

Meeting Minutes February 4, 2024

Board Members Present:

Frank Vollmer
Philip Erwin
Jessica Snyder
Katie McFerrin
Bethany Walker
Melissa Ammons
Ryan Petersen
Jared Lenior
Tashunda Lelievre
Kelli Quick
Justin Grider

Guests Present:

Bob Wells

- Meeting Opens at 5pm
- District Presidents Meeting (Scheduler Meeting) is next week, Sunday February 11 @ 2:30 in DeFuniak
- District Dues will also be known next week. We are expecting to pay somewhere between \$2k-\$3k
- There are 3 ball fields in our district that can hold the majors state tournament. Freeport, DeFuniak and Shalimar. Shalimar is most likely out of the running (no interest).
- If we would host the state tournament we would not host the district tournament.
- The state tournament would be 3 days (Fri,Sat,Sun) at the end of June. And use 2 fields.
- Our responsibilities would be field maintenance, concessions and catering to district reps and umpires.
- 12 teams will play in this tournament.
- Light update:
 - Lights are still not hung.
 - One of the light poles is loose in the concrete and may cause a further delay.
- Tee Ball Opening Day will need to be moved to fields 4 & 5. Tashunda and Jess will clean the concession stand down that way on tuesday.
- We may need to purchase 1-2 6" mounds. These run about \$2,000 each.

- Bob suggested maybe looking into the 2 piece mounds as they are lighter and easier to store.
- Scoreboard routers are going to be purchased so parents can operate the score boards via Bluetooth from the stands. These cost \$500 per field, and will be purchased for fields 1-3.
- Waitlist is enabled for every team. Tee Ball registration is closed for the season.
- Frank will create a schedule for “board member on duty”. To ensure an impartial party is always present at the fields.
- January Financials:
 - January 2024 Financial Statement
 - Complete Financial Golf Outing breakdown will be on the February statement.
 - Bows have yet to be purchased however price is listed to give a well rounded idea of uniform costs.
- Frank added outstanding expenses will be:
 - Umpires \$8k-\$12k
 - Balls
 - Banners
 - District Fees \$2k-\$3k
 - Medals (\$600 credit for Bay Area Awards)
- Concession vent/hood will be cleaned 2/6 at 11am. The cost is around \$350
- Philip is logging all banners and signs in the shed. We are missing a bunch from last spring.
- Kelli sent in tee ball banner info to signarama last week, she will call Monday for an update.
- Field Banners sent, should be ready for approval to print Monday. Frank asked to remove field numbers.
- Signarama may also be interested in a sponsorship for credit. Their prices are \$129 for the small sponsor banner and \$149 for the big field banners.
- Google Drive is new as of last year. We are still learning to use it and find the best way to organize it. Before the drive nothing was logged digitally and passed on.
- Kelli put together a flyer for a fundraising night to present to local restaurants.
- New batters eyes and backstop screens were ordered. The older ones were all ripped up.
- Pearson was out sick but Bethany gave a run down of the Golf Outing.
 - We paid out:
 - \$3,785 to the golf course for golf, lunch, and rentals.
 - \$360 in hole sponsorship signs
 - \$41.58 in Venmo Fees

- We brought in:
 - \$1700 in hole sponsors
 - \$7,200 in team registration fees
 - \$268 50/50 scramble
 - \$215 Green In Regulation #3
 - \$930 in Raffle Basket Tickets
 - \$980 Mulligans
 - \$101 Practice Putting
- Total Profit Made \$7,207.42
- Melissa wants a list of everyone who donated prizes and their estimated value. We need to claim this as income and put on year end statements. We need to also find the list from 2023 Park Day.
- She is also going to try and pull a report of what Kona Ice donated to us in 2023.
- Tee Ball had their team mom meeting this past thursday.
- Picture Day for tee ball is 2/8 at heritage church. Schedule is on FB
- Tee Ball Opening Day Schedule will be:
 - Parade line up 9am
 - Parade begins at 9:30
 - Opening Ceremonies to follow
 - Games at 10:30, 11:30 and 12:30
- Concessions will be open along with Bluebell Bakery and Kona Ice.
- Tell Red to have field raked before 8am
- Board members arrive at 8am
- We still need someone to read the Little League Pledge (kids?) and someone to sing the national anthem.
- Eddie Feris will be in attendance as well as some city employees. Mayor Russ and the Freeport Queens will judge banners.
- Uniforms for tee ball should be ready Monday, Philip will stop and hopefully pick up. He will distribute them asap.
- Tashunda will check with Shot in Focus on division banners we were to receive last year.
- Jess gave Tashunda a check for \$200 for Heritage Church to hold in case of damages. They won't cash it unless we cause damage, Shot in Focus also gave a copy of their insurance.
- We may need to temporarily hang tee ball sponsor banners on fields 4 & 5 for opening day.
- Pool play moving list is to be added to the website so parents can check and see if their child may get called up. Frank suggested putting eligible minor kp players on majors list as well. Petersen and Melissa will work on this.

- 50/70 team is still in the works. They need 2 more players but have a coach and sponsor. Hopefully this team will play in the regular season. If not they will play Juniors.
- Our umpires are mostly high school baseball players. We need some other umpires to fill in when these kids can't be here.
- The major softball schedule is waiting for the middle school schedule to be released and will work around that.
- Schedule Update:
 - 164 games
 - 145 home games
 - 22 tournament games
 - 50/70 would have 9 Saturday games
 - MP, KP & Maj 4-5 Saturday games
 - Practices Mon-Thurs, 1 per week
 - MP Softball will get the early slot
 - KP BB always on field 3
- Fields 1, 2, & 3 are all regulation size Little League fields. Majors will play games on these fields also. Mp can play on any field.
- Interleague games will be given our schedule and told to pick an open slot. MP & KP Baseball will not need to interleague. (unless they want)
- Park Day all teams will be in Freeport.
- Preseason practice is 1 weekday, 1 saturday.
- If you want to switch any practices or request extra practices fill out the form and Justin will get back to you.
- Practices are canceled for Tee Ball opening day and Saturday the 24th so everyone can attend the clinic.
- No Friday/Saturday practices scheduled during the season.
- 10 games are regular season 2 are in-house tournaments.
- To maximize concession sales game nights will be packed on Tuesdays, Thursdays and saturdays.
- Baseball, Softball, Coach and Umpire Clinic will be held on February 24 from 10am-2pm. All coaches and umpires are encouraged to attend.
- There are currently 42 baseball players and 15 softball players signed up.
- Little League night at the High School is April 11. No games will be scheduled that night.
- We added 8-10 uniforms for new additions, another belt/sock order will also go in.
- We agreed the quote for coaches, board, fundraiser shirts was too high. Philip will shop around for better prices. (Coaches shirts were ordered through AAU.)
- Equipment update is Philip organized the shed and threw out more junk.

- We gave each team 24 balls for practice.
- We will also allow each team to give out 1 game ball each per game. Umpires will take 3 new balls each game, give 1 to each coach and add the 3rd to the practice ball bin for next season.
- 2 Machines have been re-mounted and balanced by a tire shop.
- Volunteer Update:
 - Baseball 59 Volunteers, 47 ready to go.
 - Softball 18 Volunteers, 12 good to go.
 - Tee Ball 51 Volunteers, 42 ready to go.
- VP's will press coaches and assistants to get their requirements done this week!
- Team Mom meeting will be pushed back due to practices being pushed back. To give coaches a chance to fill the role if they don't have one.
- Meeting Ajoined at 7:10 pm
- (Some members went to check out concessions until 7:40pm)