

EYO Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2017

Attendees:

Chris Jacubek
Vince Widmaier

Jim Clark
Andy Williams

Mike Paris
Kathy Glynn

Sports Report

Boys Basketball – Mike Parise

- ✓ Mike stated basketball was going well with the exceptions of a few hiccups with uniforms and schools. We have roughly 800 kids signed up for basketball; the number is a little lower than last year.
- ✓ The new backboards look great in the schools.
- ✓ Current permits are for 6pm, this has been a problem because school custodians are not allowing teams in until 6pm and games are due to start at 6pm causing all games to start late. Need to make sure permits are for 5:30 next year for game and practice nights, this should be considered a priority.
- ✓ Commissioner should have the discretion to prevent certain coaches from coaching next year. For example, Scott Balmer should not be allowed to coach ever again in EYO based on his behavior. Removed coach will have the opportunity to appeal the decision to the EYO president.
- ✓ Andy Williams filed a motion to allow for the distribution of \$50 Dicks gift cards to EYO volunteer coaches at the end of the season starting with spring sports. The board voted yes unanimously.

Girls Basketball – Vince Widmaier

- ✓ Vince reported girls' basketball is running very smoothly.

Baseball – Jim Clark

- ✓ Jim reported spring baseball registration is now open and running smoothly. He has received lots of inquiries into our program from neighboring organizations such as Sykesville, Ferndale and Western Howard County.
- ✓ EYO Day at Camden Yards has been scheduled for May 21, 2017.
- ✓ Picture day still needs to be scheduled, trying to schedule about 2 weeks for EYO Day at Camden Yards to help with ticket distribution.
- ✓ Sidelines Photography has created a travel baseball package that they will present at the next travel baseball coaches meeting.
- ✓ Travel baseball winter workouts started 1/8/2017 for many teams.
- ✓ Rookie league and above teams each get 2 vouchers for Extra Innings to use for their spring teams.
- ✓ Chris reported Blaindair Park can be utilized by the Colt/Pony leagues. There will be lots of 90 ft. baseball fields to use. Wants to start thinking about how we can increase participation for age groups that use 90 foot bases. Suggested creating relationships with the local high school coaches. This could also help with getting high school baseball players to come out and help out coaches with the younger children.
- ✓ Jim reported Field 7 at Rockburn needs work; the infield is full of rocks. Rockburn staff is aware of the problems and would like for EYO to help pay for the repairs to the field.

Softball - Vince Widmaier

- ✓ Spring registration is open and travel teams have started winter workouts.
- ✓ Vince reported 1st tournament is scheduled for April 1st and 2nd. He will most likely need the use of all 6 field and will need to umpires. Chris reported umpires will be ready. Vince wanted to ensure the concession stand will be open for the weekend. Andy Williams confirmed it will be open.

Soccer – No report

Tennis – No report

Finance – Andy Williams

- ✓ 1099's are being prepared.
- ✓ Scholarship report is also be being prepared. The lack of financial success of the past 2 golf tournaments has had an impact. The tournaments use to bring in \$10K but only have brought in about \$4K for the past 2 years. Sponsorship needs to be increased as well as participation from all sports. The majority of golfers and sponsors come from baseball. We need to reach out to commissioners to get them to promote the addition of sponsors.
- ✓ Due to a website set up error, 8 kids that registered for high school basketball only paid \$80 instead of \$180. Notification will be sent to these 8 families to ask for the additional \$100.
- ✓ Andy asked commissioners to make sure they are reviewing their Sombrero sites to ensure they are set up correctly before it is opened to the public.
- ✓ Chris would like to know where we are financially with fall sports to determine if rates will need to be raised this year. Due to the admin fees and the addition of the gift card program for coaches, rates may need to raise about \$15.

General – Chris Jacubek

- ✓ Chris presented the 2017 golf outing proposal for review. The cost would be increased this year but food will be nicer. Suggestions were made to find out if we can pay per drink instead of a per person fee and could we replace the steak with a crab cake. It would be ideal to have at least 96 golfers registered.
- ✓ Chris wants to find out how to better recruit volunteers to help within the organization. He will look for a 3rd party to assist with recruiting volunteers. WE will need someone to head Ways and Means, in the interim, he will do it.
- ✓ Reviewed and discussed uniform RFP, need to decide between Nightmare Graphics and Bolt. Motion to vote was made; board voted 4 to 2 for Bolt. All uniforms beginning with summer sports will be required to use Bolt for all their uniforms, no exceptions.
- ✓ Bolt will be given a list of authorized users, these users will be the only individuals allowed to order and charge to EYO. If an unauthorized individual places an order, they will be responsible to pay the cost of their order.
- ✓ Capital Expenses – Chris has begun the process of exploring the option to add turf to all infields within Rockburn, the estimated cost is \$600K. He will meet with Howard County officials to discuss finances, logistics, etc. If EYO does spend the money for the fields, EYO should have priority over the use of the fields and have the opportunity to charge other organizations that wish to reserve the fields.

Equipment

- ✓ Commissioners need to do a better job of collecting equipment at the end of each season. Lots of equipment such as basketballs and helmets were missing when equipment was returned last year.
- ✓ Chris suggested branding our equipment such as using orange/green basketballs and stamping our baseballs. Bolt should be able to stamp the balls.