

Minutes from VGSA General Meeting
February 18, 2014

President: Scott Smith

1st Vice President: George Countryman

2nd Vice President: Nikki Meler, Ron Leffner

Secretary: Tricia Garcia

T-Ball Director: Tara Wood

12U&14U Director: Ray Hutchison

Training Director: vacant

Tournament Director: Rick Kincaid

Treasurer: Trudy Wood

Past President: Todd Marquiss

ASA JO: Nikki Meler

Training League/8U&10U Director: Trudy Wood

NSA Rep: Ray Hutchison

UIC: Mike Sturdevant

Equipment: Gary Garcia

Meeting called to order by President, Scott Smith at 7:04p.m.

Introduction of Board Members and Officers.

George Countryman- The remodel and changes being made to the concession stand are almost completed.

Tricia Garcia- Minutes from meetings now need to be sent via email to Becky Hoyt so she can post them on the VGSA website.

Tara Wood- Coaches, please contact her about scheduling your team to work in the concession stand for fundraising opportunities for your team.

Erica Schaller, the Training Director, has now resigned and the position is open.

Trudy Wood, Treasurer-Beginning balance for month of January, 2014 was \$20,607.03; expenses for the month were \$6,252.12; ending balance for the month is \$14,162. 69. Expenses for the month included advertising for registration and maintenance fees owed for prior 3 months to Landscape Management.

Registration numbers still coming in but appear to be lower than anticipated.

Pay Pal portion of the registration process did not go as smooth as we would have liked. VGSA received many incomplete forms. Trudy is working on contacting these families.

At this point it looks like League play will have the following teams:

T-Ball- 2 teams

Training League- 3 teams

8U-2 teams

10U- 6 teams

12U- 5 teams

14U- 1 team

Mandatory Coach's meeting on Thursday, February, 27th at 7:00p.m. at VGSA. Trudy will hand out field assignments and coach's packets. Gary will assign equipment bags to teams. Rules of the game will be discussed as well. All ACE certification, background checks and concussion forms must be completed and on file with VGSA before a team's first practice.

All VGSA tournaments are now available for registration on the TournamentMVP website. This website is used by most organizations throughout Washington and Oregon.

Mike Sturdevant, UIC- New umpire training will take place on Saturday, March 8th and Sunday, March 9th here at VGSA. If your team is interested in practice games on March 9th, please contact Mike at sturdevant50@gmail.com.

Our bleachers at VGSA are not to code and need to be retrofit or replaced. Bleachers now must have a backing at the top of the bleacher, side rails and vertical slates attached to the bench seat to prevent a child from falling through the bleacher to the ground. The County has said that we are 'grandfathered' in and don't need to make adjustments at this point. If we do make any adjustments, then the County says they must be completely up to code. Scott received a bid of about \$2,500 per bleacher to retrofit. He met with Dennis Durling, a volunteer, who is going to write a grant on our behalf to cover the expense of remodeling our bleachers. Dennis' efforts are truly appreciated!

The High School Jamboree is scheduled for Saturday, March 15th. We will use the EFPOA umpires. We will be running the concession stand and maintaining the fields.

Rick Kincaid spoke of the Umpire Academy in Tri-Cities that will be held Friday, February 28th-Sunday, March 2nd. The event is being put on by the Washington ASA and hosted by District 3. A few private donations have been made to support this event.

The league schedule will be completed by Rick Kincaid and posted in mid-March.

Scott spoke to the fact that we need to keep the VGSA complex utilized as much as possible. Cancellations of tournaments on the weekends look as if the complex is not being used to its full potential, which can be detrimental, in the long run, to our standing with the County.