

General Meeting
Abundant Life Church
April 1, 2023
7:00pm

Present: Seth Breitmaier, John Carroll, Tim Crowell, Margo Gignac, Andrew Perham, Amy Phaffenbach, Nick Porier, Mark Simone, Hazen Sturtevant

John F Dean, Mike Goran, Reggie Hill, Bill Kristoff, Sean Lowe, Larry Riley, Brian Talarczyk, Jason Tichy

Absent: Karen Belding, Matt Parsons, Ed Peck, Samantha VanZilen, Sean Zettervall

Call to order: 7:05

Presidents report: Seth - Karen is at a town rec meeting tonight going over permits, field availability, and the safety issues that Tim Crowell forwarded. One issue is the sprinkler heads are too far out of the ground. Scholarship committee needs to be formed, Karen has recused herself since her daughter applied. **Amy, Seth and Danielle will serve on the scholarship committee.** The decision is due back to the school by April 12, there will be an email vote to confirm.

Treasurer's report: Balance as of 4/1/24: \$61,551
Total revenue from sign ups: \$34,801.00
There are a few sponsorship checks pending
\$1175 in financial aid has been awarded this season

Raffle Planning: Tickets will cost \$600 to print through copies plus, prizes have not been purchased yet be. **Matt will send out a sign up for people to volunteer to stuff envelopes with tickets and letter and a sign up for collecting envelopes during pictures.** Ed did get the Mystic package from his neighbor. Donna is updating the ticket.

Equipment: Ed sent report in an email. All bags are updated with new catchers gear. Seth will get Rookie bags from storage. Majors and Jr's bags have to be handed out. Seth - The legs for the pitching machine have been found in storage.

Pitchers Mound: R-4 pitching mound needs a refresh. Nick got prices for portable mounds. Karen will be asking about the mound at tonight's meeting.

Sound system purchase: Nick, the price is \$1100 with stand. There is excitement among the minors coaches. Hazen had mentioned there wasn't a need for one at R-2. There was discussion about getting two portable sound systems, one for Cody and one for the rec plex. The one at the rec plex can be shared amongst all the fields. A charge lasts about 12 hours. Would need a wireless mic. **Nick will get a price for 2 systems.**

Registration update: Have set cap on Juniors and Majors baseball, registrations now go to waiting list and don't pay until the play. Joel can get Juniors uniforms in time. Mark will have one backorder shirt and just use the extra shirt for now. Juniors will have two teams of 14 each.

Assessments: Mark reported they have a good set up and have volunteers for the majors and juniors assessments. Pilot team has to opt in for the program. Mark will address the parents in person and then send out a follow up email. Scheduling will be a complicated piece of it, there will be many games with RHAM. We have 3 teams and RHAM has 3 teams. Mark has been answering phone calls and emails.

Hazen reported he and Mark have been coordinating to get set up for assessments and work with fly balls. Hazen set up a new form for assessing. Looks like the support needed to run assessments will be there. Joel will need junior teams and sizes asap. **Seth will follow up with Karen to make sure WWIS is on the insurance.**

Out of district: No new applications. John said we are waiting for district to approve one player.

Umpires: 18 and over behind the plate and have to have a background check. Under 18 in the field no background checks.

Safety: Concerns regarding the irrigation system. The heads are set too high up. Each coach should check the fields for safety before each game. R-3 has a fencing issue. Seth is looking to put a plan in place to train the rookie coaches on field maintenance. Tim has given a safety report to Karen which includes pictures. Dura Edge is the company that has clay, 18 yard minimum. Tim brought up that tarps and sand bags were left out over the winter. Tim noticed there are no benches in the dug out on R-6.

Opening Day: Baseball and Softball are combining opening day. Baseball has handed out hot dogs and waters and a \$1 for the grill . 186 for dogs and buns, (150 sponsored by Noels), don't have a sponsor for rolls. Plus waters \$120 for waters and condiments. Donna will print out coupons. \$375 for grill coupons cost of printing and possible use at the grill. Hazen mentioned we could have an opening day sponsor. Hazen mentioned that Stop and Shop will donate things like water etc. John is looking into a DJ which costs \$135 an hour for 3 hours. National anthem is set and Bernie is doing the opening pitch for baseball; Craig Scheel will throw out the pitch for softball. Need a catcher, has been a juniors the past two years. Hazen recommends a majors kid, since it is their last year on R-1. There was agreement amongst the board. Seth confirmed with divisions regarding opening day games.

Nick motion to spend not more than \$1200 on opening day

Hazen seconded

All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions Motion carried

Potential for color guard, potential for firetrucks

Opening Day Saturday, April 20 10am

Rain date Sunday, April 21 noon

Seth will follow up with Karen to confirm Sunday field availability

An email has to go out to parents with dates and times. Arrive at 9:30 and kick off at 10.

There is a back log of shirts and socks in storage, we can bring to opening day, then whatever doesn't go, there is a church in Mystic that may be able to repurpose it.

Big Red Bat: Greg is running it, starting May 4 for 5 weeks (except May 11) Seth will send out a sign up sheet. Usually use old youth hats for brb. Running low on youth hats. Tball may have extra if we take a hat from each tball team plus 10 hats from an extra team. Seth will check with Joel for any random extra hats.

Training: Diamond training is advised by the district for all head coaches to have, it is through little league international is a must for tournament team coaches. **Need to send out another reminder.** Abuse training is a must and is through USA baseball has to be done before opening day.

Hazen - coaches training aid is up and on the website.

CPR training was done and everyone should have received their card. John is following up with those that still need it.

Coaches Shirts: Nick and John will get the sizes for the coaches. Margo grabbed shirts from storage and will do an inventory.

Indoor practices: No division expressed a desire.

Spring training: Minors is doing it on the 14th. Rookies is doing spring training and pitching clinics. There is a glitch in sports connect that only two teams can be scheduled at the same. Matt can go around that, contact him.

Pictures: Sean is the coordinator. **Karen was following up with Pastor Brown to make sure the church is available the week prior to memorial day.**

Port o Potty: being donated by Redi Rooter, will be pumped weekly. **Seth will check for confirmation with the town on delivery and key for Cody Camp.**

Scheduling: division coordinators will work to get lower divisions games on R-1

Movie Night: June 1 on R-2. Seth has projector, screen and sound system. Check to see when lights go off and on the sprinkler system. Backstop should be a good spot for the screen.

Division golf tournament: Hazen has not heard back from any other businesses. He will sponsor his company. Mark said the money raised goes to scholarships for players and to pay umpires and to get umpires proper gear and equipment. Scheduled for May 18. Rham also has their gold tournament that day.

EOB shirts: Need to order new ones. Hazen will look into costing out EOB shirts.

Open forum: Andrew - Did team emails go out to all parents? Seth will follow up with Sean.
Consensus was yes emails went out.

Hazen - t mobile is sponsoring, sending two banners that have to go up, one by the snack shack and one on the R-1 fence line.

Need to get batters eye and catchers eye's up. Decide where all banners go, majority of banners are in, waiting on a couple of sponsors payments. Have 5 sponsors that have to go at Cody.

Adjourn meeting: Motion to adjourn Margo; seconded Andrew; all in favor motion carried.
Meeting adjourned 9:04

Next Meetings:

General Meetings: Next meeting Monday, May 13, Next EOB meeting Monday, May 27.