

2/20/22

Roll Call

Christine Culligan
Rose Ivie
Tarra Fermane
Christina Naughton
Joe Fermane
Michael Culligan
Ahmed Gresham
Helen Gresham
Harry Devine
Jenya Gonzalez

Also in attendance
Lina Carboni (player member)
Erika Kellett (general member)
Kevin Blankenbuelher (general member)

Treasurer Report (per Treasurer, T. Fermane, these amounts may not be exact due to computer issue)

Operational \$57,179.66	Culligan Travel \$3,594.52
Parent Umpire \$1,256.82	Ivie Travel \$5,956.86
Game of Chance \$35.00	

Treasurer, T. Fermane, asked that travel teams bring their receipts to each board meeting. T. Fermane will bring statements and receipts to each board meeting moving forward.

ABRSL

Mandatory coaches meeting is scheduled for March 19 at 10am at the Galloway log cabin. Next ABRSL meeting is 3/27/22. We have 9 girls at 18U level who would like to play. Also have other towns, including Buena, Folsom and Brigantine who would be willing to play against our 18U team. It was suggested that Christine Easterday may want to coach the 18U team. R. Ivie will reach out to her.

Sign Ups

Flyers went out to school. Current total is 119 players.
6U – 22 players – 1 coach volunteer
8U – 28 players – 2 coach volunteers
10U – 40 players – 3 coach volunteers
12U – 19 players – 5 coach volunteers
16U – 10 players – 2 coach volunteers

A discussion was held about the 12U division and the fact that we had more coach volunteers than teams. T. Fermane stated coaches have always been assigned teams based on seniority and that would allow E. Kellett and N. Rago to have 12U teams. M. Culligan pointed out that the bylaws actually state that coaches are approved by a board vote, not automatically by seniority. T. Fermane asked President, C. Culligan "Is that what you want to do?" to which C. Culligan responded that is what the bylaws say.

Teams will be made first week of March after the end of sign-ups. We still need a few 12U and 16U sign ups to make 2 viable teams in each division. We moved Board meeting to 3/13 at 4pm so that coaches could be voted on and approved prior to the ABRSL coaches meeting.

Pictures will be held on March 21st and 22nd. It will be all virtual ordering this year and coaches will not need to hand out papers. Packages can go for as low as \$5.

It was also brought up during the discussion that there are other bylaws that are not being followed. M. Culligan pointed out that the bylaws require all travel coaches and players to coach/play 51% of games during the season. T. Fermane advised this rule was made because girls were obtaining the benefits of EHT Travel, but the organization was not getting the benefit of their registration money for rec play. She advised that the rule historically had only been enforced during Fallball. J. Fermane corrected her stating that the rule was only enforced during Spring season.

R. Ivie advised that the 18U coach (her daughter) could not comply with the bylaw requirement to coach during the Spring season because she was too busy with work, school and travelball. She also advised that the rec eligible girls on the travel team were too busy with school, high school ball and travel to play rec ball in accordance with the bylaw requirement.

C. Naughton pointed to additional bylaws that we did not follow including that travel teams have their own bank accounts, when bylaws state travel team money should go through EHTYS.

R. Ivie suggested forming a bylaw committee. J. Fermane nominated K. Blankenbuehler. M. Culligan seconded. T. Fermane nominated H. Devine. M. Culligan seconded. M. Culligan nominated C. Naughton. M. Greshem seconded. All in favor of the 3 nominations.

President's Meeting with Rec Board

President, C. Culligan, explained that she gave "wish list" items to rec board of lightening on field 2 and a fryer for inside the stand. K. Blankenbuehler gave an update on his discussions with Bob Zoehller about lighting and that they need plans of the fields. (They did lightening on fields in 1993 and 2005). He will reach out to Rick for the plans. We will get turn key pricing for lighting field 2 and also pricing for updating lightening on Fields 1 & 5. R. Ivie asked about updating lighting in parking lots. K. Blankenbuehler will follow up with Mr. Zoehller about that request.

The area by the dumpster is currently being repaired. Next Rec Board meeting is 3/9/22.

Umpire Training

Umpires need team/player assistance for training.

March 13, 2022 – 10am pitchers and catchers – Field 2

March 20, 2022 – scrimmages

April 3, 2022 – scrimmages

Field coordinator will reserve Fields 2 & 5 for training on those scrimmage dates.

Recent/Upcoming expenses

Comcast – someone should be out this week and it should be operational by the end of the week. Only BOD members will have the password.

I-pad – still needs to be purchased

Rec Board approved us getting gates on a few field dugouts. We are just waiting to hear if they will pay for them or if we will have to.

A. Gresham advised that he looked into Clover v. Square. Clover is done through Bank of America and has steady processing fees of 2.65% + 10 cents per transaction. Cardless transactions are 2.99% plus 30 cents per transactions due to increase in fraud risk. With Square processing fees would vary.

There was an inquiry about when golf carts will be done. J. Fermane advised he requested that they be returned prior to the April tournament.

Travel Teams

10U out of town players were approved by Rec Board in January. 18U out of town players were approved by Rec Board in February. In response to R. Ivie's request that we be allowed to cut EHT players in favor of keeping out of town travel players, C. Culligan advised that Rec Board made clear that no EHT players can be cut to add out of town player. That includes EHT travel teams are not allowed to offer EHT player a "practice spot" to fully roster an out of town player. No additional updates from travel teams.

Banquet

C. Culligan advised she obtained pricing from 2 locations for the Banquet.

Carriage House - \$39.20 per person (350 ppl max) Carriage house can offer a cash bar for an additional price. C. Naughton pointed out that the Rec Board Policy and Procedure Manual prohibits events where alcohol is being consumed by coaches, volunteers, parents.

Great Bay Country Club - \$30.00 per person (200 ppl max)

The Board unanimously agreed to go with Carriage House.

We intend on allowing players and head coaches to receive a free ticket. Parents and siblings will be cost. We discussed that based on the number of players registered we may need to have 2 banquet nights. First choices are 8/5 & 8/6. Second choice is 8/4 & 8/5 if weekend is more money.

It was also discussed that the senior scholarships would be handed out on that date. R. Ivie stated that something is also done at the school. It was agreed that we would give scholarship winners a certificate

at the school event and the scholarship money and plaque at the banquet. May tournament profits would determine the total amount of scholarships given out.

Regarding scholarships, we selected a scholarship committee. M. Culligan nominated J. Fermane to the committee. M. Greshem seconded. J. Fermane nominated M. Culligan to the committee. M. Greshem seconded. H. Devine nominated J. Gonzalez to the committee. M. Greshem seconded. All in favor of each nomination.

Carnival

Discussed dates for carnival so that a Use of Fields app could be submitted. Initially we wanted to do 7/29, however, National Night out is August 2nd so that was too close. We decided on July 22, 2022 5p-9p. Use of Fields application will be submitted to Rec Board. We need to start getting quotes on how much inflatables (obstacle course) and a dunk tank will cost.

Sanitizers/Field Clean Up

We discussed that hand sanitizers need to be put up in dug outs but need to be secured with zip ties or screws this time, as they were all stolen last time. Prior to the start of the season, we will have each team take a field/area to pick up trash to get ready for the season opening.

Tournaments

April

- 10B -1
- 10C -3
- 12B -3
- 12C-5

May

- 10B – 9 – Had to get rid of 10C and move EHT 10U Travel to B
- 12B-4
- 14C – 5
- 14O – 3

June

- 10C – 3
- 10B – 1
- 12C – 1
- 16C – 2
- 16B – 3
- 18B – 3

J. Fermane advised when making tournament schedule he is trying to leave Fields 1 & 5 for emergencies.

J. Fermane advised that Utrip will provide tournament tshirts. They would be pre-ordered and we make 50% profit. C. Naughton asked if we could still use the vendor for customized hoodies and J. Fermane confirmed that we could do both. Utrip will do tshirts for all 3 of their tournaments. We also want to look in the Bow Lady and the Coffee company that has been at tournaments before.

J. Fermane discussed the refund policies for tournaments. Utrip refunds 75% if no games played. M. Culligan made motion to use Utrip cancellation policy for all tournaments to be consistent. R. Ivie seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Utrip tournaments are \$60 pay at plate --- USA tournaments are \$55 pay at plate

Fall tournament dates are scheduled for:

- 9/24-25 – benefiting Dream Like Drew
- 10/8-9 – benefiting Breast Cancer
- 10/29-30 – benefiting Casa (R. Ivie confirmed the majority of the donation goes directly to the children. C. Naughton advised we have the option of a direct donation where 100% of the money would go directly to the children)

Additional Issues/Public Comment

J. Fermane talked about the Phillies Urban Academy, a non-profit group that assists inner city children with baseball/softball fees. R. Ivie made a motion to look further into donating to this organization. M. Culligan seconded the motion. All in favor.

C. Naughton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. M. Culligan seconded.