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- k) If needed, based on registration numbers, we may need to create a Facebook ad like the one done for the apparel order last season to reach more people in the Portage area. The ad would cost roughly \$10-\$20.
- 4) Registration Fee Waivers and Compensation for Board Members and Coaches
  - a) In 2017, each board member received one free registration. Each head coach and the first assistant coach on each team received a free registration.
  - b) Portage Youth Baseball is only giving one free registration for each board member this year.
  - c) There was discussion on what waivers to offer this year for board members and coaches.
  - d) Motion to provide one free registration for each head coach per team, provide one 50% off registration for the first assistant coach on each team, and to eliminate free registrations for board members.
    - i) Motion: Katie Dolato                      Second: Troy Simonson                      Vote: 7-0
  - e) Coaches eligible for the discount will need to register and pay as normal. After the board approves their waiver, a refund will be issued for the appropriate amount.
- 5) Discussion and/or Policy for Players that Request to Move Up to an Older League
  - a) No decision will be made until all registrations are in. There currently are not enough players registered to see if this decision is needed or not. Discussion tabled until next Board Meeting.
- 6) 14U Pride Update
  - a) Current Players According to Jason Krocker as of 2/14/18: Madelyn Johnson, Kimberley Sengbusch, Vanessa Coppernoll, Meghan Reiche, Madelynne DeMarte, Grace Rabl, Sierra Krocker, Sophia Denure, and Anna Tamboli
- 7) Volunteer Update
  - a) As of 2/9/18, volunteers who have indicated an interest in coaching include: Connie Wampler, Joe Woodhouse, Mark Witt, Troy Simonson, Jason Krocker, Tami Carlson, Tara Seiler, Rod Przybyl, Katie Dolato, Jason Chilson, Danielle Pollex-Rabl, Rebecca Bolgrien, & Chris Brom. A breakdown of these volunteers was included in the agenda packet.
  - b) Felicia Meyer, a St. John's teacher, expressed interest in coaching. Mark will contact her or the school to make sure she completes the volunteer application.
  - c) Head Coach application deadline is Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 11:59 PM. The deadline can be extended if needed.
  - d) Assistant Coach application deadline is Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 11:59 PM.
  - e) If there are enough 14U girls for 2 teams, Rod Przybyl has offered to coach the second team if needed. No decision has been made on coaching staffs at this time.



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## 8) Sponsorship Update

- a) As of 2/8/18, there were 6 sponsors as shown below:
  - i) **Platinum Level (\$750+):** No Sponsors Yet
  - ii) **Gold Level (\$300+):** Divine Savior Healthcare; Rohde's Sales and Service, Inc.; Johnson Chiropractic – Portage, WI
  - iii) **Silver Level (\$150+):** Crawford Oil & Propane; Wieser Concrete Products, Inc.
  - iv) **Bronze Level (\$50):** Kari Tracey Agency, Inc.
  - v) **Family & Individual Level (\$20+):** No Sponsors Yet
- b) Rod Przybyl has provided information to many businesses as listed in the agenda packet.
- c) Letters were prepared for potential sponsors. The letters and recipients are available in the agenda packet. Most letters will be hand delivered by Board Members. Any remaining letters will be sent via mail.

## 9) Equipment Update

- a) Our Facebook Buy, Sell, & Trade group is up and running and is seeing some activity.
- b) Chris Brom currently has a post in the group. Connie Wampler will check with him to see if he has gotten any responses yet.

## 10) Uniform Update

- a) Sample uniforms are in the equipment room at John Muir for athletes to try on. Parents must email [portageyouthsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:portageyouthsoftball@gmail.com) to request a size change. Some sizes are available that are not on the registration form. The registration form will be updated accordingly.
- b) Design 1 Apparel is currently trying to sell the business, building, or both. Troy will check with them to make sure they are still willing and planning to do our uniforms and shirts.

## 11) Optional Preseason Practices and Youth Skills Clinics

- a) There was good attendance at the pitching and catching clinics.
- b) Optional Preseason Practices continue each Sunday in addition to high school open gyms. The attendance for these practices has fluctuated. Some weeks are better than others.
- c) Joe suggested holding an open registration during one of the Sunday optional preseason practices. Connie said she could check into it. No further discussion or decision was made at this time.

## 12) Payment to Jacob Witt for Technology Services

- a) It was discussed that we should/need to pay Jake for his IT help and website work. Last year was the first year we paid him for his work. The amount paid was \$150.
- b) Motion to pay Jacob Witt \$250 for technology services.
  - i) Motion: Jason Krockner                      Second: Rod Przybyl                      Vote: 8-0
- c) Joe mentioned that we could refer Jake to Lodi and other area sports organizations in getting set up with their own webpages, etc.



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## 13) Additional Items

- a) The idea of doing window stickers to raise money brought up. Information was requested from [www.carstickers.com](http://www.carstickers.com). We can 100 stickers for free and 15% off all future orders for putting a link to [www.carstickers.com](http://www.carstickers.com) on the Sponsors page of the website for at least 12 months. The 15% off benefit is valid as long as the link remains on the website.
- b) Motion to go forward with ordering 100 car stickers through [www.carstickers.com](http://www.carstickers.com) through the Nonprofit Program and sell them for \$10 each.
  - i) Motion: Tim Kratz    Second: Joe Woodhouse    Vote: 8-0
- c) We also have the option of creating a Facebook poll to seek input on the final design prior to ordering them.

## 14) Next Meeting

- a) Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 6:30 PM. Location is TBD pending sponsorships.

## 15) Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM

- a) Motion: Troy Simonson    Second: Mark Witt    Vote: 8-0

*Minutes Recorded by Secretary Katie Dolato*