Other
 1. Anonymous letter received by Terre regarding traveling Basketball tryouts. Board agrees there will be no response, due to anonymous nature.
6. Schedule Next Meeting. Monday, December 13, 2021 at 7:00pm.
 - a. Agenda item proposed – CAA Webmaster role
7. Meeting adjourned 8:06pm.