

## FMYSA Open Meeting – February 11, 2018

Meeting commenced – 7:04pm

Board Members in Attendance: Jeff Nelson, Kevin Roberson, Kevin Westdyk, Amy Burwell, Matt Jordan, Craig Brown, Jeff Castellanos and Tracy Black. Not Present: Jack Fultz

Open Attendees: Scott Bryson, Jeff Fisher, Ryan Miller, Cara Nelson, Sydney Black, Paul Hawrulak, Sal R, Maria, Jessica P, Chad, Juan Rodriguez, Eric Cleinsorge, Fred Viera.

Open discussion:

- a. Ryan Miller discussed the possibility of local restaurants getting involved and helping sponsor teams during AAYBA. He mentioned a new local restaurant called State Draft House. Ryan also asked about kids being able to keep their same jersey number as they progress throughout the rec league. Currently uniform numbers are sized-based, meaning the lower the number the smaller the uniform. He wanted to know if coaches or players could request number for kids so that as they grow, they don't outgrow their uniform number. Also, players and coaches would like to see logos used on team uniforms. Our current provider, Point of Origin, does not have a license for MLB logos. When Under Armor takes over MLB uniforms in 2019, when we can re-address the logo questions with our current or new uniform provider.
- b. Cara Nelson and Sydney Black took the floor to talk about additional new menu items for the concessions stand for the upcoming season. Specific items include fajitas, healthier items like fruits and snack packs, and even iced tea. Another suggestion was to offer "Team Packs." Instead of parents having to go to the store to buy snacks for each game, they could preorder a team pack from the concession stand and pick up to distribute after each game. Should you have any new items or healthy suggestions, please email [concessions@fmyssa.com](mailto:concessions@fmyssa.com)
- c. Paul Hawrulak requested an update as to when Select players' hoodies would be arriving. Jeff Castellanos stated that they would be in by 2/16/18 and he acknowledged that future orders need to be placed much soon to arrive on time.
- d. Sal, coach of a 10U select team, was questioning the limited field availability this spring that had pitcher's mounds and why certain teams were placed with Gerault fields that do not have mounds. Earlier in the week a team drove a personal pickup truck onto a closed field, took a "game only" pitcher's mound and moved it to Gerault. It was then left there overnight. Tracy emphasized that this could not happen again, and these mounds are never to be moved. Personal pitching mounds can be brought by coaches and used at Gerault, but cannot be stored there.
- e. A new member, Maria was asking questions about her 11U son who is new to baseball and FMYSA. She was told that 11U had their draft late and that her age group director would reach out to her by 2/16/18.

Meeting discussion:

1. Kevin Westdyk, Treasurer, present January 2018 financials to the board and meeting attendees. There were questions regarding budgets and plans for 2018. The board plans to be very transparent with FMYSA financials at every meeting and the board will implement budgets and capital improvement projects in the next few months.
2. Jeff Nelson spoke about the upcoming equipment drive to take place on Opening Day, March 24. Jen Demuro, community outreach director will soon be sending out an email looking for volunteers to help clean up and sell old catcher's gear. Membership will also be encouraged to bring old equipment (bats, helmets, etc) so it can be given to other FMYSA athletes that may need it. All gear that is not sold or given to other current players will be donated to less fortunate kids in other sports organizations.
3. Tracy Black informed the membership of a 12U softball player named Claire Ku who has been battling cancer for the last several months. Additionally, her dad has been fighting the same battle himself for the last 4 years and they lost their insurance prior to Claire's diagnosis. There will be a fundraising scrimmage at Bakersfield in March including Claire's team to help raise funds. Coppell and Southlake Softball are working on their own ways to help raise funds for Claire's family.
4. Tracy discussed upcoming "development nights" for all skill levels. Rattlers skills night on 2/21 with several HS coaches as well as a few rec player development nights on Mondays and Tuesdays in February and March. Experienced coaches will be asked to assist on the rec development nights beginning on 2/19/18.
5. Tracy talked about an upgrade of the pitcher's practice area by Bakersfield #7. Designs and costs are still being discussed, but the possibility of having 3 lanes of pitching areas may be in the works.
6. There are and continuously will be developmental videos available on the FMYSA website to assist coaches and players in their learning process.
7. FMYSA will be putting together a "Spirit Shop" online where families can purchase FMYSA gear as well as spirit wear to support their rec and premier teams.

Meeting adjourned – 8:09pm