

Meeting Minutes
Bozeman American Legion Executive Committee
March 6, 2017
Morrison-Maierle Office

I. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.
- In attendance

II. Additions

- Additions to the agenda under New Business - Kountz Arena

III. Approve Minutes

Jason made a motion to approve the February minutes, Chris seconded. All approved. Motion to approve the February meeting minutes passed with a vote of 5-0.

IV. Financial Report & Payables

- \$48,165 in bank – all coaches paid for month of March
- \$20,000 from the basketball tournament, but still have expenses – approximately \$2000-3000.
- Sponsorships are still being added. 26 individuals have already submitted – \$50,000
- Expenses: halo project and bus, everything else up to date.
- To approve: t-shirt \$2304 from basketball tourney to Play it Again Sports.
- Propay Credit card needs to be updated and work is underway to get Robin H.'s name on it. Jody E. to help out.

Mark made a motion to approve financials as outlined and payment for t-shirts from the basketball tournament, Jason seconded. Motion to approved finances as outlined and payment for t-shirts was approved with a 5-0 vote.

V. Committee Reports

Game Operations

a. Field

Halo project

- \$5,843.45 bid for the product, had set aside \$10,000
- 10 days from date of pay to delivery, 5 days installed. Would like to have it ordered by and with install by first week in April.
- Art work was approved by First Interstate bank today.
- Post 14 is excited about the walk ups.
- Has to be 55 degrees, but only need 2 hours for it to set. Will find a place to store until install.
- Perhaps could get tent donated or blanket to keep heat at right temperature for

install.

- Will determine size and then a location for shipping – M&M or Selby's

Jason made a motion to approve the spending for the halo project. Chris seconded. Motion to approve spending for the halo and to cut a check to begin this process was approved will a 5-0 vote.

Indoor Facility

- Jim and Andy met with Lori Cox and Dennis Voeller from the county fairgrounds.
- The county is still positive and supportive of this endeavor
- Looking at batting cages, bone yard will not work due to Verizon easement. Dennis and Lori like this current location.
- Lease modifications will need to occur.
- Lori stated that we will not have to pay for entire building, lease to us. It could be a storage place for busses. Access will be discussed.
- Matt Faure has some preliminary sketches of what it will look like. But still waiting to get some details settled before releasing photos
- Some plumbing considerations, waiting on water and sewer as it may be future issue.
- May have to increase size of existing retention pond.
- Joe E. will help with pricing: Cleary Buildings Group, Allied Steel out of Lewistown for general steel for pricing.
- Current estimates for cost of property, approximately 100 per square foot – this cannot happen.
 - Building size is estimated at 90 x 180
 - Cleary Group – 60 per square foot, but limited to 85 feet, post and dirt with insulation.
 - Cannot fundraise until bids are in. planned capital campaign. City suggested corporate sponsor – 10 years naming rights, but a family gets a 99-year naming rights. The corporate allows you to renegotiate.
 - No money has been spent on this project - operational cost has not been used.
- Ideas for generating revenue will be discussed.
- Sublease is okay, but county needs a cut of sublease.
- County is developing a multiuse building that has not been built, and already a lot of interest in usage.
- County pays for insurance for all structures, we only insure equipment
- Depreciation of the field comes off our lease fee – this was negotiated.

State Tourney

- Will revisit after spring break
- Hotel block are complete and a short letter will go out
- Coaches meeting on April 1 re: state tourney
- MSU booked for dinner.

- There is a whole list of things to do and will go through this and programming.
- Need volunteers

Fundraising

- Going well
- Sponsorship \$41,000, but money coming in every day

Signed up for Give Big

- \$75 fee for set up based on income
- Event will take place on May 4 and 5
- Looking for volunteers to assist with this event

Pancake breakfast

- Meeting with Legion on Thursday – Jim and Laura will attend. Jim Howell and Randy Kempt have been notified.
- Will approve the April 22nd date. This will work for most of the teams as AA plays at home, A at Billing, B aren't playing.
- Universal will plug pancake breakfast at warehouse event

Passes

- Waiting for final approval – final approval given by Coach P for printing.
- 3x2 1/2 folded pass
- 6x2 1/2 pass
- Home schedule has been printed on passes and has been recommended to use the 3x2 1/2.
 - 500 schedules
 - 325 family passes
 - Adult passes
 - Senior passes
 - Student passes
 - 350 youth passes
- Passes need to be treated as money,

Concessions

- Cardinal is back online with 3,000 credit, and wholesale. Alcohol bud, bud light, pasbst, white wine and red wine will be available.
 - Would like some signs, money to player fees, 5 family passes, and some single passes.
 - There is some space already available for the signs
- What about breweries? They are okay with it as they are also donors

- Training will be needed to for Service training. Tokens will be purchased for 10 people to train. Training is good for 3 years.
- Jim approved token cost to start training process to serve alcohol

Q. In-kind donations? How will this work?

A. In kind trade agreement will be created to deal with in-kind donations for players.

- In-kind form will be approved by EC in the next few days.
- TruGreen has given us \$2600 for 3 years of service, for trade of 1500 level sponsorship.

Q. Harrington Pepsi – will they donate?

A. Jody E. will check in with them; give water, soda, Gatorade, store ice, Pepsi refrigerator and repairs, signage for concession stand.

Due Dates - Sponsorships

- Sponsors: May 1st
- Signs: April 1st, for start of the season, donations will always be taken but we cannot guarantee that the sign will be up by start of season. Sign solutions can have them completed in a couple of days.
- Monica has some that can be printed immediately.

Basketball Tourney

- Went very well, too early to estimate income
- Still bills to pay

Public Relations

- Arlene has volunteered to assist with updating the website
- Coaches have requested calendar updates and filtered by team, meetings, etc.
- Schedule and Results
- Coach Schultz will also help with updates.

Coaches Report

- **Transfers:** two going out, 1 coming in working with other coaches to get this organized and paperwork signed.
- **Calcutta fundraiser:** can call in or text bids
- **Golf Tourney meeting:** Riverside has been booked. August 4th is the date. Live auction will be held. Need big items donated.
- **Basketball:** Big thanks for basketball tournament and Coach was impressed by parent involvement and support.

New Business

- Indoor training for next 3 weeks at Koontz arena. The dirt in the arena will be rolled.
- Look at 8-9 sessions over the next 3 weeks. 80 wide x 200 long with good enough lighting
- Can pitch in the area
- Will need to get insurance information to owner
- Start this Wednesday – Tuesday and Wednesday
- Hitting will remain the same, but throwing will move to those nights.

Coaching Contracts

- Andy W. to get contracts finished.
- Coaches have received first mo. payment in March as agreed to.

Revised committees

- No updates work continues to determine committee needs

Transportation

- Yellowstone bank is sponsoring loan to purchase bus recommended by Wally.
- Preliminary terms for \$52,000
- \$5000 down, 5 year loan with single payment, due April 1 of each year.
- This is economical in consideration with other options – renting buses/vans
- We have a buy –sale on the bus just waiting for final numbers from the bank
- Bus company has been notified of intent to buy the bus
- Youth hockey will agree to 3 year agreement of 6 times per year of use. \$6,000
- \$15 per hour for CDL drivers – still in budget
- Many other programs have bought their own bus with success
- The numbers just make sense, the chosen bus was carefully thought out and other options were explored.
- The bus company will complete a DOT inspection, with maintenance check prior to pick up.
- The Executive Committee has agreed to fly Wally to Seattle to pick up bus upon completion of the sale.
- Loan for bus still needs to be approved. Executive Committee will meet to approve loan as outlined in bylaws once the bank as provided all final terms.
- Need sign and **notarized** bill of sale
- We will be keeping the old bus for trios of 100 miles or less.
- Coach Poliquin will work next year to book 2 teams at same location to reduce transportation costs and to utilize the new, bigger bus.
- A lot of fund raising opportunities with the bus
- Wrapping of the bus has been in process. Once budget is determined, a design will

be created for the wrap.

- Preliminary cost: 10-12 per square foot, 11 square foot. \$7,000 for whole bus and this cost for the wrap will be built into the loan, if possible. Due to cost, may not wrap the entire bus.

Upcoming Events

- BINGO – every Wednesday night. Please show up.
- April 5th BUCKS night at BWW coupons Mary Fran has coupons
- Joe Cobb will do the same thing at Firehouse subs – Bucks night
 - Have menu at concession for Firehouse subs
 - Add to packet for state tourney

New Business

- Policy updated – hasn't been updated since 2014
- Committee met
- Name, drug policy
- Not touching bylaws just policy.
- Bylaws sit in policy, but need parent board to change bylaws
- Policy committee will take over some of the policy develop – EC will assign
- Player and Parent policy and operational policy careful to not change governing process as we make adjustments
- Idea to update policy each year

Coach update

- Loran is no longer on staff
- Coach Poliquin would like to recommend that Jeff Gyselman to be hired as an assistant coach, but at which level has not yet been determined.
- This brought up the issue of parent coaches within the program.
 - Mark stated at he does not support parent coaches in the program due to many issues that have evolved over the last few years.
 - Chris also stated that he is not supportive of parent coaches.
 - Both stated that this has nothing with to do with Coach Poliquin's recommendation, but rather is a larger issue of parent coaching within the program.
 - Other members of the Executive Committee (Jason, Jim and Paul) are okay with parents at the assistant level, but NOT at head coach and that parent coaches should not have lineup card authority, and recommends that the parent coach is not a part of evaluation of the boys that are of the same age as the parent coach's player.

Jason made a motion to approve conditional approval (pending background check) to hiring Jeff Gyselman as assistant coach at level to be determined and he must recuse

himself from evaluation of 2020 class. Paul seconded. Motion to approve conditional hiring Jeff Gyselman (pending background check) as assistant coach at a level to be determined and with the condition that he recuse himself from player evaluations of 2020 class passes 3-2; two dissenting votes were Mark and Chris.

Public Comment

Q: Has a B coach been hired?

A: Still in process, looking for a good fit. Does not want to hire the wrong coach for this level.

Next Meeting Date

- Due to conflict with Monday nights, the next meeting date will be: Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. at M& M

Adjournment

Jason makes a motion to adjourn, Paul seconded. All approved. Motion passes to adjourn the meeting with a vote of 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm