



MINUTES



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- 6) Resignation of Mark Witt, 2019 Secretary
 - a) Mark has resigned, effective immediately, after serving a long term on the Board of Directors. He was thanked for his service. He will still serve as an advisor and help as needed when available.
- 7) Discussion & Possible Action of Proposed 2020 Sponsorship Program
 - a) No official action was taken. There was discussion of allowing more than one Gold Level Sponsor (former Platinum Level). Consensus was that the proposed changes were acceptable and will be used for the 2020 season.
- 8) Discussion & Possible Action of Contributing Towards the Purchase of Drop-Down Nets
 - a) There was discussion on who would have priority on the new nets if PYS makes a contribution to help purchase them. Connie was assured by the PCSD Athletic Department that if softball makes a contribution, that they would have priority to the new nets since baseball is not contributing to them.
 - b) A question was made regarding the additional cost of running electrical to the winch and who would be responsible for paying for that. This issue will need to be looked into.
 - c) Motion to approve that Portage Youth Softball contribute \$6,700.00 for the new drop-down nets with the understanding that any additional costs for electrical work would be discussed and voted on at a later date.
 - i) Motion: Chad Edwards Second: Andy Saloun Vote: 8-0
- 9) Youth Skills Clinics
 - a) Connie explained how she plans to offer the clinics on March 28 and April 4 at the same cost as last year (\$10 per session). The exact session schedule is not yet finalized.
- 10) Coaching Clinics
 - a) First year head coaches and all assistant coaches will attend a coaching clinic. Head coaches with more than one year of experience and other coaches that have previously attended PYS coaching clinics will meet privately with Connie for more advanced instruction. Volunteer requirements will state that all coaches and volunteers must attend a coaching clinic. Connie will reach out privately to those who she would like to receive more advanced instruction.
- 11) Practice Drill Ideas Packet
 - a) Matt Denure is working on creating a packet with different practice and drill ideas.
- 12) Discussion of 2020 Tournament Details
 - a) Consensus was to keep the same weekend as last year (July 25-26, 2020) for consistency.
 - b) Consensus was to expand the tournament and offer 12U & 14U leagues with up to 6 teams per league.
 - c) Consensus was to keep registration fees the same at \$350 per team.
 - d) Connie stated we can only use the Varsity and Junior Varsity Fields
 - e) Consensus was to award 1st & 2nd place medals for each age level (12-15 medals per team) in addition to sportsmanship medals.



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13) Special Event Planning

- a) Connie reviewed that the Youth Night and Tailgate would be on April 23. Senior Night will be either on May 8 or May 12. She wants to check with the seniors prior to making a final decision.

14) Discussion & Possible Action of 2020 GPYEF Contract Renewal

- a) No official action was taken. Andy stated that we are all good to go with the renewed contract.

15) Additional Agenda Items

- a) There was discussion on moving the outfield fence on the Junior Varsity Field in to make it regulation. Cost and whether or not to use a company or volunteers was briefly discussed. No action was taken and this topic will be revisited at a later date.
- b) Chad had a fundraising idea. It would be a baseball vs. softball game and a coaches vs. players game. Tickets would be sold and the community could support their favorite teams and players. No action was taken and this topic may be revisited at a later date if we are in need of a fundraiser.

16) Next Meeting

- a) No official meeting date was set although it will likely be in late February or March once head coaching volunteer applications are submitted.

17) Meeting Adjourned

- a) No official motion was made to adjourn meeting as the Board started to practice and discuss the presentation for the Informational Parent Meeting.