

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Wally, Craig, Rebecca, Peggy, Mary Fran, Andy, Jody, Bryce, Arlene, and Monica.

Changes to Agenda: Monica asked to add a discussion on signs for the field.

Approve Minutes: The March 6, 2017 meeting minutes were approved. Jason motioned to approve the March minutes, Paul seconded. All EC board members voted in favor of approving the March meeting minutes by a 5-0 vote.

Financial Report & Payables

Paul provided the financial report:

- Current total in the bank as of April 13, 2017 was \$104,000.
- Expenditures included: \$22,000 coaches salaries; signs, uniforms, product.
- All coaches are now on the payroll and need W4 forms.
- Players dues included 7\$7,000 in bank; accounting for 1/3 of money promised.
- A report on player's fees will be given at the May meeting and will include a breakdown of individual player's fundraising.

Q. What was the total goal for fundraising of player fees?

A. \$128,000 total goal – \$112,000 raised – estimated \$149,000

- Basketball tourney brought in \$23,000; total money made TBD.
- A condensed P&L will be placed on the website.
- Overall, doing well as an organization.

Committee Reports

Game Operations

Field

- Thanks to everyone who helped out and showed up last Saturday. A lot of work was completed.
- Infield dirt will be delivered April 14 and will be dumped in bone yard with other ways to bring to field to reduce damage to field. Simms construction may come down and help place and grade dirt. Roll grass to level of dirt.
- Field will be ready to go.

Game Operations (con't)

Halo Project

- Halo is here - old one has been removed, waiting on the weather for the halo. A volunteer has stepped forward to help with placement of the halo. Needs to be placed by April 22nd (first games).

Indoor Facility

- After completing some research it was found that a 90 foot span is greater expense; can save significant \$ if under 90 foot span (80 is better).
- Working on pricing – a lot of money for a steel building. Labor is huge cost; the cost has been surprising.
- Approximate cost for 80x100 building would about \$400,000. While not the size hoped for, this size would allow the organization to potentially add on in 20 foot segments.
- The biggest thing at this point is the ability to practice indoors. With 80x100 building we Also, if we were to consider the 80x100 option, it opens up the ability to use wood posts rather than steel, which minimizes the cost. However, it 80 is the limit, especially with 25 ft. walls.
- These estimates include everything associated with the building (electricity, installation, etc.).
- The committee will continue to update the EC board as other options are explored.
- The indoor facility and the extension of the field use lease (to extend the field use for a fall ball program) will be on fair board agenda next month.

AA state tourney

- Dane Fletcher will be the featured speaker for the AA state tourney.
- The committee is continuing work on the state tournament.
- There were no updates from coaches meeting regarding the state tourney.

Concessions

- The following individuals have volunteered to lead the concessions for each team:
 - Jody Ekstrom will coordinate the overall effort and the AA team
 - MaryFran: will coordinate for the A team
 - Laurie Faure: will coordinate for the B team
- Idea for concessions: koozies for beer cans. Do a special - buy a beer with a koozie. Will help to advertise Legion program. Perhaps Cardinal distributing would cover the cost and their logo could be added as the sponsor. EC board gave approval for further exploration of this option.
- Concession budget: need to stock the concession for the start of the season. Approximate cost \$2,500.
- Vendors include: Foodservices of America, which directly withdraws monthly charges based on order. Other vendors send in invoices. How beer will be delivered will be confirmed with Cardinal.
- Changes for foul balls. Kids will now be given a “Bucks buck” for the return of foul balls. This will be equivalent to one dollar towards purchases from concessions.

Fundraising

- **Player fees:** If all money comes in that is promised the total income is approximately \$149,000. A majority of the players have participated in fundraising efforts for player fees.
- **Pancake breakfast** is next weekend. Universal Athletics is going to help distribute flyers at the warehouse sale.
- The **Give Big fundraiser** is the Thursday, May 4 and Friday, May 5. Tracy Dobie is leading this effort.
- **Programs** are being put together. This process will be streamlined – just basic information on the players. Programs can be placed in the ticket booth or concession stands. The number to be printed to TBD.
- **Family Passes** will be available next week. Working on some kinks associated with the total number of family passes needed to be printed. Also working on confirming total number needed for sponsors.
- **Player passes** will go youth – Tracy Dobie has them. Passes for veterans will be distributed, approximately 50 family passes.
- The selling of **outfield signs** went very well. This year there were 38 new signs sold; 22 were new large signs.

Public Relations

- Game changer invites have been sent out to all levels. Jodi Higgs to help with posting to the website for the A team; Arlene will lead this effort for the B team. Still looking for a volunteer or the AA team.

Transportation

- Wally to drive to all AA games, other drivers will be coordinated with Gary & Marla.
- Jimmy is scheduled to drive most of A team games.
- Hotel accommodations for all teams are done. A list will be sent to parents.

Coaches Report

Coach Poliquin provided the following report:

- We start this weekend!
- Rosters are still flexible through Memorial Day
- Coaches need binders, accident report claims, and first aid kits. Rob Higgs will coordinate the First aid kits; Tracy Dobie will coordinate the player binders; the EC board (Chris and Jim) will get the accident report claim forms to Coach Poliquin.
- Fall ball – Coach Poliquin will talk with EC to discuss, as it is becoming time sensitive.
- The PIT – workouts for the boys to do weights; 2 times per week to maintain conditioning. Coach Poliquin will work with Dane and propose to EC board.

Old Business

Coaching Contracts

- Coach's contracts are nearly done.

Revised Committees

- Revising of the committees will be postponed until after the season.

Policy Updates

- Currently the drug policy for players and coaches is embedded in the parent contract. Therefore, it has been proposed to update the Bozeman Legion policies to remove the drug policy and testing from parent contract and update the existing attachment to the drug policy.
- *Chris made a motion to remove the drug policy and testing from parent contract and update the existing attachment to the drug policy. Mark seconded, The motion passed with a 5-0.*
- The updated Drug policy and testing form will be printed and to given to Coach Poliquin.

Bingo

- Going well and the baseball program is signed up to help until the end of this month.

New Business

Game Day Work Schedules

- Game day schedules are out and parents have signed up.
- Ticket booth may need to be added to parent schedule. The Legion will also look for other volunteers.
- Tokens are good to go.

Bus Wrap

- Three quotes were provided to the EC board.
- After reviewing the quotes, Mark moved to select Signs of Montana to complete the wrap from the new bus. Paul seconded.
- Further discussion: Bryce has agreed to work on the design of the wrap with Signs of Montana.
- *The vote to approve Signs of Montana to supply the wrap for the bus was passed with a 5-0 vote.*
- The cost of the bus wrap will be provided to the bank to add to the total loan. The current expenses for the bus include: \$4,821.60 for the bus wrap; \$52,800 for the cost of the bus; wheels TBA. Payments will approximately \$10, 500. One payment will be made annually.

Umpire MOA

- The umpires have requested some changes for the 2017 season. These changes include payment at the end of game(s) umped. The umpire fee requested is: \$65 per game, \$60 per game for double headers.
- Jim will confirm this and forward to EC board.
- *Jason moved to approve the changes requested by the umpires (payment at end of the game, new fee schedule). Mark seconded. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.*
- Jim will sign MOA with the umpires.

Men's League

- The Bozeman Men's league wants to rent the field to use for their league.
- The league has requested 16 games, 10 dates – worried about field regarding usage prior to AA State tournament.
- Coach Poliquin will contact Men's league to finalize dates for field use.
- Baseball NW will have tryouts and has requested to use the field on June 13th. Coach Poliquin has agreed to accommodate this request and will move practice times or book Kirk Park fields for practice.

Contracts

- The EC board would like to contract with businesses that want to donate long-term (anything longer than 1 year). If all services aren't used, then they can roll it into the next year; or the company will pay out the rest of the terms of the agreement.
- Policy for in-kind donations, known as policy 2017-1 for in-kind donations, general trade agreements and tracking form.
 - The EC board has reviewed the in-kind donations. The board has generated the following documents: a new policy, a general trade agreement form and a form to track terms and agreements.
 - There are two approval areas: 1) value of service, 2) amount of credit.
 - These forms need to be filled out for all agreements where there is something that is needed from the Legion program (receipt, in-kind, player fees).
 - For those giving "out of kindness", the EC board can give season passes and will determine the number give and will distribute.
- *Chris made a motion to approve the policy 2017-1 for in-kind donations, general trade agreements and tracking form. Paul seconded. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.*

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at Morrison-Maierle Office

Meeting Adjourned: Jason made a motion to adjourn the April 13, 2017 meeting. Paul seconded. Motion passed with 5-0 vote. Meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m. MDT