

## **Powell American Legion Baseball Board Meeting Minutes**

*January 10, 2021 @ American Legion Hall, Powell WY*

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

Coaches Present: Joe Cates, Tyler Feller

Meeting start time: 6:35pm

Went over the minutes from the last meeting in December. Heath motioned to approve the minutes, Trent seconded. Approval of the meeting minutes passed.

Treasurer's Report: Russ discussed transferring over from Joelyn regarding bank cards and accounts. Cards can be made for coaches if needed. Discussed getting a bank card for either Cayde or Heath to have on-hand for purchases; deciding on Heath to have the extra card. Board approved of Heath having a bank card for purchases. Offered to get Tyler Feller a bank card as well. Russ needs the minutes from this meeting and the last for bank approval.

19 kids have paid registration fees. Vision West has paid what they owed for t-shirt sales from last State tournament. Russ reported that the program's books have been reconciled for 2020.

Discussion of accountants to use moving forward. Have used Secman in the past; will look into using Stine/Buss/Wolff – (Reanne Wolff here in Powell) to do the tax work.

Russ created a new email address to keep all correspondence with the board in one place for reference: [pioneerbaseball26@outlook.com](mailto:pioneerbaseball26@outlook.com) The user name and password is available for members. Russ will use this new email address with the Quickbooks account.

Russ announced fundraising money the program has been receiving from Frontstream, a donation-based program. They have been giving the Pioneers \$520/year through UPS and Derrick Solberg. The board agreed, as we were unaware of this fundraising coming from the Solberg's, that the money coming in from Frontstream will go towards the Solberg's yearly fundraising amount. Russ changed the administration for this account to his name to keep up with it.

FanAngel is a go. It was set up through Stripe, attached to a debit card instead of a checking account for security reasons.

\$25 to the Secretary of State is due March 1<sup>st</sup>. Team insurance is due May 12<sup>th</sup> when the Sadler insurance expires. Needs renewed or a new policy purchased through requirements made by Wyoming Legion Baseball.

Tournament Budget: more travel scheduled for 2021 including A-State in Cheyenne. The board/Russ estimated that the average cost of team travel is \$3000/tournament. 4-day tournaments are approx. \$4000 or \$1000/day on average with 4-kids/room. Will go over a possible budget at next month's meeting for tournament schedules.

Coaches Report: Joe went over the player counts. Three new players from New Jersey for an estimated total of 42 players. Schedule is coming along, trying to contact Mike in Lovell to confirm some dates and finalize. Waiting to hear from coaches for Lovell/Riverton B & C teams. Powell/Cody B & C discussion. The first practice will be Monday, Jan 11, coaches/players/parents meeting, going over team unity, mental and physical effort, communication, schedules and signing up for practice groups for the indoor facility. Ryan Brown mentioned being able to attend indoor practices on Mondays, alternating coaches throughout the week so all coaches can get to know all of the players. Indoor mask mandate rules will be posted at the Westerholt facility that we must comply with.

Nate Black from SewMuchMore/S.E.W contacted us interested in supplying hoodies and/or gear at the Taco Dinner once it is planned.

Coaches contracts will go out; same as 2020, Cayde will deliver to practice on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Possible Coaches: Keegan Brown, previously discussed as B-team assistant. Cates discussed another coach to fill the last vacant spot as C-team assistant. Xavier Wanalock was a previous player, knows Tyler Feller, played for Joe four years ago. Will need to meet with the board and have board approval before signing on.

Fundraising: Went over all fundraising options including the commissioners tag that was offered through Dave Rael. The board will gift the Rael's with possible Diamond Club sponsorship and/or custom team jackets or gear. Discussed the pros and cons of cancelling the gun-affle this year, deciding on trying to move forward with it with guns from Murdoch's. Heath made a list of gun options and discussed prices and deals with staff at Murdoch's and went over the options with the board. Average of \$550-\$600 per gun with possible ammunition thrown in if available. Murdoch's will have guns available for winners, but have the option of a gift card exchange for equivalent amount. Made a note that no hand-gun transfers out-of-state. Caiti Beiber motioned to secure \$5000 for guns from Murdoch's on Heath's list for the future gun raffle. Russ seconded. Motion passed.

Bird Hunt raffle discussion. Cayde will touch base with Corey regarding the Bird Hunt raffle; depending on the Rael's willing to let winners hunt in the Fall, decision will be made to move forward with this fundraiser or not.

Discussion was made about the number of fundraisers and not wanting to over extend the community support., the timeline for all fundraisers and overlapping fundraisers. Regulations for health orders were brought up regarding the Taco Dinner event. The board discussed having the event at the Fair Grounds indoor OR outdoor facility as well as a possible event at the baseball fields. Possible May 1<sup>st</sup> date for the Taco Dinner. Discussed possible alcohol permit for either location with an open-house style dinner/silent auction/live auction. Russ mentioned

the fairgrounds costing around \$300/day, possibly cheaper to use the outdoor venue. Lin will check into using the liquor permit through Legion. Cayde will look into the fairground rental for May 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you cards and forms to sign up for banners again this year will be made for all of last year's sponsors.

2021 fundraisers being offered to players this year:

Community tag

Gun raffle

FanAngel

Bird Hunt Raffle

Banner sponsorships

+ Community Grant application per Cayde, pending approval.

Mike McIntosh update: bought solar battery chargers and Heath will get new insurance cards to him.

February 7<sup>th</sup> tentative date for the next meeting @ 6:30.

Meeting ended: 8pm