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- iii) Troy Simonson received his refund as a registration credit at the beginning of the year and will not be issued a refund.
- c) Approval of Refunds for Coaches as shown in the table above.
 - i) No action taken. Approval will be postponed to next meeting.
- 5) 2018 PYS Parent Survey Results & Discussion
 - a) All head coaches were supposed to email their team parents and encourage them to complete the survey.
 - b) Events
 - i) Youth Night
 - (1) More interaction from high school girls was requested. Connie stated that it isn't really possible to make that happen as they are very busy.
 - (2) Mark Witt suggested letting the youth girls stand next to the varsity players on the field versus behind them.
 - ii) Optional Preseason Practices
 - (1) Not as many parent helpers attended this year. It was mainly Connie and Jason.
 - (2) Suggestion was made about starting it later (after Super Bowl) possibly
 - (3) Many parents said they did not get the memo on the practices.
 - (a) We will have a message sent out on Infinite Campus and will give schools paper handout reminders to send him with eligible students.
 - (4) Tara Seiler would like more practice or earlier practicing for the Pride girls. Troy suggested sharing the Admiral Baseball Building in Beaver Dam when Chad has it reserved.
 - (5) Parent meeting will be the week before the Superbowl. Practices will start the week after the Superbowl. In-person registration sessions would then be in February.
 - iii) Youth Skills Clinics
 - (1) Discussion for having youth clinics before the season starts versus during the season when HS girls can be there. There are only two weekends that would work for the HS girls to attend. Connie could possibly get gym space and time during the first weekend in April.
 - iv) High School Games
 - (1) A good number of girls attended.
 - v) Tailgate
 - (1) It went well and there was a good turnout. The plan is to keep doing it each year.
 - c) Organizational Communication
 - i) Communication was okay.
 - d) Tournament Fundraiser
 - i) Parents would rather host a tournament rather than sell fundraiser stuff.



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- ii) Head coaches and assistant coaches should not have to work shifts at tournament, so they can focus on their teams.
- iii) Mark suggested asking Tara Seiler to host the first PYS tournament.
- iv) Preferred option would be a B/C level, 12U tournament for 8 teams.
- e) Fundraising
 - i) Discussion of possibly selling cash raffle tickets. The cost would be around \$100 per ticket. PYS would keep half of the money and winner(s) would get the other half. This topic will be discussed more at the next meeting.
- f) Concession Stand
 - i) Suggestion was made for lowering pricing and adding more food options. We will need to check with Sherrill who always works the concession stand for events.
 - ii) Suggestions was made for getting popcorn from the Popcorn Corner instead of making it each day.
- g) Apparel
 - i) Discussion on whether to stay with Badger Sporting Goods for apparel orders or to change vendors. It was decided to stay with BSG. We could possibly open two rounds for ordering instead of only one.
- h) Portage Pride & Tournaments
 - i) Discussion on holding tryouts before or after the season starts. Decision was made to hold tryouts before the season.
 - ii) We could possibly contact local cities to get a solid team with enough girls.
- i) Volunteer Experiences
 - i) There were no complaints.
- j) Team Ratings & Season Summary
 - i) Rookie Team – Connie Wampler
 - (1) Connie said she saw a lot more talent and new kids working on pitching. She would like to split into groups by ability. Parents would like more “games”.
 - ii) 10U Team – Matt Holtan
 - (1) The 10U team played 6 games and finished with a 4-2 record. There was no 10U Pride team. There were many rain outs and bad re-scheduling of cancelled games. More games are possible for next year against surrounding communities.
 - iii) 12U Black Team – Connie Wampler
 - (1) The 12U Black team finished with a 7-3 record. Hitting and pitching were good. Connie liked playing doubleheaders.
 - iv) 12U Orange Team – Tara Seiler
 - (1) The 12U Orange team did not want to play doubleheaders. The team finished with a 4-7 record and had an overall good outcome. Pitching suffered a bit. There were no problems with parents.



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- v) 12U Pride Team – Tara Seiler
 - (1) Tara wants more. The team played in 3 tournaments and did well. Bunting could use improvement. Tara communicated with Connie often with questions, etc. Tara would like earlier practices, tryouts, etc.
- vi) 14U Black Team – Jason Krocker
 - (1) The 14U Black Team finished with a 10-4 record with 17 initially scheduled games. Three games were lost due to weather. The team did well and there were many improvements from last year.
- vii) 14U Orange Team – Megan Jahoda/Rod Przybyl
 - (1) The 14U Orange Team was 11-4 and division champs in the South Central Softball League. The girls enjoyed playing and made many improvements.
- viii) 14U Pride Team – Jason Krocker
 - (1) The 14U Pride Team finished with an 11-4 record. The team had 14 girls. All of them were available for 2 of the last 5 games. Six of them were available for all of the season.
- ix) 16/18U Team – Troy Simonson
 - (1) Competition level was a complaint from parents. Coaches thought this was the best competition they have ever had as the team lost 3 games. Players were moved around in different positions. The girls were tired from the varsity season.
- k) Additional Comments
 - i) No additional comments were recorded.
- 6) Winter Optional Preseason Practices
 - a) No comments were recorded.
- 7) Saturday Morning Workouts for High School Players
 - a) Planning to do 2 weeks in December and 10 weeks starting in January after New Year's. Incoming freshman as well as any 8th graders with a higher skill level (by invitation only) are welcome to participate. 17 girls have responded so far.
- 8) High School Fall League
 - a) Teams that have committed: Sauk Prairie, Monroe (x2), Barneveld (no hosting), Madison Memorial (x2, no hosting), Mount Horeb (no hosting), Portage, Poynette
 - b) Woodside does offer a four-week Sunday league
 - i) \$600 dollars per team
 - ii) 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14 (2 games each day)
 - iii) Mauston Complex
 - c) Bob Tomlinson is supposed to have schedule done by Friday. Connie would prefer Capitol League versus Woodside League.
- 9) Summer 16/18U League
 - a) Continue playing on Thursdays or switch days
 - b) Other opportunities



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- i) South Central Girls Softball League (2018 Teams): Middleton 18U, Middleton 16U, Baraboo Thunder, Edgerton, Reedsburg Blue, Sauk Prairie, Reedsburg Red
 - ii) Windmill Fastpitch Softball (2018 Teams): Johnson Creek, Jefferson, Farmington, Watertown, Oconomowoc, Sun Prairie Gold, Sun Prairie Green, Waterloo, Columbus, Madison West, and more
 - iii) Greater Madison Metro Fastpitch League (2018 Teams): Middleton 18U, Middleton 16U, Wisconsin Heights, Oregon, Mad City Panic
 - iv) Connie is not too keen on playing the Baraboo/Sauk/Reedsburg teams.
 - v) Connie would also prefer Tuesday or Wednesday nights. Connie will ask Bob Tomlinson for Wednesday nights.
- 10) 16U 608/Pride Team
- a) Discussion and vote regarding team/program name
 - i) Girls that would be playing want to be called "608". Also, they would like two separate names for Pride and 608 teams. This would avoid difficulty of getting into certain tournaments according to those involved with 608. 608 would be A level teams and Pride would be B/C level teams.
 - b) Coaching Staff
 - i) Chad Edwards, Rich Loomis, Roger Brandner, and Connie Wampler would like to help coach.
 - c) Team Philosophy & Purpose
 - i) No discussion or comments recorded.
 - d) Requirements of players regarding registration for recreational league
 - i) This is not such a big issue anymore. Connie will discuss with girls, so they still stay on recreational teams.
 - e) Number & locations of tournaments
 - i) Tentatively planning on 5 or 6 tournaments next year.
 - f) Team Expenses, Cost to Players, & Fundraisers
 - i) Looking to do fundraiser in fall. Possibly as raffle in October (120 tickets at \$100 each)
 - ii) Also could ask Culver's or Pizza Ranch for a tip night.
 - iii) Also could possibly approach a foundation that would match our donation of \$3,000 or \$4,000.
 - iv) 608 organizers want to keep costs as low as possible with as many girls as possible being able to play. They are thinking \$600-\$700 per player as a goal.
 - v) Organizers are looking to get jerseys without names on them to cut costs.
 - vi) It was tentatively decided that 608 would do the raffle tickets and PYS would do the calendar raffle. There was also discussion of doing another quilt/blanket raffle. No official action was taken.
 - vii) Motion to set aside \$1,000 for startup expenses for the 608 Program.
 - (1) Motion: Jason Krocker Second: Mark Witt Vote: 8-0



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11) Varsity Field Sprinkler Update

- a) This will happen in the fall. We will get a one week notice and the work will take roughly a day to complete.

12) Softball Press Box Window Update

- a) Sliding glass window estimate from Tim Haak was for \$5475 for one window and a second email Connie received said \$5475 for two windows. Chad will check with Tim again on this.
- b) Mark suggested contacting the Building Trades at the high school to do it. It would be much cheaper.
- c) Motion to contribute up to \$2,000 for the press box window upgrade.
 - i) Motion: Chad Edwards Second: Mark Witt Vote: 8-0
- d) It was also suggested to check with softball parents and shop around elsewhere to find the best deal.

13) 2019 Summer Tournament

- a) A suggestion was made to host a 12U tournament. Connie will talk with Tara Seiler and see what her thoughts are.

14) Policy regarding moving players up a league

- a) It was discussed that for moving up to the 10U league from the Rookie League that it could be possible to move up if the player already has at least one year of experience in PYS, Board of Directors approval, parent request, and a tryout. This would also depend upon numbers for the current league that they play in. This option would not be publicized as it would be not be strongly recommended. This topic was only discussed, and no policy was approved.

15) Apparel

- a) Discussion on Online Apparel Store – SquadLocker
 - i) SquadLocker is an online apparel store that sells custom items from a variety of providers (Nike, Adidas, Augusta, Badger, Champion, Mizuno, Ogio, Rawlings, Sport-Tek, Under Armour, and more.) All items are ordered online and are shipped directly to the customer's home. Prices are very competitive and there is an option to markup items 0%, 5%, 10%, 15%, or 20% to fundraise. We can select which logos and designs are printed/embroidered and SquadLocker will also create professional designs for free.
 - ii) Trial coupon codes – We have received 4 \$50 coupon codes, so board members can play around and order things to see what they think
- b) It was already decided to stick with traditional apparel orders instead of an online store. We will offer the order with the high school order as well as one in June.

16) Additional Agenda Items

- a) Mark would like to start the process of finding his replacement. Come spring when the Registrar starts, Mark would like to transition to an At-Large member.



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- b) Suggestion was made for the parent meeting to have a mandatory coaches meeting. Connie has a few things she would like the assistant coaches and parent helpers to know or to tell their players but can never find a good time to meet with them.
- c) Donations for Saturday Morning High School Workouts
 - i) 2017: \$500
 - ii) Motion to contribute up to \$600 for the Saturday morning high school workouts for the upcoming (2018/2019) winter season.
 - (1) Motion: Mark Witt Second: Jason Krocker Vote: 8-0
 - iii) Connie will post pictures of the field work done so far onto the Facebook page.
 - iv) The Board would like to send a letter the PDR thanking our sponsors. Sponsorship t-shirts will be delivered soon.
 - v) October raffle for 608 team
 - (1) No official action taken at this meeting. It will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 17) Public Input
 - a) No public input.
- 18) Next Meeting
 - a) To Be Determined sometime in November.
- 19) Meeting Adjourned
 - a) Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 PM.
 - i) Motion: Mark Witt Second: Chad Edwards Vote: 8-0