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January 9, 2023 – General Meeting Agenda 7:30 PM, Abundant Life Church

Attendees: Donna Antonacci, Karen Belding Nick Poirier, Matt Parsons, John Carroll, Margo Gignac, Tim Crowell, Seth Breitmiaer, Andrew Perham, Samantha Van Zilen, Mark Simone, Bill Kristoff, Bob Crowell, Hazen Sturtevant, Greg Villardo

Absent: Tim Chevarini, Sean Zettervall

Call to Order: 7:33

Minutes of Last Meeting: Provided by league secretary

- President report (Karen)
 - Chartering with Little League / insurance complete: \$4,092 (inclusive of LL affiliation and 3 different policies - see email to EOB from Karen)
 - Karen to inquire about need to add Abundant Life to insurance coverage with pictures being taken there
 - New virtual training required for tournament coaches (not yet available) Looks like LL plans to post it in February - something to keep an eye on.
- Treasurer's report (Margo)
 - Monthly account read-out / tax status
 - Financial Aid committee for 2023 Margo, John Carroll & Samantha Van Zilen
 - budget should be set aside for Financial aid maybe \$1,500
 - Annual budget need to establish planned revenue, planned expenses, wish list budget
 - It appears that we netted ~17k for the last season
 - Margo to confirm church donation history
 - Need to identify how much we need to keep in reserve in case of a bad year
 - For 2023 sponsorships do we adjust the fees?
 - Decision keep sponsorship prices stable for this year (consider changes next vear)
- Equipment to inventory all of the extra uniform parts that are in storage may want to sell off to siblings / families in the spring
- Need to setup online merchandise store
- Scholarship committee for 2023 Matt Parsons, Samantha Van Zilen & Karen Belding





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General wish list discussion

Wish List Item	Actions	Price Range	Priority #	Comments
Equipment	List from Ed/Nick?			
R4 - fencing (by dugout)	Matt to contact Fence Man for quote			Safety concern
R1 batting cage needs to be replaced (CBSL owns it)	Need quote for metal structure, netting, install Reggie/John to find out from Rob D where softball one came from Ed to research R1 batting cage options			
Fencing @ backstop of cody camp				
Field Sponges (buy from internet)		3 for \$100 (recommend @ least 2 per field) 14-16 total		Eliminates needs for "kitty litter" which turns to concrete
Tarps	Nick/John/Ed to walk the field to identify tarps that need to be replaced			2 for Cody Camp & 2 for R1
R1 & R3 pitchers eye	Nick/John/Ed to walk the field to identify pitcher or batter eyes that need to be replaced			
Batters eye				R1





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NOTE: we are a tax exempt organization (501c3) - we want to be able to leverage

We need prices next to items by next meeting so that motions can be made and items purchased before the season starts. Otherwise it will be tabled until next season.





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- Calendar review what do we need to adjust based on last year?
 - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Bv6e7-0pXx-CVokYSyZkOW9vk72kCeBs/edit
 ?usp=sharing&ouid=115301960729488903774&rtpof=true&sd=true
 - o So far thoughts on key dates for 2023 spring season:

Opened registration: 12/253Close registration: 2/20

Program/Division	Player Count
2023 Spring Baseball	61
1) Big Red Bat (4 yr old)	4
2) Tee Ball (5/6 yr old)	23
3) Rookie - Coach Pitch - Baseball	21
4) Minor - Baseball	9
5) Major - Baseball	2
6) Junior - Baseball	2
2023 Spring Softball	23
1) Rookie - (6*/7/8) Coach Pitch - Softball	11
2) Minor - (9/10) - Softball	8
3) Major - (11/12) - Softball	4
Grand Total	84

- Ed early registration raffle Dick's gift card? Yes
- Late fee will remain \$25 for this year
- Coach interviews: week of March 6th
- Evaluations: 3/18-3/19
 - Gym permits Andrew
- Drafts: 3/20-3/27
- Opening Day: April 22nd for baseball / 29th for Softball
- What needs to be done now?
 - Schedule CPR training
 - Safety plan for 2023





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- Arrange publicity
- Banner on the green Nick has the banner...it's still usable
 Action: Replace all yard signs for registration Donna to get quotes (recommend go to Minute Man for 10 signs)
- Parks & Rec will put up banner on the green starting Feb 13th and run through Feb 27th (Nick will bring to Parks & Rec week of Feb 6th)
- Action: Order new registration banner when sponsor banners are ordered Action: Margo to contact central office for Digital backpack;
 Action: Donna has contacted RiverEast & will do once more
 Action: Karen will contact tiffany for Parks & Rec community e-mail
 Blast for coaches and raffle committee members

Action: Karen will send email

Park and Rec newsletter - deadline Jan 25 for Feb 1 newsletter

- Uniform planning
 - Action: Seth to get an updated quote to vote on at the next meeting
 - John C changes to softball uniforms uniform costs will increase by ~\$5 for sleeveless shirts and stirrups
 - Nick?
 - o Need to order by?
- Baseball & softball Director need to figure out umpires for the season
- Forms that need to be updated
 - Sponsor forms Seth
 - Financial aid forms Karen
 - Safety plan Tim Crowell
 - o What else?
- Constitution / ByLaws reviews
 - Andrew to bring for signature will be submitted to Little League and posted on website
 - Constitution:
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PIxIHSKvVGgdMugJm970OM1q0XpTPx2 A/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115301960729488903774&rtpof=true&sd=true
 - By Laws:
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d61-qqgY61hVz6uRg8WM54MY_EXvNvQz/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115301960729488903774&rtpof=true&sd=true
- Question raised: signatures on safety plan, do these need to be kept on file? Andrew to ask
 Bob Crowell if he knows (Karen can take to district meeting) Not required to be kept on file Baseball director simply checks against head coach to confirm receipt





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- Question raised: do we need a parental consent form on file for umpires 12 years or older (but not 18)? We've never had one - but it's not a bad idea. They're in the field - not behind the plate.
- Do Umps need a background check? Haven't done in the past, but again, not a bad idea. (over 18)

Action - review Calendar for the year as proposed below - we'll vote at the next meeting.

Month	General Meeting	EOB only	Comments
January	Jan 9	Jan 23	
February	Feb 6th	Feb 27th	Propose moving from Feb 20th due to President's Day
March	March 6th	March 20th	
April	April 3rd	April 17th	
May	May 1st	May 15th	
June	June 5th	June 19th	
July	July 10th	July 24th	Adjust due to 4th of July holiday
August	August 7th	August 21st	
September	Sept 11th	Sept 19th	Adjust due to Labor Day
October	Oct 2nd	Oct 16th	
November	Nov 6th	Nov 20th	Suggest EOB on Nov 13th if transitions & Constitution / ByLaws is not yet complete
December	Dec 4th	Dec 18th	





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Motion - hold EOB meetings remotely (Seth or Matt will host meetings). - Karen first/ Matt 2nd

1 abstain / 8 in favor

Motion - all meetings @ 7 pm (Seth / Matt 2nd) - all in favor / no against / no abstention

- Open Forum any items?
 - Sponsorship Campaign Karen to review the field improvements in the past year
 - o Updated photos to be pulled from FB site
 - o Raffle coordinator Tim Cheverini
 - o Picture Day Coordinator Sean Zettervall
 - o Any way we can create sponsors on our website? There's no way to do it.

Adjourn Meeting 9:32

Next Meetings

- General Meetings: 1st Monday each month. Next meeting will be Feb 6th at 7:30 pm
- EOB meetings are held twice monthly: 1st Monday (after the General Meeting) and the 3rd Monday of every month