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Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, May 27, 2020 - 7:30 PM

Kratz Funeral Home – 302 East Conant Street, Portage, WI 53901

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Connie Wampler, Chad Edwards, Andy Saloun, Tara Seiler, Tim Kratz, Jennifer Teela, Jason Krocker, Joe Woodhouse, Haley Gilman

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Names OR None

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- 1) Call to Order
 - a) Meeting was called to order by President Wampler at 7:30 PM.
 - b) Roll called and attendance as shown above.
 - 2) Action taken since last official board meeting via email
 - a) No additional action taken since last board meeting other than shown on agenda.
 - i) Optional Preseason Practices and Youth Skills Clinics were cancelled due to COVID-19.
 - ii) Board of Directors Meeting originally scheduled for March 22, 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19.
 - iii) There will be no WIAA sponsored high school softball for the 2020 season due to COVID-19.
 - 3) Treasurer's Report
 - a) No discussion or action taken.
 - 4) Discussion & Possible Action on sending a survey out to parents to make sure we have enough interest. Do we give people a window of time in which to withdraw if they don't feel comfortable participating? Would we want all these withdrawals processed before splitting teams/ordering uniforms/assigning coaches? If they've already paid, refund or credit towards next year's season?
 - a) Parent/player survey asking them their opinion on having a season if they feel comfortable participating during the COVID-19 pandemic. Survey to parents with an intro of how it looks different, when to start practices, will you participate, is it safe to have a season, games/practices will not be the same, what if no spectators, notification of phases, rules of games
 - b) Refund policy is \$5 charge if want money back or can hold credit for next year
 - c) Practices are voluntary. No parents at the field.
 - d) Games to start after July 4th, 2020.
 - e) Waiver needed with COVID. All players/volunteers must sign before playing or volunteering.
 - f) No concession stand for games.
 - g) No bathroom use at parks.
 - 5) Discussion & Possible Action - Joe mentioned Co-Sauk would like to have a scheduling meeting in early June with games starting June 22. Thoughts on practice: how can we schedule anything when city isn't reserving fields? Monday 10u, Tuesday 12u, Wednesday 14u, Thursday HS. If 2 teams at each level go from 5-6:15 and 6:30-7:45?



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- a) Connie and Joe spoke to the city and we can have more than 10 people at a city field/park as long as we are split apart and make an effort to social distance. Hamilton Park, city soccer fields and the city fields were discussed as possible practice locations. If someone is already on the field when we arrive for a scheduled practice, we discussed just moving into a grassy area located next to soccer fields and city park. Didn't know how we'd handle practice if Hamilton Park had people there.
- 6) Discussion & Possible Action on splitting up teams to have 12-13 total to accommodate the city fields rules of no more than 10 people gathering at their fields/parks.
 - a) Waiting to see how many players sign up and in communication with the city to make sure we can run a full team with stations so we're split apart into smaller groups under 10 to comply with city's Phase 1.
- 7) Discussion & Possible Action on using other city parks such as the one on Hamilton St. for one practice and use the fairgrounds fields for second practice. Baseball is also wanting to use the fairgrounds so this could be a possible solution.
 - a) Connie was going to contact the baseball coaches to try and work on a master schedule. One practice could be the city field and one could be held at a park to alleviate all the teams that need to get on a field.
- 8) Discussion & Possible Action on if coaches feel comfortable coaching or will some want to wait.
 - a) Survey sent to all volunteers to see if we have enough coaches/volunteers to hold a season
- 9) Discussion & Possible Action on making sure coaches have background checks and concussion course completed before we can begin practices.
 - a) An email will be sent as a reminder for all coaches and volunteers to complete necessary paperwork prior to coaching.
- 10) Discussion & Possible Action on no home games until phase 2 starts as far as the city goes.
 - a) No one knows when the city of Portage will go into Phase 2 so we tentatively have to plan on having all away games.
 - b) If the school allows us to use the fields after July 1st and the city is in Phase 2 will they consider JV and Varsity fields separate so we can have 50 on one field and 50 on another so we can host multiple games on one night
- 11) Discussion & Possible Action on how to split teams. Could this wait until after a few practices?
 - a) Waiting to get the results from the survey before we determine if we can split teams
- 12) Discussion & Possible Action on 8u waiting until we are able to have larger groups say like in July or until we have a larger field space available.
 - a) Waiting till a later date to determine if we're going to have an 8u season. Could possibly run a 4 week season starting in the middle of July.
- 13) Discussion & Possible Action on Portage tournament and others. USSSA has a COVID Waiver that we must sign to play in tournaments this summer.



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- a) Holding off on cancelling the tournament until a later meeting. COVID waiver was also discussed that all league players must sign. No concessions. Separate entries/exits for JV/Varisty field. Parking lot sections designated for the teams.
- 14) Discussion & Possible Action on developing safety protocol for practices (Joe has several examples that we could look at to make our own).
 - a) Dugouts would not be used for any practices, a coach would be designated to spray hand sanitizer on all players hands before and after practice, ways to disinfect equipment, catcher's would have to have their own gear or request some to use for the summer.
- 15) Additional Agenda Items
 - a) No Additional Agenda Items presented at meeting.
- 16) Public Input
 - a) No public input was given.
- 17) Next Meeting
 - a) Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 7:30 PM at Kratz Funeral Home
- 18) Meeting Adjourned
 - a) Motion to adjourn the Board of Directors Meeting at 9:15 PM.
 - i) Motion: Connie Wampler Second: Tara Seiler Vote: 7-0