

VGSA Board Meeting
12/19/2017

Present: Maura Martin, Ronda Swanson, Doug Johnson, Tami Bingman, Amy Ritchie, Betty Ritchie, Madonna Underland, Scott Smith, Cyndi Johnson

Guest: Carrie Farrell, Columbia River High School Coach

On going Business:

Financials- approximately \$38,900 in checking & \$51,000 in money market acct.

- Expenses not yet cleared approx \$1500 and USA Softball fees

Tournaments:

- VGSA tournament agreement- It was moved and 2nd that ALL tournaments, including fundraising tournaments, will all follow the same standard tournament agreement. Motion passed.
- Ronda attended tournament meeting on December 13, 2017. All of our requested dates were approved. 2018 Tournament Schedule this far:
 - May 5 - 6, 10U/12U Open - Cinco de Mayo Fiesta hosted by Huskies Softball - 4 GG \$425
 - May 19 - 20 - 10U/12U Open - NW Legacy Home Runs for Hunger - 4 GG \$425
 - May 26 - 27, 14U Open - NW Power House Memorial Tournament - 5GG - \$475
 - June 2nd & 3rd, 14U B/C - Ready for Summer Tournament - 4GG \$400
 - June 30th & July 1st, 16U Open - Summer Blast Tournament - 4 GG \$40
 - July 6 - 8, 10U State, 3GG \$460
 - Other possible dates- June 7/8 Pink Dream Breast Cancer tournament
 - June 16/18 possible combined event with Delta park
 - July 14- Possible 18u open tournament
- Was mentioned that Oregon will be doing an 8u state tournament this year. Washington teams will be welcomed.

Concessions- will establish a concessions committee to work on concession plan for 2018. Betty, Ronda and Allison will be on committee

Fields-

- Fence repairs- Still looking for estimates. Doug will follow up.
- Field prep for Spring- 2 work party days are scheduled Feb 17 and Feb 24.
- Leveling of fields 1 and 4- Need bid. Ronda can get equipment
- Benches on field 5 need fixed.- Amy will contact Travis Mortenson.

Key pads- will be installed. Maura will work on this. We discussed how and whom would have access. We agreed to table this until January meeting.

Registration- opened December 16th. In person registration is January 21st at Skyzone and Feb 17 on field work day at VGSA.

- Price for registration includes upfront \$20 fundraiser fee.
- Each player will receive 5 Papa Murphy cards. They can sell for \$5 each and keep proceeds.
- Player must be 5 years old by December 31, 2017 to register.
- Proposed and discussed to offer full and shorten season for 12u and 14u teams. Decision will be made at January meeting.
- Slow pitch registration will be opening soon for high school girls.

Slowpitch-

Scott Smith will run the slowpitch program. It will be for high school girls age 14-18. Registration should be up by end of December. Slowpitch games will be played on Monday nights.

New Business:

Columbia River Coach Carrie Farrell was in attendance to discuss the upcoming season.

- We will change JV games from Field 1 to Field 5 in order to have VGSA games begin on time. Varsity will still play on Field 2.
- River will follow our rain out schedule. This includes practices.
- Order for rescheduling River rain out games will begin with VGSA availability
- Invitation for Columbia River teams to participate in our field work days
- Feb .26 is River's first practice
- We will schedule a coaches and player clinic with River and Skyview teams. Date TBD
- Carrie puts on hitting and skills clinics at The Lumberyard.

Northwest Softball Convention with Carrie Farrell, Tony Abbatine and Michelle Smith is January 21st at Sheraton Airport Hotel, Portland. All VGSA coaches are invited to attend.

Field use-

- Practice Fields
Maura will contact district. Also, for older teams, it was decided that practice times will be good until the end of June. Then new practice time will need to be agreed on.
- It is obvious that individuals have been using VGSA fields for lessons. Private lessons are not allowed on the fields without a contract and fee.

Next meeting January 9, 2018

