



# Grant CBS AGENDA/Minutes

April 21, 2024  
Township, 5PM

## I. Call to Order; 5:05

a. Attendance; Noted above

## II. Approve Last Minutes; approved unanimously among those present, excluding Dave and Missi, who were absent last meeting, and abstained.

## III. Committee Business

### a. Softball-Jenny;

1. \*League scheduling meeting update (schedule emailed and attached); Cassie (League Director) and Jenny have learned of a family that has registered their child to play for both McHenry rec league and All-Stars, and also GCBS. If the Chain League approves of this, do we as GCBS approve of this player also playing rec season with us? Board is leaning toward not permitting multi-township play because there may be confusion over where this player will play when these 2 teams play each other, for playoff games, practices, etc. May not be fair to the other players on the team to not be able to count on this player's availability or to have equal game time if this player misses practices of one team or the other, Etc. Upon learning this player is registered at the 8u level, Board agreed that may likely be too many games and practices for a child that age. Dan asked Jenny to talk to Cassie about requiring the family to declare what team they'll play on for playoff season, and will be further discussed.
2. \*Family Appreciation Day-need someone to get quote, date options, lead on pizzas and drinks; this event costs us approximately \$3,000. Should we switch to every other year? Look into getting pizzas donated? The rental fee for the waterpark is about \$2,000 of that total. Asked Paul for prior years registration and attendance numbers for the event vs. our registration numbers and will discuss/decide at the next meeting.
3. \*When at the Park, board members need to write their name and cell number on the white board inside; all Board Members need to do this when present so if issues arise, there is authority for young workers to contact; Terry will put up white board for this purpose, all members agreed. Terry wants to remind the coaches they need to be checking umpire page to confirm games.

4. \*A potential situation between teams was discussed.
  5. \*Forfeit Rule for Sportsmanship-Umpires will be forcing forfeiture on teams with poor sportsmanship that is not corrected, need to plan for away games protocol also. Per Jenny, Cassie, Director of Chain League, is having trouble finding league umpires. Therefore, spectators and coaches need to be on their best behavior. If there is ever a formal complaint made, coaches and/or teams may have game suspensions and suffer forfeitures. Umpires will warn managers about undesirable behaviors, but after 1-2 warnings depending on severity, team and coach will be forced to forfeit the game and may be penalized with game suspensions. These rules have existed and are in the handbook, but due to limited umpires, it is being reinforced.
  6. \*Field 1-Spectators are prohibited from sitting behind the backstop or in parking spaces and we need to enforce that when we see it. Terry will be placing the dark screens along the backstop and police side dugout, though it did not keep people from sitting there seasons prior. We also need to be enforcing no motorcycle parking in handicap parking spots. Handicap spots are for those that possess a handicap permit and for those that have the handicap individual with them.
  7. \*Equipment Swap-Looking to advertise gently used mitts, bats, bags, cleats, and field masks for families to swap after the Spring Season.
- b. \*Baseball-Dave;** All good, teams are formed, games are starting, Nippersink Baseball doesn't have a website yet, can Paul email just Mustang players that would like to be subs across all age levels? Jessica R. is working on a Master Field schedule. Missi and Dave; Boys are using only Field 2 at FOD. Lauren will have Kay/Dee at Township add Missi, Dave and Mark to their field conditions email.
- c. \*Grounds-Mark;** update on fields and equipment
1. Set up meeting with coaches for field maintenance, game set-up, and field guidelines; Coaches meeting went well, there was a good turnout of coaches that learned field set-up with Mark and Terry. Mark reiterated that baseball mounds MUST be removed from fields in between use.
  2. Field material update (material/MVP/Erick; Levernier)-see IV. c2 and IV. c3; Quote of \$3,900 includes chalk and field materials that will last all season.
- d. \*Player Agent Update-Sharon;** Regarding T-Ball pictures with the organization and registration. Due to T-Ball being for the youngest players in the league, we quite often get requests for late registration that we have to turn away due to teams already being made and photos and uniforms already being ordered. We plan on pushing registration for the youngest groups back in order to accept more players, push photos back for this group of kids. This will also allow for our Mid-April clinic to provide meetings with parents and potential new coaches.

- e. **\*Concessions-Lauren and Terry**; Need application on website and email out; new menu items; special plan for opening day; profit growth goal; Application has gone out to email and will be emailed to Lauren. She will share applications with Executive Board and applicants will be voted on by members, but not parents of applicants.

#### IV. Financial Reports

- a. Review and Question, Jessica R. and all
- b. Approve financials (emailed and attached)
- c. Talk about and approve quotes (emailed and attached)
  - 1. **\*Fencing from Meijer-Two quotes**: First quote is about \$6,000 using the same size posts we have now. The second quote is over \$7,000 with larger posts. Terry suggested the small posts. There is an additional \$1,100 fee to remove and dispose of existing fencing (Attached) Should we use temporary fencing rather than a big spend now?; Terry walked the Board through the fencing quotes, he will obtain a quote to include a large gate from Harry at Meijer Fencing.
  - 2. **\*Field Prep Quote TBD**; Board approved unanimously.
  - 3. 2 Loads of dirt quote TBD; push back
  - 4. **\*Concession Stand Slushy Quote (Attached)**; our current, and broken slushy machine is 12 years old. Purchase will pay for itself in 2-3 seasons or 1-2 years, is easier and more efficient than the snow cone maker, and is in higher demand. Board approved unanimously.

#### V. Other Business

- a. **\*Jenny, Mark and Lauren**; Rt. 59 project update, porta-potty update (165-265\$ monthly); guardrail will be installed 350' from Devlin per Project Manager. Where on Devlin is the start point? Where does the 350' mark land? Terry will talk with his contact and Lauren will follow up with the State Rep if needed. Porta potties need to be within 25' of an access point for a truck, one company has purchased about 95% of the porta potty companies. We are working on location-near Field 4 is not an option per the company. Looking at 1 handicap and 1 standard porta potty, both with sanitizer, maybe near batting cages.
- b. **\*Jenny**; Opening day details 5/4, first pitch, sponsors, sales, activities, etc.-Volunteers or appoint-need to call schools, contact sponsors, and work with Lauren and Terry on Concessions Specials; Jenny will email all staff of schools for 1<sup>st</sup> pitch for every game. Terry will work on concessions specials to be posted online.

- c. \*Jenny; Tournament update; Jenny has been advertising Tournament events and has already had several teams register. Avon's potential Memorial Day Tournament that Cassie helped them with has had no information put out by their organization so we are not sure what their plan is.
- d. \*Jenny; Raffle Fundraiser-What is it? Prize? When?-Does GCBS want to have players sell raffle tickets for fundraising? Board leaning toward no since kids already have to sell raffle tickets for cheer, school, sports, etc. (Their parents usually end up buying them out because so many kids have to sell so many tickets for so many different activities already)
- e. \*All; Getting coaches ready for season-background checks, concussions protocol, coaches checklist; will be pushing the background checks back to Fall season.
- f. \*Dan and mark; Umpire clinics update and Umpires Update; went well, 2 new umpires so far.

**VI. Public Comment**

**VII. Discussion**

**VIII. Adjourn; 7:10**

**Next meeting will be: 5/5/24 at 5PM at the Township**

Notes completed by Lauren on: 4/26/24