

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Jim, Paul, Jason, and Chris. Missing: Mark

Parents in Attendance: Wally, Craig, Connie, Peggy, Arlene, Jodi, Dawn and Robin.

### **Changes/Additions to Agenda**

- No changes or additions to the agenda were needed.

### **Approval of April Meeting Minutes**

- Two editing errors were pointed out and will be fixed.
- *Jason made a motion for the approval of the April 13, 2017 meeting minutes with edits. Paul seconded. Motion was passed with a 4-0 vote.*

### **Financial Report & Payables**

- Currently there is \$105,760 in bank and we are two-thirds of the way through the payment of the bills for the 2017 season.
- Outstanding debts include: approximately \$28,000 due to the coaching staff and approximately \$8,000-10,000 due to UAS.
- Currently based on the budget and expenditures it is anticipated that we will be in the black at the end of the season with approximately \$12,000 in the bank.
- Due to the number of signs purchased by sponsors this year, sign expenditures increased, \$25,000-30,000 was spent. This cost is not expected to be as high next year as it can be anticipated that the number of new signs will not be as great.
- This month's expenditures will include: \$18,000 to pay the coaching staff. After this month expenses, additional expenses will include coaches wages and light operational costs.
- Budget is on track and moving in right direction. Balance sheet and condensed P&L will be on the website. Robin has done a terrific job with cleaning everything up and getting a budget set.
- Of the \$136,500 raised by the players, 14% was in trades, and \$10,000 was written through personal checks.
- Big deposits in the upcoming months include: concessions, gate fees, and tournament fees.
- Need: filing cabinet for coach's office and the creation of a drop box in either the concession stand or coaches office for paperwork/player fees.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Game Operations**

##### Field

- The field is looking really good. Great work on the dirt!! Great work families!!

### Halo Project

- The halo is finished looks fantastic. Thanks for all the help.

### Indoor facility

- No updates on the indoor facility.
- Jim was scheduled to go before the County Fair board in May, but it has been postponed until June at the request of the County Fair Board due to a full agenda.
- At the June meeting Jim will discuss a) the indoor facility, b) extension of the field use contract to allow for the opportunity to create a fall ball program and c), some field maintenance issues.

### Signs

- There are still some signs that need to be added to the outfield. Monica is working on this and cross-referencing the signs that exist and those to be added.
- It was mentioned that prior to fundraising next year an assessment of the newly established sponsorship levels should be reviewed.
- Jodi indicated that a bunch of signs have been dropped off to the field and should be placed this week.

### Lights

- A lift has been reserved for this weekend. A check needs to go out Rocky Mountain electric to pay for lights. If the amount is more than actual cost after the work is completed, Rocky Mountain will refund the money. Robin was asked to cut the check for the work.
- Lights, once completed, will be tested to ensure that there is no shadowing.
- Verizon will be taking care of the one ballast that was damaged in the tower install.

### Scoreboard

- Signs of Montana will be repairing the scoreboard. It is on the schedule to be fixed next week.

### Miscellaneous

- **Storage of the dirt:** the rest of dirt needs to be moved to the bone yard for storage. A long-term plan needs to be determined for storage of all the materials needed for the field.
- **Grandstand coverage:** the underneath of the grandstands is now visible. A quote for materials is in the works to frame in the grandstands.

### **AA State Tourney**

- The bulk of the hotel blocks have already been made (150 as required by the state contract) A few more blocks are being made, which will bring total room blacks to 180.
- The contract for the State dinner has been completed and a speaker has been selected.
- Opening Ceremony planning is still needed. Committee is meeting on Thursday.

## **Concessions**

- DNR will do coffee and hot chocolate and place machines for both items. A representative will meet with Jodi this week.
- For busy games the concession stand is planning to open a beer only line with a separate cash register.
- ProPay (credit card POS system) contract expires the end of June. It has been decided to switch to Square for payments. There are many benefits associated with this move.
- The EC board complemented the work happening in the concession stand.
- Beer Koozies should be here this week.

## **Apparel Sales**

- Some apparel is available and families may order gear.
- There has been a bit of confusion regarding the ordering of apparel. Albee will create a pamphlet for ordering.
- Hats will be available soon - they have been ordered.

## **Internet**

- Century link is not fast enough to support casting of the games.
- Little Apple has agreed to provide Internet services for the next two years, and provide a service fast enough for will be enough for casting of the games.
- Also, it has been determined that there is access to a fiber line on the property. Bozeman fiber has placed fiber on south side of the field. This is an option to increase Internet speed at the field.
- Currently fiber is complicated by the need for an ISP as the two have to go together.
- In order to use fiber, three items need to be completed:
  - Need ISP – Bozeman Fiber will not do the work until an ISP order has been made, so this is the first step that needs to be done.
  - Need to find someone to run the conduit tube for the fiber.
  - Bozeman Fiber needs to complete the work once the ISP has been ordered and the conduit is laid.
- Chris has approached two approved ISP companies about donations, but has not yet been successful. He has two more companies that have been approved by Bozeman Fiber as an ISP provider. If a donation cannot be found, Chris will put out a bid to all four companies so that the cost can be assessed.
- Increasing Internet speed is important as the State Tournament is working with MTsport TV for coverage of the state tourney.

## **Fundraising**

### Fundraising Update

- As noted, earlier sponsorship for players' fees has gone well. Players were able to raise \$136,500 of player fees through sponsorships, trades, and family payment. So far, the numbers indicate that 14% of the money raised was in trades and

approximately \$10,000 was collected through personal checks from families. All player fees have been collected.

- It was stated that the fundraising committee was happy with the results given the huge amount of changes made this year. The fundraising committee is thankful to the families and players for supporting this change and it looks as if the program will end the season with all bills paid and a bit of cushion moving forward.
- **Give Big:** didn't work and that is okay. This venue might not be appropriate given the mission of Bozeman Legion Baseball. No money was lost; we made \$25.00 after paying the \$75.00 fee for participation. This fundraiser will most likely be dropped.
- **Golf Tourney:** Set for August 4<sup>th</sup> at Riverside Golf Course. Entry will be capped at 88. A raffle will occur during golf tourney. After golf there will be silent and live auction. The players will be asked to work the tournament. Further information on how parents can help will be communicated at a later date. The golf tournament will continued to be a shared event with the Youth Baseball program.

## **Public Relations**

### Website

- Chris has been compiling and posting game summaries. These summaries are the reports generated by Game Changer.
- Coach Poliquin has asked that stats no longer be posted on the website. Parents with access to Game Changer can view their player's stats there.

### Social Media

- Facebook and Twitter are updating the results of the game.
- Media outlets are able to follow via Twitter and have been granted access to Game Changer.

## **Transportation**

- **Bus Wrap:** the design hasn't progressed very far; however, it has been determined that a picture of the field will be on the back; the sides will be up to the designer. Wally has stated that we will need to put "not for hire" on the side of the bus as it allows the bus to bypass the weight scales on the roadways.
- **Bus Cleaning:** questions were raised about the cleaning of the bus and how this process was taken care of last year.
- **Drivers Log:** Drivers logs need to be collected so bus drivers can receive payment. Over the last couple of years there has been no consistent protocol. The EC board has decided on the following protocol: Robin will create a "driver's receipt" form. This form will include driving fee for the trip and meal per diem. The form will be turned into the coaches at the end of the trip. Driver payments will be made on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## Coaches Report

- Teams are playing and everything is going well.
- Need clarity on bus schedule. Why is the bus available to some local locations, but not others? After some discussion it was determined to be a driver issue. The EC board will look at this issue to ensure consistency.
- Coach Poliquin would like to take the teams (could take 2 or all 3 teams) to Omaha for tournaments. Tournament packages are available where the teams play in a tournament and are given tickets to the College World Series as part of the tournament package. The tentative dates for travel would be June 17-26, 2018.
- Coach Poliquin was also curious about the ability to use operation funds to pay for lunches while at tournaments rather than leaving the field or having the players try to bring food to sustain them over the course of a tournament weekend. The EC board stated that coaches could use funds to buy food for players while at tournaments when leaving the tournament or having players bring food is not logical. The EC board will add this line item to next year's budget.

## Old Business

### Coaching Contracts

- Currently there are still three coaches without signed contracts. The previous contracts used for the coaching staff needed updating and this has extended the time associated with this process.
- The EC Board has asked that all coaches' contracts be signed by Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Drug Policy

- **Player and Coach Policy Forms:** Currently all of the B team has signed and submitted the drug policy form. Coaches are still working on securing the forms for the AA and A players. Coach Poliquin will confirm that all of the coaching staff has signed the drug policy form.
- **Drug Testing:** Some players have already been tested; players will continue to be tested throughout the season.

### Bingo

- Bingo is finished for the year.
- Thank you to all of the families who volunteered their time!

### Game Day Work Schedules

- All game day work schedules have been switched over to signup genius.
- Thank you for those who have signed up and for those willing to jump in and cover changes in shift. This process will be a bit bumpy as players are still being moved around.
- We thank you for your patience during this process.

## **New Business**

### Legionnaires Admission into home games

- Jim will contact Legion for names of Legionnaires so that they can enter the premise at no charge and will see who is interested in throwing out first pitch and then they will be asked.
- Jim will ask those manning the gate to track Legionnaire attendance and then have them announced and thanked for their service at the game.
- After some discussion the EC board has decided that in addition to the Legionnaires, Active Service, First Responders, Police, Sheriff, and Firefighters will be given free entry to all games.

### New Contracts

- There were no new contracts to discuss.

### In-Kind Donations

- Play it Again Sports has donated 3 bats in a trade - for each bat purchased, they will donate a second bat. Each team will receive two team bats for the 2107 season.

### **Public Comment**

- Park at your Own Risk. Just a note to parents - Bozeman does not have insurance to pay for car damage for cars parked in the parking lot. Thus, it is a park at your own risk parking lot.
- Questions about No Smoking and No Pets signs were brought up as some individuals have been smoking in the ballpark. Our facility has a no smoking policy. Sign for No Smoking and No Pets are posted.
- Canada requirements for players will be posted on the website. There are very specific rules for traveling to Canada. Please review if this is applicable to your player.
- A parent asked about the progress of collaborating with The Pitt for strength training and conditioning. This collaboration is still in progress.
- A Fall Ball program is on hold until the field use contract can be navigated. Coach Poliquin will begin the preliminary planning process.

**Next Meeting Date:** Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Morrison & Maierle

### **Adjournment**

*Jason motioned to adjourn the May 9, 2017 EC board meeting. Chris seconded. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m. MDT.*