



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES -- January 23, 2018

Meeting commenced 6:10 pm at Justin Berg's office.

Present: Justin Berg, Brent Daily, Chase Fraser, CJ Gauss, Tim Hartrick, Bill Melvin, Corey Litwin, David Schechter, Alyssa Steinberger, Tim Stelzer

Absent: Niels Damrauer, Cary Hudson, Eric Pallay, Shawn Rodda, Todd Stafford

Quorum: Yes

Approval of Minutes: Alyssa presented Minutes of the Jan. 9, 2018 meeting. They were approved without discussion.

Fields Update: The Board discussed the following issues with respect to fields status --

- **TWP Fields:** Bill spoke to Matt Kamhi (Recreation Supervisor, City of Boulder Dept Parks & Rec) and learned that the City has an extensive punch list of items (fencing, weed management, field reparation) to address at the Tom Watson fields. He noted that the City is willing to invest money in the facility commensurate with its utilization rate. In light of recent board meeting discussions on finding alternate venues, one board member noted that if NBLL gives up use of TWP, other organizations, such as -----, will fill the void and jeopardize NBLL's access to the venue. Bill's recommendation was to continue working with the City to ensure its continued upkeep.
 - Shed, equipment box: Tim H noted that both have been attended to.
 - Old netting: Tim H indicated that the league needs to haul out old netting but to do so needs access to a truck that can handle the load, as well as a means to bring the netting to the parking lot. Justin offered up his vehicle.
 - L-screens: Tim H also indicated the need for an L-screen at TWP.
- **Mapleton Fields & Stazio Fields:** From his conversation with Matt Kamhi, Bill also learned that the Mapleton and Stazio Fields are already well utilized but that, at least with respect to Stazio, the City was willing to work with the league to try to accommodate its use. While it is too late now to adjust the schedule for the 2018 season, Matt said in the future, with enough advance notice, he could coordinate a later start time for the

adult softball leagues that typically operate out of Stazio to allow NBLL's younger divisions -- A through AAA which don't require pitcher's mounds (unavailable at Stazio) -- to plan practices/games there.

- Pitching Mounds: One board member indicated that the league could make (portable) mounds available if that is all that is needed to render the fields compliant for LL Majors-and-up use.
 - Field Use Start Times: Tim S indicated that 4pm or 5pm start times would work for the Single A and T-ball divisions.
- **Iris Fields:** Bill and Tim H provided a report on the status of field prep for the season.
 - All-American Sports Material provided an estimate of approximately \$-----for the east fields and \$-----for the NW field, to include approximately 30 tons of infield fill ("dirt"), associated grading, laser leveling (more complicated at NW because of weed mis-management prior year), additional fill (different mix from infield) for the bullpens and catchers areas, as well as associated drainage work *vis* 3rd base line where mud accumulates from run-off. Bill noted that in light of the prior year's fill amount (100 tons), the 30-ton estimate was on the high side. He recommended additional work to level the outfields (top-dressing with sand and organic matter, overseeding, aeration - though noted that County does.) The additional outfield work would run about \$-----. Tim H indicated that it has been about 7-8 yrs since the bullpen mounds have been maintained. The investment in them should last at least 3-4 yrs.

The Board voted to approve a \$----- budget for All-American Sports Material's work at Iris fields.

- Tim H provided his estimate on maintenance for the batting cages -- 60-gauge polyethylene netting, screens, darning rope to fix holes -- which came to \$----- + \$-----S/H (shipment to his home so he doesn't have to wait at Iris). He'll need someone's truck to help transfer the netting (400 lbs) from his house to the fields and the help of some Bison volunteers (4-5) to install it. He requested an additional \$----- to cover sundries.

The Board voted to approve a \$----- for Tim Hartrick's expenditures in conjunction with the repair and maintenance of the batting cages at Iris as described above.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Tim H. and Justin to meet at TWP fields over the course of the following week to identify safety hazards, document and photograph them then arrange a separate meeting with Matt Kamhi at the fields to review them.

Registration: Corey provided an update on registration for the 2018 season, indicating that the league was ahead of where it was last year at this time. He plans to place ads in the Daily Camera and on Facebook to generate publicity. A number of registrants are still “in process” for scholarship reasons.

Divisions: Dave strongly recommending having kids attend AAA assessments in addition to Majors assessments for administrative purposes. Tim H noted a lower than expected number of early registrants for Majors, given the “grandfather clause” year (more 12-yr olds), and indicated he had more than enough Majors Manager applicants at the moment.

Sponsorship: Chase indicated that the league was on pace to meet its sponsorship goals. Corey reviewed the 3 payment method options presented on the league’s website, i.e., “Pay with Bank” (ACH transfer), “Pay with Credit Card”, and “Pay Offline” -- pop-up screen with league’s mailing address. He requested that anyone who received a sponsorship outside of the website process manually log the data for record-retention purposes.

Donations: Bill informed the Board that -----
had approached the league (via email to him) expressing interest in making annual donations to NBLL. -----

----- The Board discussed various options for accomplishing the donation request.

- Donation link on website. Corey still needs to get up and running.
- Creation of a donor-advised fund (“DAF”) through the Boulder County Community Fndn. Method of pre-funded charitable giving.

ACTION ITEM: Bill to forward the email from ----- to Tim S to follow up with them. Corey to activate a Donations page on the website.

Safety: Alyssa updated the Board with her review of the league’s current AED program. Finding it out of compliance with state AED law, she sought the Board’s opinion on continuing it in the 2018 season. Primary concerns were raised with regard to liability and administrative feasibility. Alyssa noted that the (2) AEDs in the league’s possession have not been maintained in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions; DPHE-approved training not conducted in recent years; and record-keeping non-existent. She also noted the high incidence of adverse events (45,000 over a 5-yr period) associated with AEDs generally, as recorded with the FDA (failure rate 1 in 50). She estimated cost to the league for training alone at approximately \$40/coach through a 4-hr course. An informal survey of the board member coaches present indicated willingness to submit to such training and a suggestion was made to contract out the maintenance and record-keeping responsibilities to a company such as Cintas. Neither LLI nor the state of Colorado require the league to maintain AEDs, and Little League coaches (and

board members) are under no legal obligation to “rescue” a sudden cardiac arrest victim. The Colorado “Good Samaritan” law, Alyssa noted, does extend “limited immunity” to entities providing AEDs. The board agreed to defer action on the subject to the next meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Alyssa to look into third-party services for AED maintenance, as well as additional information concerning the AED program.

Equipment: CJ informed the Board that the Dick’s Sporting Goods Discount Day (20% off) will be Sunday, March 11 for NBLL participants.

Uniforms & Coaches: Eric circulated his report on prep for the 2018 season via email in advance of the meeting since he was unable to attend.

- **Uniform Vendor:** Eric has identified a new vendor that he would like to work with for the 2018 season -- Sports Warehouse. After having considered a total of 4 vendors and negotiating with NBLL’s pre-existing vendor, he concluded that the best deal for the league would be to switch to Sports Warehouse, which would save NBLL close to \$-----. In conjunction with his research, Eric priced out upgraded uniform materials that he felt would increase wear-time (outside of league activity) and, hence, sponsorship exposure.
- **Coaches:** Eric has confirmed April 5th as the date for the mandatory PCA (“Positive Coaching Alliance”) Clinic and submitted the requisite paperwork with BVSD for the venue. He has retained Brad Lidge to conduct a coaches-only pitching clinic earlier in the evening and is working with Extra Innings in Longmont to provide 1-2 additional coaching clinics during the pre-season. The additional clinics would be open to NBLL parents and offered in age-specific groupings. Associated cost would be minimal. Eric indicated that he has also been in touch with some CU students to gauge interest in assisting the league.

Website: Corey walked the Board through the administrative functions of TeamSnap.

Future Board Meetings: Due to a discrepancy in schedules, the Board agreed to continue meeting on Mondays but at **7pm** until the regular season begins, at which point meetings will begin at **8pm**. NOTE: Alyssa and Tim S have implemented a Google Calendar of all key NBLL dates for calendar year 2018 and made it accessible to all Board members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm. Next meeting 7pm, Feb. 5, 2018.