

Powell American Legion Baseball Board Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2020 @ American Legion Hall, Powell WY

Members present: Jeremy Love, Cathy Love, Caiti Bieber, Tammy Payne, Trent Greenwald, Lin Bashford, Corey Ostermiller, Cayde O'Brien, Heath Worstell

Coaches Present: Tyler England, Joe Cates

Start time: 6:35pm

Cayde reported that Vision West sales are still pending coming in from last year's shirt sales at State.

Trailer options were discussed for the upcoming season; there was an option to purchase a trailer in Cody but it was already sold. Cayde will keep updated on other options that come up.

Approval of the minutes from the last meeting on November 8th. Cathy motioned. Trent 2nd. approved.

Russ wasn't able to attend to go over the Treasurer's Report. More sign up forms and payments were turned in to Joe. Gave forms and payment to Tammy.

Joe Cates reported back on the State meeting held in Casper that he attended with Tyler England. Discussed the rules for coaches training and background check requirements. Keegan Brown has shown interest in filling the B-Assistant position.

There is a AA & AAA umpire training clinic in Douglas on January 24th. \$70

Joe went over the calendar and scheduling conflicts for 2021. There is an All-Star game scheduled during State tournament- August 7th in Casper for juniors and seniors.

State winners go to Alaska - Fee \$13,500.

Rosters are due June 1st

A-District - Lovell - July 16-18

A-State - Cheyenne - July 24-28

B-State - Gillette - July 15-19

C-State - Rock Springs - July 15-19

Possible no-cell phone policy; only iPad or designated parent (gamechanger)

Joe is working on getting the number of games up from last year. Powell and Torrington are the only scheduled C-tournaments as of now. Torrington tournament conflicts with the Celebrities Against Cancer event. Will prioritize sending C-Team to the tournament.

June 4-6th - Joe has penciled in for the C-Tournament in Powell. Will schedule A-Tournament away on those dates, and have B-team available to help.

Possible 2 C-Tournaments or play Basin area teams more often. 5 teams are committed to the C-Tournament in Powell. Billings teams have to travel here to play.

Cayde discussed insurance issues with playing out of state or Billings teams. Moving forward, would like to keep the same insurance as last year if Cody Beers approves. Wyoming Legion may require all teams to have the same insurance if American Legion Baseball is not shut down (as in 2020). Another option would be to add a separate insurance policy for teams to play games in Billings.

Tyler mentioned a possible tournament option to play in Billings. 14U1 - April 9th-11th. \$450, 3 game guarantee. If approved, would like to add 4+ tournaments to the schedule, budget allowing. Cayde suggested getting as many games, tournaments, travel in as possible to make up for 2020's lack of travel/games.

Indoor practices will begin in January, 6th 2021.

New rules for bats: will use the standard rules as of now - possibly including the new rule on banning white bats.

Cates went over the B & C team rules that were discussed at the State meeting. A, B, C will use the same rulebook this year. Cayde mentioned the confusion with a lack of set rules laid out last year. We will need to get all clear guidelines up on the website to make it clear to the parents moving forward.

Parent volunteering: The board discussed ways to increase parent involvement and volunteering during games and tournaments. Emphasis and ideas need to be made on getting new and existing parents to sign up for work; concessions, scoreboard, field maintenance, etc..

Cayde went over coaches salaries, keeping them the same as 2020. 2 coaches will attend each indoor practice held in the winter, with an advancement in pay; dates will be determined.

Tyler England mentioned having 5 coaches as opposed to 6 and how that would work out. Joe went over Keegan Brown's background and why he would be a good fit for the B-Assistant position. Colin Queen was mentioned but may have a scheduling conflict with work/college.

C-Team communication: Discussed that Parents of C-Team players need better communication this year. There needs to be a coaches meeting with new players & parents to go over expectations and the transition from little league to legion. The C-team also needs to be more included with the whole program with the B and A teams. Tyler Feller will need to attend the board meetings occasionally.

Joe estimated the following numbers for 2021 teams as of December:

C-Roster 13-14

B-Roster 8-9

A-Roster 10-11

Approx. 35 players

Fundraising Updates: Corey discussed the gun raffle and getting guns through Brandon; same as last year. Went over the number of guns and availability right now. Ammo, as mentioned last meeting may not be an option to add to the raffle due to availability. Heath has backup options to get guns if needed.

Corey presented the idea of having a fundraiser through FanAngel. No upfront costs, 9.8% commission to the company, online email options to get donations from out-of-town family & friends - social media and video options. Corey mentioned having good feedback about the fundraiser and will provide more information. Heath motioned to use FanAngel for one of the fundraisers in the 2021 season. Cathy 2nd. passed.

Cayde talked about the need to send out letters to past donation sponsors. Trent will get the left-over stickers to Cayde to send out with thank you cards. Heath suggested having the players that sold Banner sponsorships deliver thank you cards & t-shirts personally. Diamond Club t-shirts will need to be ordered earlier this year.

The board discussed continuing the Taco Dinner fundraiser after getting the other fundraisers going. Tabled until next meeting. Lin will find out when Polestar has their taco dinner scheduled.

New Business: Joe went over new items to purchase. 2 new A-team jerseys, Line-drive Pro/practice gear- approx \$35, weighted balls - \$5/each x 7. Heath set a motion to allow Joe to purchase practice supplies and jerseys/items totaling no more than \$500. Cathy 2nd. Passed.

Will need to order practice jerseys and hats by the end of January.

Caiti motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cathy 2nd. Meeting ended at 8:30pm

Next meeting will be January 10th, 2021 @ 6:30 - American Legion Hall

Fleet Report from Mike via email: no worries with the fleet though but probably new tags and insurance cards is the only thing we'll need after the first of the year.