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Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, March 29, 2017 - 7:00 PM  
The Ball Room – 112 East Cook St., Portage, WI 53901  
**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:** Connie Wampler, Chad Edwards, Mark Witt, Chris Brom, Rod Przybyl, Joe Woodhouse, Troy Simonson, Jason Krockner, Tracie Kayartz

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** None

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- 1) Call to Order: President called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
  - a) Attendance - Wampler, Edwards, Witt, Brom, Kayartz, Krockner, Przybyl, Simonson, Woodhouse
- 2) Review of February 15, 2017 Minutes (approval): Motion: WITT Second: KROCKER Objections: NONE
- 3) Coaching Clinic Results / Recommendations / Clarifications: (Connie)
  - a) ATTENDEES
    - i) Tim Kratz, David Bolgrien, Tara Seiler, Mark Witt, Mark Fahey, Jen Teela, Matt Holtan, Danielle Rabl, Troy Simonson, Philip Cambron, Loralee Cambron, Amanda Kemp, Brad Kemp, Chris Brom, Rod Przybyl, Ryan Drost, Katie Dolato, Joe Woodhouse
  - b) DISCUSSION:
    - i) "Parent Helpers" were deemed not necessary to attend the coaching clinic if those individuals would not be providing any coaching instruction to the players.
    - ii) Suggestion made to hold the mandatory coaching clinics in January and February for future seasons; prior to assigning head coaches.
- 4) Athlete Registration Numbers & Discussion
  - a) ROOKIES: 20-22 athletes. Registration extended until 11:59 on 4/6/2017.
  - b) 10U: 18 athletes. Registration Closed. Will act as one team for purposes of practice but will submit 2 teams to the Col/Sauk League. Mark Fahey and Chris Brom will Head Coach each team, and will work together to coordinate bringing additional players from the opposite teams' roster to allow as many game opportunities as possible for the group. Most likely "Pride" players will be asked to fill in from the non-playing teams to the playing teams to assure there are enough players at each game.
  - c) 12U: 27 athletes. Registration Closed. Two teams but will hold joint practices.
  - d) 14U: 29 athletes. Registration Closed. Two teams but will hold joint practices.
  - e) 16/18U: 17 athletes. Registration Open until 11:59 on 5/5/2017.
  - f) 10U Pride: 9 athletes. Chris & Joe will try to recruit a few more players from the rec league.
  - g) 12U Pride: 10 athletes. Rod will be recruiting one or two more players from the rec league.
  - h) 14U Pride: 13 athletes. Sufficient number for a team. No additions anticipated.
- 5) Athlete Advancement



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- a) After discussion by the board it was determined to be in the best interest of the athletes and the organization to keep all athletes at the age level they should be in based on the participation requirements of the league.
  - i) Pride: For future Pride tryouts the coaches/organization will need to confirm ages of potential Pride players so as not to inadvertently allow a player to tryout for a higher Pride level than the level that specific player's age would be deemed eligible for in the rec league. During this season a Rookie aged player in the rec league was granted a tryout and was awarded a slot on the 10U Pride team. This created a situation where the organization was left in a situation in which there was no choice but to allow that player to move up to the 10U rec level.
- 6) Med Kits / Concussion and First Aid Training
  - a) Chris had spoken to Jim Shlimovitz about putting together First Aid Kits and doing training for both Concussion and First Aid. Jim was going to contact Mark Witt, but Mark had not heard from Jim Connie suggested all coaches and volunteers take the FREE NFHS website Concussion Course. I later confirmed that all is needed is creation of an account to get access to the Concussion Course.

It was further agreed by the Board, Head Coaches would be required to provide the information for concussion training to their team's assistants and parent helpers. The Head Coaches will be responsible for collecting the printable certificate of completion of the Concussion Course and turning those certificates in to the league prior to the first practice of the season.

The link to the course is: <http://nfhslearn.com/courses/61064/concussion-in-sports>
  - b) Chris checked MC Sports following the board meeting and they did not have First Aid Kits.
- 7) Field Availability
  - a) Jason confirmed the Park & Rec will have a final decision as to possible adult rec league dates for use of the Varsity and JV Fields by April 15, 2017. As of the time of the board meeting the Park & Rec has no teams signed up to play.
- 8) Col/Sak Rules Changes & League Meeting
  - a) Joe mentioned a few changes such as 10U league limiting pitchers to 3 innings, and for all league levels there were changes based on 8 runs in an inning and 12 runs in a game. It was not clear to me exactly what rules were specific to those run levels. Joe said he would forward notes on rule changes and would be in contact with the Baraboo Coach who was going to be updating the 2017 written rules for the Col/Sak League and forwarding to each League Member's Representative.
  - b) The Scheduling meeting for the Col/Sak League is planned for May 3, 2017.
- 9) South Central League Meeting



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- a) Scheduled at DeForest Middle School on April 26, 2017. Jason Krockner will attend and possibly Mark Witt, Chad Edwards or Troy Simonson may attend as well.
- 10) Public Attendees & Input:
  - a) No members of the public in attendance.
- 11) Finance & Registration Update (Mark)
  - a) A request was made by a mother to refund two registration fees for her two daughters whose privilege to play softball this season was revoked by the parents due to behavioral issues. The board agreed to refund half of each registration.
  - b) Mark suggested a substantial shortening of the registration period for next season might be possible as Portage Youth Baseball only gave a 10-day registration window this season.
  - c) A few more sponsors were also acknowledged.
- 12) Player Team Assignments
  - a) Coaches from each team at the same levels will work together to create as equally talented teams as possible instead of having a "draft" per se. The board agreed it was more important to develop potential talent based on teams more equally divided based on previous season performance assessments by not only the coaches of the level making their teams, but also communicating and taking into consideration information provided by a player's previous year's coach at a lower level.
  - b) Coaches need to have their team's rosters submitted to Mark Witt NO LATER than April 13, 2017 so team folders can be put together by the league for use by coaches.
- 13) Other Items:
  - a) Rod has already planned for Morgan Mills to assist with Head Coaching his team when he goes in for surgery on June 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - b) 4 tournaments have been set for 12U league and are on the website.
  - c) Connie will be setting a date for Youth Night with the Varsity Team.
  - d) Sponsor Banners will be ordered online by Mark. Mark will also be taking down the registration banners that are up at Rusch and the Middle School.
- 14) No plans made for an additional board meeting now.
- 15) Adjournment at 9:00pm:
  - a) Motion: ROD
  - b) Second: CHAD
  - c) Objections: NONE

Prepared by Chris Brom