

Powell American Legion Baseball Board Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2020 @ Powell American Legion Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Board Members Present: Jeremy Love, Lin Bashford, Mike McIntosh, Joelynn Nordeen, Heath Worstell, Corey Ostermiller, Cayde O'Brien, Tammy Payne, Jill Queen, Trent Greenwald.

Coaches Present: Joe Cates, Colby Stenerson, Tyler England

Visitors in Attendance: Tim Miller and Frank with the American Legion.

Discussed Fencing options with Tim Miller from City Parks Dept. Mike McIntosh has talked with Mark @ SWI and will get back with him to discuss options/pricing. Tim mentioned that the city owns the fence, so if changed, the Board will be responsible. Miller mentioned previous back-stop issues between the City and Legion Board regarding responsibility for upkeep. Discussed admission options for State Tournament. Possible closing off of street access near the fields. Past temporary-fence options were not recommended due to injury of one person at a previous tournament/event.

Banners this year will be a light-weight mesh as opposed to a heavy canvas material.

Other points discussed with Tim Miller were wind issues with the posts, color pattern options; slats vs. mesh, Babe Ruth field fencing and batter's eye. The City will provide paint to finish painting the grandstands, previously primed by the Solberg family. Option to bring in outhouses for State Tournament.

Grand stand covers have not worked in the past for shade-cover over grandstands due to the direction of the sun.

Mike McIntosh will meet with Tim Miller and SWI concerning fencing options moving forward.

Corey Ostermiller motioned to approve meeting minutes from previous two meetings on December 8, 2019 and January 2, 2020. Heath Worstell 2nd. Approved.

Joelynn Nordeen re-entered treasurers report information from last season into new software. Will have a comparison report for this year's budget for next meeting. The Board will go over necessary expenses and optional expenses. Need to go over line-items including the change in umpire fees and the raise in coaches' salary. Possible raise in travel budget proposed by Joe Cates. Board will go over line-item budget as we progress through the season at each meeting.

Went over the 2020 Taco Dinner fundraiser. Made approximately \$36,000 in 2019. Ostermiller is organizing the Taco Dinner and Gun Raffle time-frame and agenda. Will update

members/players soon to get tickets sold. Rocky Mountain Sports is recommending a 20-gun raffle. Brandon Asay, FFL is an alternative option to talk to regarding the raffle/guns.

Jeremy Love spoke with Folcher @ Powell Golf Course who mentioned a possible different time-frame for the golf tournament fundraiser and getting information about the event out to the community. Tentative date for the 2020 golf tournament is August 29th. Possible alternate date July 11-12th, depending on the golf course schedule.

Cayde proposed a possible trap-shoot fundraiser.

Discussed incentives for player fundraising efforts. Every \$100 sold beyond the \$1000 player fundraising goal will receive a ticket to enter into a prize draw. Additional incentives include a \$500 cash prize for \$5000 raised; \$750 cash prize for \$7,500 raised; and \$1000 cash prize for \$10,000 raised. Anything raised for this season applies to this year's dues only and cannot be carried over into next year's season.

Cayde contacted Cody Beers with suggestions on adding an umpire to the Powell Legion Baseball Board. Trent Greenwald motioned to have Mike Showalter added to the Board as an at-large member. Mike McIntosh seconded. Passed.

At-large member duties may be added to the by-laws if needed.

Coaches contracts have been updated as discussed at last meeting. Will get contracts finalized, issued, and signed by next meeting.

Cates offered option to have Board or other coaches input on game scheduling or approval in contracts. Board requested majority of scheduling remain with coaches.

Coaches for this season: Joe Cates, Tyler England, Colby Stenerson, and Tyler Feller. Ryan Brown is a possible option. Jason Borders rejected the offer made to him for a position this year. Looking for other possible coaches to fill open positions.

Fleet report. Mike McIntosh has stored the vehicles on his property. Can change insurance to Liability. Players need to clean out bus before the season. 4-wheeler needs repaired. McIntosh will meet with Cates regarding 4-wheeler. Other repairs discussed were the Van sliding door and AC, the handicap door on the bus and professional tire-check/replacement on all vehicles. Initial proposed budget for vehicles this season will be set at \$6,500.

Ostermiller has list of tickets sold/fundraising amounts for all players. Bird Raffle tickets are due January 17th. Joelynn is also tracking fundraising amounts. Winner of bird raffle will be drawn on Facebook Live.

A conflict in scheduling came up with a soccer tournament in Green River the same day as the Taco Dinner, scheduled for March 28th, 2020. Organization options for this year's event were discussed including sub-committees and a work session. Corey Ostermiller will be in contact

with board members regarding planning. Merchandise (hats/shirts) will need to be ordered as soon as possible and ready to sell.

Cayde received prices on banners from Rovina. Mesh banners-full color, 4' x 8' are \$171. UPS Store gave prices for similar banners \$95 plus shipping/outsourced. Billings - \$124, 4' x 8' plus shipping. Will go with local companies whenever possible.

Concessions report. 2019 concession stands revenue was \$2,500. Jeremy Love proposed two ideas on concession set-up for 2020. Possible local organizations splitting 50/50 profit with organization volunteers or parent volunteers working.

A volunteer has offered to work concessions for all possible games when available, offering their time whenever possible. Players working concessions was considered if players are available, for example A-team players working C-team tournament, etc..

Bringing food trucks in was suggested by Jeremy for the State tournament, in conjunction with the street-closure option. Will discuss further regarding availability of local food trucks during that week.

Cates emphasized parent involvement in keeping concessions open during games. The board agreed on the option of keeping one concession open for 'meals' during double-game nights with the other being open for drinks/snacks optional. Jeremy will report back on new ideas and info by next meeting.

Board members will go over by-laws and Cayde will have official set of updated Powell Legion Baseball by-laws for the next meeting to be set in force and adopted.

Received sample merchandise from Vision West to approve and decide on with sizing options and pricing for men, women, and children's apparel.

Greenwald will coordinate with Joe Cates on a day that his company can fulfill their volunteer work-day in mid-April or late-April. Joe will coordinate with SWI and Mike McIntosh to update fencing/slats.

Cayde discussed rates for an umpire scheduler for games. Payment options need to be discussed with Joe Gardner. Corey Ostermiller will get more information about umpire rates/payments with Nevin.

Lin Bashford will report back on the possibility of the Legion covering costs of team jerseys before Joe meets with Park County Rec. Team jerseys cost \$700+

Discussed a request for refund on two players who are signed up, fundraised. Contacted coaches for refund after scheduling conflict for the 2020 season. Board discussed a need to clear up refund clause on signup-forms moving forward. McIntosh motioned to issue refund of \$300 (\$150/each) for two players with scheduling conflict. Heath seconded. Passed. Players/parents will be notified that continued practice at the Westerholt facility will no longer be covered under Legion Insurance if issued refund for the 2020 season.

All Legion baseball players will need to have their sign-up forms turned in and registration (\$150) paid before attending indoor practices.

England went over a proposal to borrow the Legion C uniforms to distribute to 14U players attending the Las Vegas Tournament in April. Will refund or replace all damaged equipment not returned from the event.

Joelynn issuing check for Westerholt Facility rental

Ostermiller will work on tickets/posters for the Taco Dinner Raffle tickets and Gun Raffle options.

Next meeting scheduled for February 9th, 2020.

O'Brien motioned to adjourn. Ostermiller seconded. Meeting ended 8:03pm