



BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING MINUTES -- January 9, 2018

Meeting commenced 6:11 pm at Justin Berg's office.

Present: Justin Berg, Brent Daily, Niels Damrauer, CJ Gauss, Tim Hartrick, Cary Hudson, Bill Melvin, Shawn Rodda, David Schechter, Todd Stafford, Alyssa Steinberger, Tim Stelzer

Absent: Chase Fraser, Corey Litwin, Eric Pallay

Quorum: Yes

Approval of Minutes: Alyssa presented Minutes of December meeting. They were approved without discussion.

Fields Update - Agreements with City, County, and BVSD: The Board discussed the state of the fields and the amount of rent being paid to Boulder County, the City of Boulder, and the Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) for their use. Some concern was expressed that the league was overpaying (approx. \$35k/yr), whether as a result of underutilization or lack of value. The lack of available practice space in the immediate Boulder area was also discussed at length.

- CMS Fields:: Cary asked for feedback concerning actual use at Centennial Middle School (CMS) during both the regular season and summer season. The consensus among those in the know was that the league could cut back on reserving (paying for) a field or two during the summer to save on cost.
- TWP Fields: The biggest area of concern was the state of the fields at Tom Watson Park (TWP). Those familiar with them identified major safety issues, such as the collapsing fence poles and detached chain link fencing and the weeds growing up through the bases. The fields were described as being "beyond disaster, unsafe, and not a playable situation." Cary indicated that he had turned in the application for TWP for the 2018 season, reserving 2 of the 4 fields. It was noted that if the conditions at TWP were improved, they could be utilized as spillover practice space for the Minors Division, possibly Majors; collapsed mounds would have to be fixed to accommodate Majors. One board member noted, however, that parents generally complain about having to drive out to TWP -- difficult to make it on time for practice because of the added distance.

- Mapleton Fields & Stazio Fields: Niels D. had followed up on an earlier discussion concerning the possibility of utilizing Mapleton and Stazio fields for games. He learned that they are only for use for softball.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Cary, Tim H., and Justin to meet at TWP fields over the course of the following week to identify safety hazards, document and photograph them for discussion with the City of Boulder.
- Bill to call Matt Kamhi (Recreation Supervisor, City of Boulder Dept Parks & Rec) to inquire about the possibility of using Mapleton & Stazio fields.

Fields Update -- Prep for Season: The Board reviewed the items needed to be addressed before the start of the season.

- Batting Cage Nets: To be replaced with proper 60-gauge polyurethane netting to avoid water absorption and minimize sun damage.
- Field Surfacing: Need to fix mounds (inc'l bullpen mounds).
- Equipment: Tim H. noted that he had taken one of the two pitching machines out for repair and replaced the locks on the shed at TWP.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Bill to work with Tim H to order new batting cage netting. Bill to schedule field surfacing for Iris.
- Tim H to take care of ordering new drag and L-screens for Iris; check base anchors at NoBo fields.

Sponsorship: Chase indicated that he would be forwarding the completed spreadsheet to Board members, so they could begin approaching potential sponsors for the 2018 season.

Opening Day: Cary noted that the reservation system for Dinger opens 8am, Feb. 1. Tim S. said his wife would be in charge of booking him.

Equipment: CJ informed the Board that he still hasn't been able to confirm the date of the Dick's Sporting Goods Discount Day for NBLL but that the company had confirmed its donation of 20 "kits" (balls, scorebooks), as provided in the past. In addition, he indicated that he would procure one t-ball bat for each t-ball team and that initial orders through Easton were low.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm. Next meeting Jan. 23, 2018.