



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 9, 2019, documented by Paul Berlin.

Jim O'Dette (Secretary) was unable to attend on 12/9/19

Meeting was called to order by Paul Berlin at 7:00 pm, motion to begin Jim Lis, 2nd by Jamie Brown.

Attendees:

X	Paul Berlin (President)	X	Wade Welch (VP)	X	Bob Naselli (Treasurer)
A	Jim O'Dette (Secretary)		Open (Shetland)	X	Brett Stephen (Maverick)
X	Jessica Sutton (Pinto)	X	Jason Reich (Pinto)	X	Andrew LaPointe (Mustang)
X	Robert Bragg (Bronco)	X	Jim Lis (Pony)	X	Rick Roesing (Colt/Pal)
X	Mike Olson (Travel)	X	Ryan Santry (PT Travel)	X	Jamie Brown (Umpires)
X	Stacey Borelli (Uniforms)	X	Carrie Pintar (Sponsors)	A	Jen Combs (Concessions)
X	Don Strom (Fields)	A	Tim Kundinger (Fields)	X	Jay Samas (Tournaments)
A	Dan Jurka (Equipment)	A	Brian Bonnema (Marketing)	X	Vince Fiore (Activity)
X	Brian Baechtold (Registration)	A	Corey Fookes (Website)		

I. Financial (Naselli)

a. Income & Expense report

- i. Healthy balance in main checking.
- ii. Not much recent activity – Typical for this time of year.
- iii. Upcoming large payments for the Field Renovations, New Field Maintenance Equipment, and Lightning Detector will all be paid in full.

II. New Business

- i. In-house Manager Nomination discussion
 1. Full list of nominees due at January board meeting from the division VPs.
- ii. PT travel Manager nominations
 1. All nominees were confirmed. Positions were uncontested. 9U Managers position remains open – need to find a volunteer asap.



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New managers names and contact info will be posted to the website. – Action by Paul Berlin / Corey Fookes

- iii. In-house Evaluations and PT tryouts dates and times confirmed?
 1. Wade Welsh proposed times and they were accepted. Email blast and Social Media post will be sent and the times will be published on the website. – Action by Paul Berlin / Corey Fookes
- iv. Memorial Day participation terms
 1. Motion made by Jay Samas; No longer mandatory for all Rebels Full Time teams to participate. However, at least one (1) team from each division shall participate. In the event that no teams volunteer (very unlikely and should not happen), the senior “legacy” team shall participate.
Board voted to approve this motion.
 2. Travel rules will be updated to reflect this change, and the changes approved in the November meeting regarding tournaments and team funding / budgets. Rules document will be revised and posted to the website – Action by Paul Berlin
- v. Shetland VP needed
 1. Darrin Contreras resigned his board position for personal reasons. A new Shetland VP is needed. The executive officers will fill the duties until a replacement can be found.
- vi. Draft night / February 19th
 1. Berlin to confirm with the Legion
 2. O’Dette to order pizzas
- vii. Background checks for board members
 1. Background check updates are required for all board members.
 2. Background check updates will also be initiated for Full and Part time travel managers. – Action by Paul Berlin and Jim O’Dette
- viii. Fundraisers
 1. Brian Bonnema provided an email update.
 - a. Looking into options and costs for a Casino night or Bingo Night.
 - b. Finalists for Fundraiser Cause are Dugout Renovations and New Netting or Backstops for the quad.
 - c. Action – Paul Berlin to procure pricing for Dugouts, Jim O’Dette to procure pricing for netting / backstops.
- ix. Activity options
 1. Discussed an All-Star day early May to take advantage of nice weather. Action – Vince Fiore to work on details for a later board meeting.



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2. Discussed using an online application for booking and management of volunteer opportunities and volunteers' commitments. – Action Vince Fiore will research and propose one at the January board meeting.
3. Vince needs a list of all of the existing Volunteer opportunities so that we can organize and expand. Also provide any ideas for new opportunities. We want to expand the ways people can help and earn back their \$50 activity fee. – Action Don Strom, Jenn Combs, Jay Samas, Jim O'Dette

III. Area Updates

- a. **Activity (Fiore)** – See Activity Options section above.
- b. **Fields (Strom/Kunding)** –
 - i. Field renovations are complete. Sportsfield will be back in March to touch up and final grade where required.
 - ii. Don is looking to sell the Toro. It will be replaced by a new Smithco, which is better for maintaining the new mustang red fields.
- c. **Equipment (Jurka)** – No updates. VPs need to make sure all equipment bags have been returned.
- d. **Uniforms (Borelli)** – Working with Sports Huddle on an online store for a possible fundraiser during evaluations and PT tryouts, etc.
- e. **Umpires & Safety (Brown)** – No outstanding umpires fees. Jamie will reach out to ask about the future of the league umpires contract to ensure stability. Current relationship has been good, and we'd like to continue.
- f. **Sponsors (Pintar)** – Last year's sponsors have been contacted and relationships transitioning from O'Dette to Pintar.
- g. **Web (Fookes)** – No Update.
- h. **Marketing (Bonnema)** – Provided email update, see new business section above.
- i. **Concession (Combs)** – No Update. Concession stand is closed up for the winter.
- j. **Tournaments (Samas)** – Memorial Day tournament update – Registration is strong in most divisions. Need more teams for 8U and 9U.
- k. **Registration (Baechtold)** –
 - i. Registration is opened / Update on numbers – Numbers are ahead of last year but are generally as expected. Big pick-up is expected as we approach January.
 - ii. Need Full Time travel coaches to remind parents to sign up
 - iii. Jim O'Dette contacted the Patch and registration info is on website
- l. **Travel (Olson)** – No news.
- m. **PT Travel (Santry)** – Ryan will organize PT Travel tryouts with the new managers. Need a 9U manager.



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n. **Division VP's** –

- i. Rick Roesing (VP of Colt/Pal) requested Sunday night games for 2020. President Berlin looking into Sunday night rules related to lights being on.
 - a. Findings – need to submit a special request to New Lenox Park district for Sunday night light usage.
 - b. Once Rick knows what dates would be useful for planning, we will create and submit a request.

Old Business:

o. Thor guard Update (Lightning Detector) –

- i. PO was placed, and hardware has been shipped. Need to schedule installation, commissioning, and training after receipt.
 1. Thorguard Hardware has been received and is in the gator shed.
 2. Waiting to hear from vendor on installation and commissioning date(s) – it will be in March 2020.
 3. Park district has added provisions for lightning detector to the governing rules set. We will need to provide an organizational policy regarding the Thorguard. We will create this document after we learn more from the vendor and have the knowledge to write it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM, by Jamie Brown, Second by Brian Baechtold.