

Date: Sunday, September 13, 2009
Topic: SPALL Board Meeting
Present: Craig Roberts, Stuart Young, Caryn Radziucz, Katherine Savage, Tony Guignard, Matt Whaley, Peter Montano, Jules Church, Jim Poole, Marie Cross
Absent: Debbie Gillies

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 4th, 6PM, SP Community Center, 2nd Floor

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Website Upgrade – an update to the SPALL website had previously been suggested.

Proposal received by Craig suggested a change to a Joomla platform. Transition would take approximately 10 days, would include 1 hour remote training and would cost approximately \$1,000. Annual fee thereafter wasn't known.

Current annual website cost is \$300.

It was decided not to invest in an upgrade at this time, given the high costs and current financial standing of the league.

Fall Field Day – Scheduled for October 17 2009, 9-12:00. Things to do include:

Clean and organize concession stand and upstairs storage.

Inventory first aid kits & restock if necessary.

Remove and store signage.

Majors/Minors field work – trim weeds, plant grass as needed, grade the warning track.

Install batting cage:

Area between the two fields must first be excavated/leveled & concrete footings installed;

Possible donors of excavation time/labor/materials are Craig Babbidge, Frank Keenan, Rob Plummer;

Harlan Michaud has verbally offered to install turf;

Minors dugout has flood issue – determine what's involved in installing a concrete foundation in each dugout.

Finances – Peter Montano

Current balance ~ \$5,300 minus \$500 in unpaid invoices (Wights, septic, CMP) = \$4,800. Credits include \$700 AT&T contribution and \$600 credit from LL for softball tourney which brings balance to \$6,100.

January payments include LL Registration to Williamsport (\$2,800) and next to last loan payment (\$5,000).

Early Registration will bring in approximately \$4,000 (40 early registrations at \$70/child plus \$30 raffle)

Note that softball concession provided annual revenue of approximately \$2,000 which may be lost due to uncertainty of softball field and concession.

Softball Field Options:

New Wainwright Field - not a viable option currently due to costs

City has skinned field but would require SPALL to install fencing at a cost of approximately \$20k (\$12K for backstop and dugout). City would maintain field (drag/prep);

City has requested that SPALL also install irrigation, but this is not an immediate requirement;

Portable concession and storage shed would be permitted.

SPHS Tennis Court Field – Estimated \$5K to ready the infield and it's not a permanent option.

Current Wainwright Field – Scheduling this field around the HS team is an option.

Merge with National and share fields.

Redbank Field – what's status and condition of this field?

Proposal – Craig take to Kevin Adams (SP Community Center):

Minor softball go to Greater Portland Christian School;

Schedule around HS on Existing Wainwright Field;

Use New Wainwright Field for practice with temporary backstop;

Inquire about portable concessions.

Board Positions:

VP Majors - Jim Poole nominated by Peter, Jewel seconds; approved by all present.

Player Agent- Tony Guignard nominated by Kathy, Jewel seconds; approved by all present.

Open Positions:

President – no current candidates. President required in order to continue SPALL;

VP Minor Softball-Joe Aceto suggested;

VP AA/AAA Baseball – not a required Board position. Jim Poole will appoint someone to act in this capacity.

Other:

Registration fee increase tabled until next meeting.

Post Board meeting minutes on SPALL website.

ACTION ITEMS

Batting cage excavation options:

Craig will email batting cage excavation specifications to Matt and Jewel and will approach Craig Babbidge one last time;

Jules will approach Frank Keenan;

Matt will approach Rob Plummer.

Minor Field dugout concrete foundation:

Jules will approach Frank Keenan to find out what installation of a concrete foundation involves and email the requirements to Peter;

Peter will assess cost of the materials and whether this is a project we can tackle.

Stuart will contact Rick Perusi (City of SP) regarding supporting October 17 Field Day.

Craig will submit proposed 2010 schedule of events for review by the Board.

Stuart will file form with LL to receive approximate \$600 credit for softball tournament.

Craig will book the rec. center meeting room for 6PM, October 4th.

Craig will approach Kevin Adams regarding the softball field proposal and concession outlined above.

Stuart will contact Joe Aceto regarding accepting VP Minor Softball position.

If no current Board member expresses interest in Presidency in next 5 days (September 18th),

Craig will send mass email to all LL email addresses to request volunteer and explain the dissolution of the Board and league if no President is identified.

Minutes recorded by Pam Angell (741-2922).

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