

Board meeting notes:

- Tryouts went well, we will field 14 teams
 - 3 16U
 - 1 14U
 - 2 13U
 - 2 12U
 - 2 11*
 - 3 9&10 U (1 combo)
 - 1 8U
- Next year only 2 weeks (No Aug 13 date)
 - Offer sooner a spot but don't be specific (premier/regional) until all are done
- Registration went really well
- Pitching/Catching set up at CS was ideal
- Next year: make sure each team has pitching/catching for each team before that team is finalized as well as coaching
- Find good use of space, Church was well spread out, no fencing to run into for outfield, all had different opinion
- We did not have many "no's" or denials from teams
- **It is crucial we stick to what we stated and develop regional team just as well as premier and remain fluid throughout the season, there will be changes within ages**
- Cost structure
 - \$500/player covers \$2500 tournament cost
 - Anything above, each team is required to find that money themselves whether it is fundraising or raising cost of monthly fee
 - NOTE: NO FEE FOR BoLE or CBTC
 - \$100 due on 9/1, 10/1, 11/1, 2/1, 3/1
 - Could be more than \$100 if team decides that is route to go in covering more tourneys
 - Uniforms are an additional fee (roughly \$200)
 - ½ due at order placement
 - Other ½ due at receiving of uniforms
 - Organization will front the cost of fall tournaments/leagues for the first fall. This will need to be paid back by fundraiser or raising monthly fee.
 - ***Additional expenses that are not tournaments must be approved by the board in some fashion
 - Venmo/PayPal/Cash/Check/Kelli's idea of paying for a service all discussed

and good points brought about for all forms of payments

- Kelli's website allows for recurring payments, reminders, memos, etc also easier for tax purposes all info in same place but will cost us
- Ray will ok hotels for BoLE and CBTC in order to potentially get a kick back (\$5 per room last year, gave him a check for \$1800)
- Can we get an Erie Sports Commission Grant?
 - Ray will look into, stated they typically like to provide funds to build something or something concrete so they can get their name involved
- BoLE and CBTC will be June 28-30
 - Can we somehow get Boro softball fields? Will require a bit of work but may pay off
 - BoLE for premier, CBTC for regional
 - Edinboro may be a good place to stay for those who have kids in both
- Golf outing
 - Sept 23 shotgun start at 10, registration at 9
 - We need donations from businesses of cash, cards, items to raffle, etc
 - Signs covered by a business by Mo - due Sept 8 for proper turn around
 - 50/50, Chinese auction (each team responsible for a themed basket)
 - 31-36 4 some
 - Chicken with 3 sides
 - Alcohol
 - Need to find connections within our team members, who knows someone who can help us
 - Need to ask the clubs, Cascade club, legions, VFW, etc, they have money to give
 - Aaron's rentals?
 - Get a sign up sheet for volunteers out by meet and greet
 - Keep pushing on social media
- Spirit wear
 - Would prefer to get out in 2-3 weeks
 - Must be online, ship to home
 - We will go with squad locker or fan cloth
 - Yes we will make profit
- Winter
 - 1-4, 12-4 or 1-5 at Gannon
 - Pitchers and catchers
 - Erie Premier (hopefully) 6-9 by age Wednesdays
 - Angie finalizing the Church for a different day for Crawford county &

south Erie

- Meet and greet
 - Start with Board discussing big stuff, organizational rules, etc
 - Coach will take the team and discuss small things such as
 - Tournaments for fall
 - Day of week to plan to practice
 - Where will practice be
 - Specific team rules
 - What to expect
 - Girls can mingle and parents meet

Coaches meeting portion

- Rosters to be out within 48 hours and social media getting going ● Fall ball can look like tournaments or leagues, whatever each coach prefers ○ Utilize friendlies
 - Merge practices and teams for older girls with other commitments
 - Brian wil help out with teaching about finding tournaments and getting the fall booked, tell him the weekend you want
 - Softball Zone via facebook
- Make sure parents know cost, etc. day of payments
 - They will get 3 jerseys and 2 pants
 - 8 U 2 jerseys
 - ANY DONATION MORE THAN PLAYER COST AND UNIFORM IS FOR THE PROGRAM
- Coaches get moving on insurance and sanctioning the teams with USA softball at MINIMUM
 - Some tournaments may require more
 - Pay with credit card and get reimbursed
 - Get Ray to send a check, either works
- When booking tournaments, makes Ray life easy if you write out the envelope, stamp it and leave a note inside on who to write the check to.
 - Can even give him a list with
 - Tourney names
 - Check payable to
 - Mail to (envelope for him)
 - Weekend date
 - This way he has all info right there and can find out who's

going where with cost

- Find a parent at meet and greet (or more) who would like to take up things such as
 - Finding donations
 - T-shirt orders
 - Organizing hotels
 - Things to take off your own plate
- Suggestions to the coaches
 - Utilize 24 hour rule
 - Talk after only about the kid, not other kids or each other
 - 14U get players to talk to coaches, not parent
 - Be honest as possible with parents/player
 - Don't be helicopter parent
 - College coaches will stray away
 - Don't sit near dugout
 - You will hear things about your daughter you won't want to
 - Backstop is for college coaches

Reach out to any board member for help, etc.