**MVLL Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 14, 2020**

**Attendance:** LJ Warren, Aaron Bennett, Becky Konjas, Eric Matteson, Lori Matteson, Paul Vernet, Walter Brown, Kenny Gierloff, Amanda Longo, Pete Longo, Cheryl Joray

* **Budget**
* LJ mentioned the 2020 budget is at $20K and registration money is starting to come in.
* **Enrollment**
* LJ brought up that registrations are beginning to roll in. Currently at 12 enrollees which is 11 ahead of enrollment this time last year. 6 of the enrollments are for girls softball.
* Need to get flyers out to schools promoting Tee Ball, Minors, Majors and Girls Softball. 2-3 pushes would be ideal. Lori suggested leaving price off and making separate flyers for Tee Ball. She also said that she has the template for the flyers. Walter and Cheryl offered to help with making copies.

Eric mentioned that we should target the preschools with flyers as well.

* Becky will look into “Boosting” post on Facebook.
* Amanda will send weekly reminder emails regarding registration.
* Registration will close on March 14th
* Late registration from March 15th – 29th and a $50 fee.
* Scheduled to build teams on April 4th, practice begins 15th and opening day scheduled for April 25th
* Discounts: 3rd child is free for Tee Ball & Minors and Minors offers ½ off for 3rd child. Scholarships will be available. Website advises parents to pay what they can.

* **District Info**
* New Paltz left Cal Ripken and moved to Little League. New Paltz has a strong program with 300+ kids to pull from. Kingston is still chartering Cal Ripken and Little League teams.
* Little League is now allowing interleague play with other organizations. There is quite a bit of paperwork required and games will not count towards all-star play.
* Currently Rondout and Indian Valley would like to interleague because of their lack of teams. Talked about the possibilities of us sending them our younger teams to play while they send us their oldest. This would make 6 games between each other. Will make a decision and let district know once our registration is closed and we have a better idea of what our number look like.
* **Promoting**

Ashley Bishop said she would run a Wiffle ball Kidstock on our behalf, Feb19th – March 11th. Gift of wiffle ball set for all participants with a MVLL sticker. Give her a stack of both flyers.

* Presence at the Thursday night Basketball games. 7pm at the High School. Sell concessions, divide dates up among board members, have sign up sheet and send email out requesting parent volunteers. Have flyers on hand as well as board members chatting with customers about upcoming season. Have ability to take registrations. Lori M says she has a laptop available in her room we can use.
* Lori M spoke about having an “envelope stuffing party” for promoting banners.
* Need to push the banners that are already made. Lori said they cost $50 to make and she will adjust prices if need be.
* PayPal is set up.
* Becky suggested boosting a Facebook ad for Banners.
* January 28th is Homecoming. MVLL involvement?
* **Girls’ Softball**
* Walter Brown appointed as Softball coordinator. LJ brought up, Eric seconded and board unanimously agreed.
* Becky Konjas will be coaching Major’s softball, still need Minors coach. Minors will be coach pitch.
* Skills assessment (clinic) date – February 22nd
* Kim Pella agreed to us using Phoenicia field for softball. Onteora school district would have to help fix it up. There is still a lot of safety maintenance needed. No formal agreements as of now. Spoke about the possibilities of MVLL paying for the repairs if it would help is get access.
* Eric feels that we should have a backup plan. Grant Avery and Andy Lee need to be measured by Aaron. At Andy Lee we would have to finance everything. Eric will speak to Geno about using Grant Avery
* **Majors**
* Everyone is on board with re-drafting. Most likely will use the “Snake” method. Parents will be advised to add to their registrations any special requirements as far as rides or schedules so we have all of the information prior to drafting teams. Draft is scheduled for February 29th, same day as clinic.

* **Minors**
* Ages 7-9. Some 6-year-olds can play based on experience. Rules stay same. Everyone agrees that minors should be about teaching the fundamentals of baseball and non-competitive. Town based. Last year we took away playoffs/all-stars and replaced it with two developmental games. It worked out well.
* For 9yr old’s that could possibly play majors there should be a specific tryout and speak with the parent about the maturity issue. Make sure parent is aware of all pros/cons. Case based decisions and have to go through board approval. Skills assessment (Clinic) date – 2/22 9-10:15am (Held same day as softball clinic)
* **Tee Ball**
* This will be Cheryl’s first year managing Tee Ball. We as a board need to support her in finding dedicated coaches.
* Skip indoor Tee Ball clinic, wait until it is warmer out and have a Tee Ball opening day of April 18th with a rain date of 19th. Make it a “Opening Day /Season”. Have concessions open with balloons all over. All board members should be on hand that day helping to get parents involved. Hopefully this will help them get over the fear of being a coach.
* **Umpires**
* John (District Admin.) is aware of our umpire shortage. LJ suggested paying $65.

* *Next meeting February 11, 2020 @ 7:00 pm Boiceville Inn*