

OC Pioneer Youth Baseball and Softball  
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes  
11/19/17

1. Meeting called to order at 6:38pm.
  - A) In attendance: Jennifer Austen, Kayla Schoonover, Martha Mowery, Jed Wilson, Kevin Haftorson, Cindi Johnson, Valerie Lee, George Lee, Russell Wilde, Eric Bean, Dave Jordal
  - B) Just over \$30,000.00 on Treasury Report.
  
2. Pioneer Baseball/Softball 2018 Season Important Dates:
  - A) Assessments: February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>
  - B) Open registration date: January 1.
    - I. Working to combine Redland and OC Bonzi accounts and new Pioneer website.
  - C) Jamboree: April 21<sup>st</sup>, with April 28<sup>th</sup> as a rain-out alternative.
    - I. Discussed possibility of utilizing Chapin and Fishers Mill fields.
    - II. Hold home-run derby. Local police involved with speed guns for pitching.
  
3. Assessments
  - A) Must check on availability of batting facility and stadium/turf for Junior & Senior Levels
  - B) Pitching needs assessed this year for Midget level and up.
  - C) 4-7 pm suggested on last day for pitchers.
  - D) 'Bubble' kids (and those who miss due to basketball tournaments), reassess together midweek.
  - E) Valerie to resend Coaches' surveys
  
4. Fundraising
  - A) Raffle tickets will be purchased with registration.
  - B) Scholarships will waive raffle fees, if necessary.
  - C) Brainstormed prizes for raffle drawing: Traeger grill, TV or Great Wolf Lodge package, iPad, PlayStation 4 bundle.
  - D) Top seller earns Virtual Reality set. A certain number of other top sellers win new helmets; fit to size at OC Sports.
  - E) Scoreboard sponsorships: Plaques on top and bottom of signs. Wilco and BCT secured sponsors. Les Schwab and Haskett Orthodontics other potential sponsors. \$6,000 per sign per year potential income.

5. Merger Loose Ends

- A) By-laws need submitted to State. Need to designate number of Board Members, process to elect new BOD Members, number of protected players allowed per coach/team, etc.
- B) Need to update 501c3.
- C) Check with TJ Beck for insurance pricing for league; approximately 65 teams.
- D) Softball: Dave Jordal to have discussion with Tod Bennet regarding Redland Softball teams not merging with group.
- E) Both organizations have bank accounts with US Bank. Merge funds. Redland has a "Well" reserve savings account in anticipation of putting in well at Fishers Mill. Redland has historically paid for all electricity and water on-site.
- F) Negotiate new pricing structure with Bonzi. Prices are much higher than the Blue Sombrero site. Continue with Bonzi through the merger, with a potential switch to Blue Sombrero if pricing cannot be lessened to resemble their structure.

6. 2018 OCPB enhancements

- A) Many fields need a lot of improvements. Designate a Member at Large who coordinates field maintenance schedule.
- B) Shared the need of a League ATV and Trailer to help with field maintenance.
- C) Researching mechanical pitching machines for rookies. Russell Wilde reaching out to other leagues for pros/cons.
- D) Discussed Kid-pitch versus Coach-pitch at the Rookies level.
- E) Hold 3 coaches' training sessions, versus 1, as in 2017; divided by age level of players.
- F) Add to Coaches' binders a section on pitching.

7. Softball

- A) Send email to league inviting all interested in volunteering to attend next BOD meeting.
- B) New leadership is needed.
- C) Desire to build up Softball program with strong & enthusiastic leaders.
- D) Discussed additional processes for recruiting new softball volunteers.

8. Open Board Positions

- A) Discussed open electable positions: Area Head Softball, VP Softball, Rules & Ethics.
- B) Discussed open Member-at-Large positions: Tournament Director, Uniforms & Equipment, Umpires, Coach of Coaches, & Field Maintenance Coordinator.

9. Discussed alternative options for snack shack volunteer requirements. Discussed snack shack at Fishers Mill.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm. Next meeting scheduled for 12/10/17 at 6:30 pm.