

VGSA Board Meeting

January 8, 2019

Present- Doug Johnson, Melanie Heaton, Teri Kirby, Scott Smith, Cyndi Johnson, Mike Sturdevant, Gina Fifer, Nikki Meler, Amy Ritchie, Betty Ritchie, Allison Millhorn, Madonna Underland, Stephanie Wagner, Justin Martinson.

Call to order 7:02

Financial Update- checking- \$43,848 that includes registration funds so far and the \$7500 grant money

Registration Update- 74 people registered to date. We still need more coaches to register. As of now it is projected that we will have 8 10u teams, 8-10 12u/14u teams, 5-8 8u teams and 4-6 tball and training league teams. We may be down 5-6 teams across the leagues this year.

New Coach Recruitment- We do still need coaches at each level.

Tournament Update

- VGSA tournaments are looking good. Marketing has begun and tournaments are on USA softball. Memorial weekend tournament already has 6 teams registered. Huskies has 3 teams registered and the 16u tournament has 4 teams registered.
- West Coast Premier Tournaments is still interested in hosting a tournament at VGSA. Board agrees to offer them the opportunity to have a tournament in July or September. They appear to have their insurance taken care of. Nikki M. will go to the USA Softball regional meeting on January 25th to verify.

King's Way Update-King's Way will play at VGSA. They will pay \$3500 for facility rental and field use as well as chalk and turf.

Sponsorships- . This is the time of the year to begin reaching out to businesses. \$500/year for a banner and advertisement on our website. Stephanie and Cyndi said we already have 3 confirmed sponsorships.

Safety Evaluation Process- if there is anyone lower than 14u who would like to play down. A board member/league coordinator needs to go out and assess the player and determine the players ability. This is for league play only. A player may not play down for USA softball tournaments.

Bleacher Project Update- VGSA received a grant from the T.O.D.A.Y foundation of \$7500 to retrofit bleachers and put backs and railings on them. Mike S. has been researching costs. Estimated costs \$8,000-\$12,000 Amy R. moved and Nikki M. second to go forward with retrofitting bleachers and adding handrail. Motion passed.

Roles for field work days- John Milhorn and Doug J will put together a task list by February 5th. At February board meeting we will delegate roles for the field work days.

Equipment Room- Amy will coordinate cleaning out the room on February 16th clean up day. Dick Sorting goods gave us sponsorship again for equipment. We can get nets, throw down bases and tees. They may have game ready balls also this year.

Shirt printing bids- Amy will have bids by the weekend.

Umpire contract discussion- Doug attended the meeting. We currently pay umpires \$32/game for 2 man games. We pay \$40/game for one man games. To be competitive we should consider raising the fee. It is proposed that we pay \$37/game for 2 man games and \$45/game for one man games. A motion was made to increase umpire fees to the above amts. It was moved by Amy R. and second by Scott S. Motion passed to increase the fee.

Also, EFPOA will pay 8u umpires. VGSA will hire the umpires. Fee to be determined at a later board meeting.

Facility needs

Our Field 5 shed was tagged. We will need to repaint or clean.

The Gator is dead. We need to consider replacing it. Need to research purchasing or financing. Stephanie will call some dealers for price and any possible discounts.

Trees by field 5- County arborist has evaluated the trees. County will take down the tree that appears dead and clean up the others.

Other/New Business

Jamboree- High School jamboree is March 9th. Mike will be our liaison We will also need to staff concessions and need field crew. It will be offered to Columbia River and King's Way first since VGSA is their home field. Then it will be offered to other groups.

League games will start at 6:15 in April. This allows umpires to make it to our games after umpiring a high school game.

We will keep Curt Davis as the photographer for 2019 season and consider taking bids beginning next year.

Need Scheduler- Need an umpire contact person to notify the assignor for rain out games and to cc Art Corral on all changes to schedule.

Nikki updated us on the national USA softball meeting: There was a decision to change our registration period by our State Commissioner. All teams will be dissolved in register USA in August and they will be reformed in September. This will impact travel teams most. We discuss again at a future board meeting as to how this will impact VGSA spring season 2020.

Adjourned 8:57