

Bozeman American Legion Executive Committee Meeting
Morrison & Maierle Office
January 11, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Jim Ullman, Mark Johnson, Paul McGray, Chris Tarabochia, Jason Jarrett.

Coaches in Attendance: Coach Poliquin

Others in Attendance: Bryce Scala, Peggy Murfitt, Jeff Gyselman, Rob Higgs, Connie Evenson, Gayle Frandsen, Robin Hubley, Craig Simcox, Robin Roberts, Kathy Nash

Call to Order

7:00 p.m.: Jim Ullman called the meeting to order.

Changes/Additions to Agenda

The following items were added the agenda

- Approval of 2017 Player Fees
- Advertising for the Legion B head coach position
- Appointment of Albee Willett to putting Fan Gear ordering and gear together

Approve Minutes

A motion to approve the December 12, 2016 minutes was made by Jason, seconded by Mark. Motion to approve the December 12, 2016 minutes was passed with a 5-0 vote.

Financial Report and Payables

Items discussed

- \$25k is in the bank
- \$3,800 collected for the Pitt
- Coaches will be getting first stipend
- Godaddy bill paid
- NW energy bill
- Need to pay youth program for their portion of the golf proceeds
- Need to pick up \$5,000 check from the Legion

Committee Reports

Game Operations

Field - Halo Project

No updates

Field - Indoor Facility

Jim and Andy are in talks with the county

Fundraising Committee

Fundraising

Bryce outlined the next meetings for fundraising training and material that will be available during the sessions and online

Bryce met with Bridget Wilkensen on Thursday to discuss fundraising her organization can help with an being apart of the Give Big programming.

All final proofs were sent to Executive Services for printing. About \$1,500 of our credit will be used. This includes

- Brochure
- Thank you Cards
- Envelopes
- Admit Ones
- Stickers and Tracking Sheets

Basketball Tournament

About 20 teams are signed up. Will cap at about 50 teams and expect to fill up. Need to get a committee meeting as now it's time to get key activities tasks done

Public Relations Committee

Website, Facebook, Twitter

Website, Facebook and Twitter continue to be updated with information and calendar of events

Coaches Report

Coaches will be going to the Missoula coaches clinic this Month

Pitching rules have changed at the Legion level and will affect teams in our region. This is something the coaches will discuss for the strategies for pitching

Schedules are 80% done

Rich meet with Holly crane and the program will be hosting the little explorers program on July 14th. This is a great community outreach program

Setting up days with t-ball and little league during AA and A games

Will be using Play it Again Sport for indoor batting cages. Booking is online

Indoor at Emily Dickensen is ok. Looking to get MSU in the evenings. Mark suggested to make it happen.

The AA is at risk and will likely not happen due to not having teams that will come this year. But, will look to having it in 2018

Coach P has purchasing questions about needing to get things.

Coach asked about getting portable mounds out and where they are located.

Coach P will be working with Paul on reserving Kirk Park as an alternate fields usage for the program.

Questions about the snow removal on the field came up to help with getting on the field early. The basic go forward is to take it as it comes when the snow begins to melt and how to help it melt by moving it sooner.

There was some brief discussion about tryout numbers and a potential second legion b program. It was decided to not have a second b program as there is a Babe Ruth program for those players and the Legion program is still working on having 3 teams

Old Business

Coaching Contract

Jim Ullman is awaiting the coach breakdown from Rich to finalize the contract. Paul needs to send W9 to the coaches

Steve Wheeler debt

The program paid back the \$7,500 with a promissory note to close this loan transaction

Player Fees

Paul McGray presented the player fees for 2017

Bucks AA - \$3,000

Bucks A - \$3,000

Bucks B - \$2,000

A motion to approve the above fees was made by Jason, seconded by Mark. Motion to approve the above fees was passed with a 5-0 vote.

New Business

Revised Committees

Chris presented the new fees. The Bylaws need to be updated to reflect the new committees, but one of the committees is a bylaw committee. It was suggested that we just continue to move forward with both areas to help get parents volunteering with all the needs and the by-laws and policies would be updated as well.

Player Registration - policy and forms updates

Need to update the drug policy so that all the players can sign before tryouts begin. Need to have someone update this.

BINGO

Mark brought up that Wednesday night is Bingo night at the Legion. The program directly benefits from Bingo night and we will need volunteers for this program. The registration of this event will be online and work with Mark for details

Legion B Head Coach Advertising

Coach P would like to advertise for the Legion B Head Coach. We will put the job description online on our website, craigslist and Facebook. Also, we will put into the local paper.

Fan Gear

Albee Willett volunteered to organize "Fan Gear" for the year. Since it was discussed in the last meeting, the board wanted to highlight that she is the one coordinating this activity.

AA State

Chris - now that the new year is year, need to get going on this. Gayle as already compiled the research on venues and suggested the MSU grand ballroom and catering location. the committee will need to start meeting again regularly to continue to plan for this event. Looking to have a meeting on January 23rd.

Public Comment

There was no additional public comment

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is set for **February 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** in the conference room at Morrison & Maierle.

Adjournment

JJ made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jim Ullman seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn the meeting passed with a 5-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM