

VGSA Board Meeting
April 12, 2017

Present- Cyndi Johnson, Amy Ritchie, Teri Kirby, Betty Ritchie, Scott Smith, Mike Sturdevent, Doug Johnson, Madonna Underland, Maura Martin, Ronda Swanson, Tami Bringman, Chuck Newby

Financial Report- \$57,300 in checking. Income last month of \$1100. Still to pay- umpire fees, Register ASA, \$8,000 for dirt, and bill from Simplot for weed n' feed, t shirts for younger teams.

Umpire fees- We will now be billed monthly.

Kaos Tournament questions- Craig Hoyt is TD for this tournament. Kaos has some questions. We will direct questions to Craig. Teams do not get % of Vendor sales. Percentage team receives is in the tournament contracts.

Clark County Parks and Rec Meeting- We would like to use Prairie Fields for state tournaments. County will put this in contract with USSSA. USSSA will have contract for those fields.

Sponsorships- need to replace 3 signs that blew down in the windstorm. Cost \$175
\$1200 from TODAY foundation. Expecting some more funds from Allstate and 40 et 8.

Hall of Fame Dinner- Monday June 5, 2017. It is going well. Tickets are available for sale on the website. Need to continue to procure more donations. Have teams make a basket for auction.

Player Development- Chuck Newby has been going out to help with some practices. Coaches feel he has been very helpful. Thank you Chuck.

Field maintenance- Ongoing. Weed and feed is down. We do need new chalk spreaders, measuring tapes, need to change locks. Ronda has contacted a parent to fix dugout roofs that blew off during wind storm. All fields have base plugs now. Need to paint lines.

The "seaweed/algae" is called nostoc that we see around the fields. If we choose to try and spray for it, it is OK to spray an herbicide on the fields not a pesticide. Moved and 2nd to buy herbicide to kill the nostoc.-motion passed

Field rental/field assignment and usage- many teams are wanting to use our fields. Ridgefield would like to use for games. We will invoice them. For practices, we need to address only giving dirt field to 12u and above teams for next year. 10u and below teams, dirt fields will be given if available.

Concessions- Health inspector came. Only issues were with having a 2nd sanitizing bucket. Other concerns were with popcorn and ice machine not as clean as it could be. We need to post health cards. But, was overall positive. Need digital meat thermometers.

Expenses and quoting repairs- We should get 3 quotes for anything that is major. Company needs to be licensed and bonded.

Coaches Meeting- went well.

Tournaments- Cancelling Showtime Tournament for April 15-16. Other tournaments look good for numbers.

New Business-

Need to hang state championship banner for Bolts. Will do for their opening game.

State USA Softball meeting takeaways- Talked about making an All star team for Washington state to send to Oklahoma City for tournament. VGSA will have 10u state in 2018. Across the board attendance is down in other organizations. USA softball attendance is up in our area. Cyndi has used the email system to send out information for tournaments. It would be nice to have Oregon list as well since we are SW Washington.

Scheduling- Regular league play vs. Tournament play at the end of the season- It had been proposed to have 2nd half of season be a tournament playoff. From May 1st to the end of league play. Teams will be divided into upper and lower division for playoff. Moved and 2nd to have 2nd half of season be in tournament format. Motion passed.

Rainouts-

1. Priority -to use Thursday's for make-ups.
2. Use Friday's for younger teams & possibly some 12U if needed
3. Creates back to backs Wed/Thursday's. Teams will have to be flexible.
4. If weather continues to affect our schedule, we have intentionally left space at the end of the season for makeups. We'd keep playing through and add makeups toward the end.
5. If rain outs are excessive we may need to add Saturday games to keep #'s fair. This would be a last resort and pending the availability of umpires.

Approved reissuance of a debit card from Umpqua bank for Scott Smith.

Adjourned. 8:22

