

AGSA, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, April 6th, 2009 - 6 p.m. Ashwaubenon High School - Small Commons

Attending: Kasey King, Toni Bertolli, Jill Leiterman, Tim Noll, Jay Van Laanen, Joel Wierschke, Wade Schultz, Tim Amundson, Bruce Nohr, Kris Gudgeon, Chris De Jardin, Tony Allard, Larry Wierschke

Excused: Jim Van Laanen, Amy Manders, Deb Specht

1. Approval of April, 2009 Agenda
 - Motion made by Jay Van Laanen to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Joel Wierschke.
Yes – 13 No - 0
2. Approval of 2009 meeting minutes
 - Motion made by Tony Allard to accept the amended February meeting minutes, seconded by Jay Van Laanen.
Yes – 13 No – 0
3. Financial report & presenting of any current monies, invoices, bills.
 - Balance in account as of 3/31/09 is \$78,025.94. Interest of \$133.36 for the month of March, 2009. Motion made by Tim Amundson to approve the financial statement, seconded by Bruce Nohr.
Yes – 13 No – 0
4. Discuss and vote on open board position.
 - Kasey King brought up there is an open At Large position on the Board because Wade Schultz was voted in to take the new position this year, Pee Wee/Minor League Supervisor. Kasey King wants everyone to put the word out that we have one "At Large" position open available on the AGSA Board, League Supervisors need to get the word out to all coaches to see if they or any parent may be interested in the open board position, we will table talking about the candidates until the June meeting.
5. Planning committee: Updates from Soletski/Rettler. Future plans.
 - Rex Mehlberg and Kasey King want to attend the next planning committee meeting, Rex feels he can let us know up front if it is possible to do the things we are interested in doing to update Pioneer 2.
6. More registration forms for all leagues.
 - Kasey King handed out all that he received.
7. Discuss and vote on changing from 10 teams to 8 teams for 2009 for Little League.
 - Tony Allard reported on the league numbers for this season. Tony knows that Little League will be at 8 teams this year instead of 10 so he needed to come up with some options to do that. Take the 2 teams that did not have coaches for this year, decide what to do with these two teams. First option is what we did in the past was merging the 2 teams together that do not have coaches for this year. Option #1 could pose some problems because of the # of 5th and 6th graders that would be on that combined team.

The 2nd option would be to take the girls from these two teams and have the girls try out again and go thru the regular draft on April 25th. The 3rd option would be to take all the girls from each team and redraft the League. Tony asked at the coaches meeting what they were interested in doing for this season and they decided unanimously that it would be the most fair to have a separate draft for the girls from the two teams that don't have a coach for this year, on a separate night, possibly the make-up night, the Wednesday before. Tony explained to the coaches that this information would need to be brought to the board and they would make a decision as to how it would be handled. The board discussed these 3 options and thought option #1 would be the best option. Tim Amundson made a motion to go with option #2 to even out the teams for this year for Little League however the girls will try out along with the upcoming 4th graders on April 25th, seconded by Jay Van Laanen.

Yes – 13 No – 0

- Tony Allard is going to call all the girls affected by the two teams being dropped so he can explain to them that they need to attend the draft on April 25th.

8. Comments from the coaches meeting.

- Pee Wee: Amy Manders is not present to report.
- Minor League: Discussion over the placement of rover for Minor League games. Where should the rover be placed during the games? Jay Van Laanen makes a motion that each team must place the rover within 5 feet of 2nd base this upcoming year, seconded by Chris DeJardin.

Yes - 12 No - 1

- Little League: Tony discussed his information in #7.
- Babe Ruth: The coaches talked about the rules, want to make a rule of allowing the girls to wear black or white shirts underneath their jerseys for this year instead of just white. Wade Schultz motioned to allow the girls to wear black or white shirts under their jerseys for this year, seconded by Larry Wierschke.

Yes – 13 No - 0

9. Current numbers of girls in each league. How do numbers match up with 2008?

- Pee Wee: Amy Manders is not present to report.
- Minor League: 48 girls so far this year, last year at this time she had 54.
- Little League: 88 girls so far this year, down from 102 last year.
- Babe Ruth: 87 girls so far this year, up from the 85 girls at this time last year. There are 2 girls that are only going to play a portion of the season this year, Tim is going to be sure they are on the teams that have 12 girls so they both go down to 11 girls on each team after they leave the country. Still short one coach for this year. Wade Schultz motions to have Jay Van Laanen coach Ashwaubenon Retired Fireman for this year, seconded by Bruce Nohr.

Yes – 11 No – 0 Abstain - 1

10. Final 2009 League Schedules, rules etc... for final board approval.

- Pee Wee: Wade Schultz will get this information needed from Amy to find out the schedule for this year.
- Minor League: Schedule is the same as last year.
- Little League: 8 practices for this year, dropped the Friday before Memorial Day, otherwise same schedule as last year. Starting May 27th, playing each team twice. Doing double headers the Saturday of the kick off weekend.

- Babe Ruth: Tim has schedule all set, he emailed everyone today.

11. Draft Day is April 25th.

- All leagues need to have all league information ready for handing out to the coaches at draft day. All board members need to be at Pioneer at 8:00 a.m. to assist with the draft, the Little League girls will arrive at 8:30 a.m..

12. Babe Ruth & Little League Officers.: Draft day, we need to obtain assistance from High School team players. Coordinate with High School coaches.

- All High School teams play that day; we will not have any assistance from the High School girls.

13. Northern Nations 12U team – any interest?

- Matt Campbell is interested in bringing a 12U team to the tournament; Kasey King will notify Rex Mehlberg of this interest.

14. Any news on the Bay Area Tournament (previously the Andrea Darrow Tournament)?

- The tournament will be the 19th and 20th of June, Tim Amundson was hoping to find 4 area teams to have a round robin tournament. Kasey King advised Tim to let the board know if he comes up with anything.

15. Update on A.G.S.A. clothing.

- Team Apparel has a new owner; Chris Dockry is still our representative. Jay Van Laanen estimates there is currently \$2500.00 in mismatched stock. Chris Dockry suggested we could do an order form for this year, having color photos of each item for anyone interested in ordering apparel, after an order is placed, Chris could have it read in 3 weeks. Kasey King questioned if the order form could be ready for the try outs, Jay Van Laanen will work on this with Chris Dockry. Jay Van Laanen wants to order a sweatshirt, simple with black writing, include established in 1972. Jay wants up to \$4500.00 to spend for this upcoming season, motion made by Tim Amundson to allow Jay to order up to \$4500.00 in apparel and the motion was seconded by Chris De Jardin.

Yes – 12 No - 0

15 a. 11U tournament team

- Tony Allard indicated we approved Steve King for a League Coach this year however he will not have a team, he is interested in coaching the 11U tournament team for this year. Jay Van Laanen motioned to have Steve King coach the 11U tournament team for this year, seconded by Kris Gudgeon.

Yes – 13 No – 0

15 b. AWWF

- Pre Season warm up specials, make sure everyone is aware of this.

15 c. Concession Equipment

- Larry Wierschke noted that we had our 1st grill out this year for this year and we need two new grills for this season, Larry would like a vote to purchase the 2 new grills. Larry Wierschke also will need to purchase one freezer for this year as we will not have access to the freezers we used in the past due to Good Humor-Breyer's situation.. Tim Amundson

voted to give Larry \$1000.00 to purchase new grills and freezers for this upcoming year, seconded by Jay Van Laanen.

Yes – 13 No - 0

15 d. Jay Marx and Pete Marto, sign for Pioneer School.

- Pete Marto, Principal at Pioneer Elementary School and Jay Marx, 5th grade teacher at Pioneer Elementary School explained they are proposing to purchase a double sided sign for Pioneer Elementary School for the summer of 2010. Pioneer Elementary School would like to partner with AGSA so we could use the sign to advertise any softball related information we would like to promote. Each summer AGSA would have exclusive rights to anything we wanted to run on the board. During the school year, we would share it with the Pioneer Elementary School. Pete Marto got a proposal of \$18,000.00 to purchase the sign. Parkview raised half the money when they recently purchase one and then presented the proposal to the school board in hopes of them paying for the remainder; Pioneer Elementary School is going to do the same thing. PCTO contributed \$2000.00 for this year and \$2000.00 next year, Pioneer School is contributing \$500.00 this year and then another donation of \$500.00 for next year to help with the purchase. Pioneer is looking for any monies AGSA would be willing to donate to the purchase of the sign. Pete Marto stressed we get back to him with any questions. Pending the Ashwaubenon School Board approval of ½ the purchase of the sign, Bruce Nohr motioned to donate \$2000.00 for the new sign at Pioneer School Elementary School this year and \$2000.00 for next year, Joel Wierschke seconded the motion.

Yes – 12 No – 0 Abstain - 1

With no other business, Tony Allard motions to adjourn, seconded by Jay Van Laanen. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 3rd, 7:00 p.m., Pioneer Park Diamond 3 Concession Stand.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Leiterman