

## **SaddleBrooke Senior Softball Board of Directors Meeting June 13, 2023 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM. Present were Peter Romeo, Len Gann, Paul Auster, George Corrick, Barry Emmons, and Chuck Kill. Also present were Debbie Seguin and Nick Longo.

**-Review May '23 Treasurer's Report** – accepted after some questions and comments on specific line items. Field maintenance is running ahead of the expected run rate and may need some monitoring over the second half of the year to avoid exceeding the budget. Peter and Brad Jones are watching.

Chuck is also following the HOA to see if they can/will pay for the liability insurance.

George reported we did **Very Well** on the Memorial Day Tournament:

Expenses: \$825.67 for food, charcoal, sodas, buns, and ice

Income: \$1905

- Ambient Air & Coyote Golf Cars Sponsorships: \$700
- Cash Donations: \$775
- Other Donations: \$430

Income less expenses: **\$1079.33**

**-Tournament Financial Results** – Peter reviewed a comparison of income & expenses for the St. Pats and Memorial Day tournaments 2022 vs. 2023.

**-Sponsorship Program** – Paul Auster reviewed the status of the sponsors & banners. 54 positions with one open now and 4 who have advised they are not renewing. We have one new sponsor in the works and 3 or 4 others interested. Other potentials suggested are Comcast and Orbitel.

Six sponsor banners will be replaced at the SSSA expense (within budget). Five were contacted but none have responded so a second set will be identified and contacted after they renew in Q3. Pet Rescue and Kristy M have been replaced at their cost. Andy's Irrigation is also interested in redoing his.

The Banner Maintenance team has replaced 5 of the boards on the outfield fence. We have some remaining budgeted funds and may replace 2 or 3 more in the fall.

**-HOA Employee Tournament** – Peter reported that it went well and was well attended. He received emails from the HOA2 management thanking SSSA. Each volunteer (scorekeepers, umpires and ground keepers) received a gift card from the HOA. They are interested in doing 1 or 2 more this year, maybe including an SSSA team. A change in format to include a loser's bracket or round robin may be considered.

**-Labor Day Tournament** - We discussed what day to hold it (Monday or Saturday/Sunday). All agreed to keep it on Monday. Timing of games and food service was discussed as well as any presentations to ensure smooth transitions.

**-Use of Old Jerseys** – If a player does not have a valid reason for using the old jersey, they will be ejected from the game. Valid reasons are: new players with an order pending, and players who own authorized jerseys but are using a temporary jersey from the shed because; a) they are playing as a last-minute sub, b) forgot to bring the correct color. It was suggested to add a manager checkpoint at the start of the season and/or prior to game time to avoid ejection situations that penalize the team.

Barry will reach out to the two new vendors to see what they can offer for jerseys with no names at a reasonable cost and can they get close to the current design? Paul also suggested trying to remove names on some spare new version uniforms.

**-Music on the field** – Peter had received some complaints about music being played at the field. SSUSA rules do not address music on the field but prohibits it in the dugout. Consensus was not to create a new rule but to have a conversation with the player involved. Music played by non-players in the stands is not at issue.

**CTS Rule Change** – The change was unanimously approved.

**SaddleBrooke Scorer T-Shirts** - Paul asked about paying for t-shirts for the scorers. He will poll to the scorers to determine interest. Peter was OK with coming up with a design but the scorers would pay for them.

**Sun Hats and Neck Protection** – Wide-brim hats and neck protection options were discussed. It was decided to send an e-mail to the members about the neck protection being acceptable as long as they use the authorized SB cap. If options can be found, a vendor's link may be included.

**Player Pictures** – Barry asked about player portraits on the website. Alan K. took over the process last year and submitted many but none recently. Peter to ask him and Eddie L about resuming the process.

**Summer Season Sign-ups** – George gave sign-up counts for the summer season. All leagues are short as of now. The deadline is Monday June 19.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:12

Submitted by Barry Emmons