

Wood River Baseball & Softball Association Inc.

Minutes of Meeting March 12, 2021

Board Members Present: Julie Flolo, Abbi Lukkasson, Keith Potter, Tiffany Garcia, Mike McKenna, Bart Curd, Ashley Adams, Shelly Shoemaker

Also Present Were: Chris Carden and Brian Nelson

Meeting was called to order at 5:43 pm at the Hailey Chamber office.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

President – Bart will follow up with Tim Jeneson regarding our annual liability insurance policy. We also need to get BCSD proof of our nonprofit status.

Legion – Keith reported the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is in process of being signed by the BCSD and WRBSA. The agreement eliminates field use fees from BCSD to WRBSA. WRBSA is responsible for helping to maintain the fields. BCSD has agreed to allow us to play ball this summer, but they are not allowing any concessions at this time. There was discussion about bringing food trucks and/or other vendors to provide food and drink for our home games.

Keith reported that the schedules have been set for three Legion teams this year. There will be two Legion A teams (Wranglers and Spurs) and one Legion B team (Gauchos). Keith introduced Chris Carden, coach of the Legion Spurs team. Jay Moeller will coach the Wranglers, and Juan Martinez will coach the Gauchos. Both Juan and Jay are also coaching at the Middle School this year.

Keith and Brian presented the concept of the long-term goals for our Legion program. The process involves all those involved in baseball locally, from the middle school on up through high school, with the goal of developing a coherent and unified coaching program for our athletes. Consistency in coaching is key.

Brian discussed the scheduling process for Legion ball, which occurs in January of each year. That is why it is so important to have a good idea of player numbers to know how many teams to schedule. It was noted that Legion has not ever “cut” any prospective players. Brian offered to help players and to be a resource for anyone about our program since he has a long-standing history with baseball here locally.

Softball – Ashley and Julie reported that they have scheduled the Wood River Mountain Classic (home tournament) for July 23-24, 2021. This is the week following the Allstar Nelson Tournament.

Allstars – Dustin (absent) – It was reported that the 10u may need to have a second team due to the increased interest in the program. Allstar prospective players started hitting practice as of today. Tryouts are officially scheduled for March 31 for 10u and April 1 for 12u. It was discussed that one overall Allstar player fee will be set this year just like Legion and Softball programs.

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There was good discussion about educating parents about how our program works. Historically, we struggle with having enough players, partially due to reluctance of parents' willingness to travel and/or give up their summer weekends. If more kids participated in WRBSA, we could offer more opportunities for kids to play locally on teams that do not travel (or travel very little). This could help generate interest in our program overall.

There was also discussion on developing an end of season survey for parents' feedback. More discussion followed on "parent" roles and attitudes versus "board" or "coach" roles and attitudes and how to deal with situations when they arise.

Chris Carden presented his long history with baseball. He is currently coaching the JV baseball team for WRHS and is interested in joining our WRBSA board. His history includes training and mentoring coaches, and he is ready, willing and able to jump right in to assist in any way he can. He would like to be an ambassador to all those involved in baseball here in the valley.

Motion was made to add Chris Carden to our Board of Directors as Vice President. Motion seconded and carried unanimously. Welcome to the Board, Chris!

With no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Shoemaker

WRBSA Secretary