

VGSA Board Meeting- January 10, 2017

Financial Report

- December had \$1,047 in income including a \$500 cash sponsorship from Dick's Sporting Goods
- Transferred \$3K to money market account to make up for what was used in 2015.

Doug recommends the bag dirt proposal and the red rock which totals \$10,700. Board agreed and based on the vote made in December it will be ordered in the next few weeks. Maura is going to ask Columbia River to cover some of the upcoming expenses for new pitching rubbers, bases and possibly the new dirt.

Registration Report

133 players registered as of 1/10/17. We expect ten 10u teams, eight 12u teams and three 14u teams. Younger teams are unknown at this time since they generally sign up in February. Flyers have been distributed at all Vancouver Schools to boost registration and signs placed around the city. We will also start Facebook ads in a few weeks.

Old Business

- Field lips - We found a landscaper to donate their time to repair the lips – J's Landscaping. They will want to do this end of Jan or early February once the weather gets better.
- Still need formal quote to repair fences.
- New signs for the complex rules have been ordered and will be ready in a week.

New Business

- Secured Brainless Tee's to print t-shirts for tournaments and create an online store. Cyndi estimates VGSA will make \$1,500 on shirt sales this year with this agreement.
- Maura and Doug met with Parks and Rec to learn more about our property lease and discovered that it needs to be updated. Also discussed VGSA renting fields to non league teams and it is not an issue with the county. We just can't allow another organization take control over the space. Maura also asked about lightening in the parking lot and requested that it be upgraded to ensure safety of our board and members.
- The Park and Rec department approved our plan to build a batting cage within our fence lines if we ever raised enough funds. They also told us about grants that could be available to VGSA in the future for field upgrades. We missed the deadline this year but have the information for next year.
- Tournament Director training has been scheduled for Jan 22nd at 4 pm. All new TD's will meet with Nikki Meler to learn how to use the tournament registration system and manage the events.
- We need to inventory trophies on hand and recycle them for this season.
- All board members need to solicit at least 5 sponsors this month to raise funds.

- Hall of Fame award recipients will be announced this week. Scott Smith, Kim Anthony and Founders – Chuck Bell, Ralph Frame, Ike Vilhauer and Faye Sanders.
- Dan Gruenberg resigned his VP position due to lack of time. We will announce nomination in February with the election to be held at the March board meeting.
- Maura and Lori went to the Sports Council meeting last week. It was a good introduction to all the area sports organizations and we got commitment to retain all of our school fields this season plus we picked up one more night at Ft. Vancouver.
- Discussed the need more practice field options since we are expecting a high number of older teams. Will check with Prairie fields on availability and local churches.
- Rick Kincaid's memorial bench will be installed during the memorial tournament. All funds to purchase this bench were raised by the family during the memorial service.
- Cyndi applied for a grant with the Community Foundation of SW Washington for \$5,000 to be applied to the cost of the new dirt we will install. Will know in 30 days if we were approved.

Actions Items:

- We need to remove former board members like Todd Marquiss off our bank accounts and add new Officers.
- Plan the player clinics
- Announce the open VP position
- Update constitution and by-laws
- Sign new lease with the county.