

VGSA Planning Day/Board Meeting
11-03-18

Present: Doug Johnson, Maura Martin, Melanie Heaton, Mike Sturdevent, Gina Fifer, Amy Ritchie, Yolanda Devine, Betty Ritchie, Stephanie Wagner

Call to order- 9:10 am

Financial information: As of 10/31/18- Checking- \$39,179.39 Money market acct.- \$70,155.89
Total expenses \$1718.79. This includes final expenses for Fall Ball, concessions expenses and continued building, field and operating expenses.

Open board position appointments- Appointed to Treasurer- Gina Fifer. 2nd Vice President- Yolanda Devine

Rates/Player fees- spring 2019-

- Tball- \$90- includes T-shirt, socks, and \$20 fundraiser
- Training League- \$90 - includes T-shirt, socks and \$20 fundraiser
- 8u- \$125- includes Tshirt, socks and \$20 fundraiser
- 10u- \$145- includes USA Player card and \$20 fundraiser
- 12u- \$145 - includes USA Player card and \$20 fundraiser
- 14u- \$145 (full season) includes USA Player card and \$20 fundraiser
- \$90 (½ season) includes USA Player card and \$20 fundraiser

Scholarships- We will continue to offer scholarships. We will continue to have them fill out request form and do volunteer hours at VGSA. Kirston Anderson will manage.

Fundraising- \$6800 fundraising goal

- additional ideas Jamba juice cards, MOD pizza nights, Chipotle, etc.
- Sponsorships- businesses to provide banners. Air Gas will be providing new foul poles.
- Raffles-
- Silent Auctions- Do it on Facebook.

Fundraising money will be earmarked for fixing bleachers and putting backs on bleachers. It was moved by Amy and 2nd by Doug. Motion passed.

Concessions- we will stick with format of 2018 season. We were very successful this year. Opening up a coffee shack was considered. It was proposed but did not pass vote. There is a lot of overhead in having the coffee and it has not proven to be profitable. We still need to purchase new ipads or devices with "Square" before the 2019 season.

2019 League Coordinators-

T-ball/Training League- Michelle Concannon

8u- Melanie Heaton

10u- Allison Milhorn

12u/14u- Amy Ritchie and Gina Fifer

(Amy and Gina were added for 12u/14u in order to disperse the responsibilities. 10u is our largest age group.)

8u umpires- We will use Evergreen umpires this year. 1 umpire per game. Fee range is \$40/game which is why the cost for 8u player registration has been increased.

10u issues (coach pitch vs straight USA rules)- suggestion is to split the division to higher and lower/modified division. Higher division will play straight USA rules. Lower/modified division will play VGSA modified rules with added coach pitch option. Half way through the season, we will reevaluate to see if there is a need for a couple of teams to move up or teams to move down.

Tournaments- \$450/tournament fee

May 4-5 Cinco de Mayo- (10u) Huskies

May 18-19- Wolfpack 12u b

May 25-27 (14u tournament) VGSA umpire memorial tournament. Hazel Dell Church of Christ will do concessions. Amy Ritchie Tournament director. Tournament fee would be higher for this tournament as it is a 3 day tournament.

June 8-9- 12u Intensity (TD Amy Ritchie, Gina Fifer)

June 15-16 Valley invite

June 22-23

June 29-30

We will reach out to teams who hosted last year and as well as Miracle League to host. We will revise letter to tournament hosts. We will add language referencing canceling tournaments.

Bylaw and Constitution Updates- Modifications to bylaws will be made. The recommendations will be posted and sent to membership. An electronic vote will be sent out. The vote will likely take place at the beginning of the 2019 season as we need membership to vote on modifications.

T.O.D.A.Y Foundation- It is proposed that we apply to the foundation to replace the nets.

Additional 2019 Season prep checklist:

- Registration- Only can register and pay online. If they need to pay with cash or check they will need to come to a registration date. Target for open registration online December 15. Registration dates will be at VGSA in coordination with field clean up days. In person registration 10-3.
- Field work days- Feb 9 and 23rd. Yolanda will coordinate 2/9 and Maura will coordinate 2/23

- Field contracts- Yolanda and Maura will attend the Vancouver school district meeting.
- Garbage and concessions for teams- Goal is for each team to do each only one time. Concessions and garbage duty will be done on different nights.
- Coaches meeting 2019- we will have a different night for each age group and not do one large meeting. This will help us address needs for each age division. Training League and tball will be on the same night.
- Registration will open December 15. We will be purchasing more signs to place around the community.
- Sponsorships- Stephanie will contact companies we have previously partnered with. It was also suggested that we look in to making large boards for the fence. This will be discussed again at December meeting.
- Player clinics- Mike will contact Kim Anthony about dates for her player/coaches clinic.
- Equipment- Amy and Gina will go through and clean out equipment closet and decide what is needed.

Umpire contract- contract is up this year. Maura and Doug will meet with umpires association in December. They will also discuss High School Jamboree.

Bank Account- We will be adding Yolanda Devine to bank account at Umpqua Bank.

Safety evaluation- There are some players who are not ready to move up to next level. A board member ior league coordinator will go and evaluate a player as needed to determine their level of play. We will determine through throwing and fielding skills. This would be a decision for league play only.

USA softball- Mike S. would like to bid for 2020 14u state tournament? The meeting to decide state tournaments is in March. Mike and Maura will attend. We will make a final decision at December board meeting.

Meeting adjourned- 12:00 pm