



Ephrata Baseball Association Board Meeting

February 21, 2021
EBA Academy
300 Chestnut St
Ephrata, PA 6:00 pm

Meeting called by: President – Andrew Gockley **Type of meeting:** Regular Board Meeting

Attendees: Andrew Gockley, Ken Boley, Steve Savage, Steve Schwanger, Bill Morrell, Len Embiscuso, Becky Miller, Adrian Shelley

Guest(s): Kelly Embiscuso, Dennis Stauffer

Minutes

Agenda item: Previous Meeting Minutes Approval

Presenter: Ken Boley

Discussion:

Steve Savage made a motion to accept the December 2020 meeting minutes. Len provided a second. Motion was unanimously approved.

Steve Schwanger made a motion to accept the January 2021 meeting minutes. Steve Savage provided a second. Motion was unanimously approved.

Conclusions:

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

Agenda item: Treasurer's Report

Presenter: Steve Schwanger

Discussion:

- Balance as of 2/21/2021 was \$16,202.72.
- Information was sent to Integrity for tax preparation.
- Kwik-Store lease has been terminated.
- \$773.91 still outstanding from 2020 Spring registration reimbursements.
- True available balance as of 2/21/2021 is \$11,239.81
- PayPal account has been set up as an option for payment. Fees are a little over 3%.
- Spirit wear sale is underway until 2/28/2021.
- As a reminder, Legion will be hosting a tournament this year, and there is money set aside for Legion use. Len also reminded that we do receive a donation from the Legion team for indoor facility use and cleanup fees.

Conclusions:

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
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Agenda item: In-house Coordinator (formerly LL President)

Presenter: Vacant Position

Discussion:

- Report provided by Andy – Scott Gola will help get season kicked off, and Bill M. will be leading the coordination effort.
- Registration deadline is March 1st.

Conclusions:

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Agenda item: EPBA Director

Presenter: Len Embiscuso

Discussion:

- Thursday, Feb. 25th is the next meeting for LCYBL. Team information will be submitted at that time. LCYBL will be setting some COVID-19 related rules. Umpires will not be enforcing those rules.
- Per Andy, Jeremy Jones provided the COVID policy being used by soccer. We can copy and use it for EBA purposes. Andy will disseminate the information.
- There will be a meeting for coaches. Date/time TBD.
- Winter workouts – this is the last week for winter workouts. 12US1 team has been decided and will begin practicing on their own. Some decisions remain for 12US2 and 12US3.
- We have received positive feedback on new workout format.

Conclusions:

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Agenda item: Public Relations Director

Presenter: Bill Morrell

Discussion:

- Some edits to the Fall guidelines and waiver form were made and they were placed on the website until the soccer policy can be update for EBA purposes. We have had inquiries from parents asking what our COVID policies are.

Conclusions:

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Agenda item: Fields & Facilities

Presenter: Vacant position

Discussion:

- Reached out to municipalities to inform them that we intend to have a Spring season.
- Clay Twp. will look at the Hopeland bench that has sunk.
- Indoor facility usage time schedule has been worked out.

Conclusions:

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Agenda item: Uniforms & Equipment

Presenter: Karen B., Steve Savage

Discussion:

- Karen (via Andy)
 - We are fairly close to already having what may be needed for travel teams. We may not need to order much.
 - We will have to wait and see with the Rec program teams.
- Steve
 - To clear up confusion over required catcher's gear, the chest protector must meet new certification requirements for protection, not a shirt underneath. None of our catcher's gear meets the new requirements. An anonymous donor has purchased chest protectors for all of our teams.
 - All equipment has been moved from Kwik-Store to the indoor facility. Included in the equipment is stuff for softball and Legion.
 - 1 lb. medicine balls have been ordered and paid for by an anonymous donor.

Conclusions:

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Agenda item: Sponsorships

Presenter: Steve Schwanger

Discussion:

- No report

Conclusions:

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Agenda Items: Fundraising

Presenter: Becky Miller

Discussion:

- Met with Brian Ludwig from Gold Athletics. Online ordering is being offered for \$25 per card. In person ordering price is \$20 per card. Proceeds would be split 50%/50%.
- When asked about using an order form instead of having a supply of cards, Brian stated he may not want to do this with us if we insist on it, and he would rather have unreturned unsold cards for which he would accept the loss.
- We would offer the opt out option, or sell the requested 5 cards.
- Last time we sold them, we profited \$880.00, but the prizes given for selling came out of that profit.
- Selling car wash tickets might be better, but the cost for the tickets is required up front.

Conclusions:

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Agenda Items: Volunteer Coordinator

Presenter: Kelly Embiscuso

Discussion:

- When coaches have been decided, let Kelly know who they are.
- Board members, assistant coaches, and any other person having direct contact with players must also have clearances in place.

Conclusions:

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Agenda Items: Safety Director

Presenter: Becky Miller

Discussion:

- Safety Plan needs updated again. Since COVID, some things have changed, and who is filling what roles has changed.

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New Business & Other Information

- Dennis Stauffer was present to discuss if the EBA would be willing to help by scheduling games to be played during Akron Day in the Park. The date is June 12th. Cut-off date to finalize plans would be sometime in May.
- Pictures – Missy Mortimer will be reaching out to The War Memorial Association for availability and will send something out when we get the number of teams finalized.
- Adrian will be having a meeting with 17U parents about not being in a 17U league. There are anywhere between 20 and 25 players who would be eligible to play at the 17U level. Some of them can try out for the Legion team. Others are playing for other travel (club) teams. Adrian is considering a Summer Hardball Academy for this age group, and he would likely try to schedule games, but we wouldn't be locked in to a league schedule.
- Becky raised the question of whether or not the EBA should hold coaches accountable for enforcing COVID guidelines for attendees, and if so, how? It is the EBA's position that coaches are only responsible for the player members and coaching staff, not outside attendees.

After a motion by Len and a 2nd by Steve Savage, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm on Sunday, March 21, 2021 at the Indoor Facility.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Boley