

Executive Meeting
Oct 7, 2024 @ 7:30pm @ ARC Mezz

Call to Order: 7:31 PM

1st Joe, 2nd Chelsey

Welcome

In attendance:

President - Rob Brandsma
VP1 - Chelsey Iwama (Interim)
VP2 - Brad Nedimovich
Secretary - Steph Ingwersen
Director#1 - Colin Dawes
Director#2 - Derek G
Director#3 - Joe Meleg (Interim)
Director#4 - Brad Rosse
Director#5 - Lauren Meinen
Treasurer – Steph Deglan
Jacqueline

Not in attendance:

Treasurer – Mike Pratt

Additions to Agenda -

Adoption of Agenda –

Brad 1st, Lauren 2nd

Adoption of Last Meeting's Minutes –

Chelsey 1st, Lauren 2nd

Treasurer's Report - Mike developed an in-depth budget spreadsheet per division to help track costs and all related association fees. Financial snapshot for AGM.

- Fees all around have increased substantially so we are having to increase our spring fees again. Single fees will be increasing as well.
- In order to receive a grant we need to make sure we allocate some money towards the batting cages

- Once the cost break down is finalized Steph D will send these numbers out the commissioners so they are aware. Steph will provide a printout for members at the AGM with a breakdown of where the costs are coming from for spring and single season.
- Winter training and AA/AAA evaluation letter will go out soon to the members explaining fees and dates.

Other Reports:

VP1 (Chelsey) VP2(Brad N.)

Director #1 (Colin D.) Director#2 (Derek)

Director #3 (Shaun) Director #4 (Brad R)

Director #5 (Lauren)

VP1 (Chelsey - Interim) - UIC / Umpire Allocator fee increase. Coaches banquet. Advertising Campaign.

- Umpires – It has been suggested to increase the allocator and UIC fee this year. Board was in favour of increasing.
- Coaches banquet – Confirmed townhall March 10th 6-10pm. Burger/Brew \$15-20 for burger/fries/Drink (non-alcoholic). Guest speaker in the works. Coach's awards (Single Season Coach award, House Coach award, Volunteer award)
- Advertising- New sign for McMillan and lawn signs are ready now.

VP2 (Brad N.) - Single Season Coach Applications & Tryouts / Winter training programs

- **Single Season Tryouts** - Brad sent the email out to the board for review. Email will go out soon to members as well as the fees We would like this to open tomorrow (October 7th)
- **Coaching training** – We would also provide some training for the coaches. Some of this will be done at the coach's banquet. We also have Todd to help as well.

Director #1 (Colin D.) - Winter training programs / Barn Sessions / Todd B / Volunteers help

- **MSET for 11U** – 3rd Sunday of April to start, hopefully 6 sessions in total. 24 kids would be an ideal number. Every Sunday night until play offs. Todd will be helping with this as well. It would be nice if we had some players from the older division help with this as well.
- We have the bubble and barn sessions booked as well.

Director #2 (Derek) -

Director #3 (Joe M - Interim) - Equipment Budget put together and implemented for next year's proposed equipment expenditures.

Director #4 (Brad): Sponsorship-

- Steph D to include Brad in on the budget spreadsheet so he knows what to ask for in terms of sponsorship.
- Would be nice to have an association wide swap meet. Bats/gloves/catchers gear etc. This can help offset association fees raising.

Director #5 (Lauren) - Safety supplies / 1st aid kits for Fall Ball.

- Everything is stocked and ready to go. We will add some afterbite to the safety supplies as we have had some bee stings.

New Business:

- Fall Ball Summary:

- Things went as well as could be expected for fall ball. Some of the divisions did not get as many games as they hoped for. Next year we may have to look at capping registration until more coaches apply this will make practises and games more manageable.

- AGM Date: Oct. 29th (Tues) 7PM at the ARC - Meeting room 2/3

- We will make an Announce on Website / social media and send out a reminder email as well. AGM package will go out a week before the AGM.
- This year we will be offering two free spring registrations and four \$25 MVP gift cards to try and attract more members to join.

- Picture Day May 5th:

- Cadet building fees have doubled so we will possibly look at Yale school as an alternate, but we don't know yet.

- Executive Org Chart

- Brad N working on completing this.

- Spring 2025 registration opens Nov 1, 2024:

- We need to have a hard close once we have reached the registration deadlines. It has created too much confusion allowing late registrations and having to open and re close.
- We may also increase the fees as we get closer to the cut-off date to encourage parents to register as early as possible.

- Executive Christmas meeting wrap up: Thursday December 12th, Spouses invited.

- **Wrap up meetings - Open forum discussions to help eliminate "Meetings after Meetings."**

Next Board Meeting: Monday November 18th, 2024

Adjournment: 9:36PM

Derek G, Joe M