January 21, 2024 *|* Take 5 Restaurant Meeting called to order by AJ Christopher at 6:00 pm

Attendance

**In Attendance:** AJ Christopher, Carmine Battista, Andrea Clark, Mike Grimaldi, Wil Clark, Mikayla Curley, Larry Gousse, Marc Winer, Michelle Winer, Chris Izzo, Dave Gamblin, Nanette Paine, Michael Winer, Brandon Mercier

New Business

* **Secretary’s Report:**
  + Nan made a motion to approve the 11/19/23 minutes as presented. Marc seconded. Approved by vote 11/0/0 Marc has posted the minutes to the website.
* **Treasurer's Report:** 
  + Nan presented a Treasurer’s report. Below are upcoming bills:
    - electric, trash and water bill for St Johns.
    - Agawam Little League charter.
    - Practice and game balls for both softball and baseball. Steve D is looking into a bulk order for all of District 2 in hopes of a discount.
    - Uniforms - Shirts and hats
    - Umpire shirts and equipment
    - Misc golf tournament expenses
* **Registration Updates:** - Mikayla
  + No real issues yet. Most are looking for guidance on where/how they can register. There have been some questions about the T-mobile grant. AJ has applied for both the T-mobile and the Grab your Gear and Go grants. Applications are pending. If parents want to apply, send info to Andrea or Chris so they can present them to the executive board to review.
  + Currently we have 62 registered for Baseball and 28 registered for softball.
  + Nan will contact the library to schedule a in person registration. 9:30 - 12:30.
  + Carmine asked if Mikayla could send the list of registered players so the coaches can call the kids that haven't registered yet this year.
  + Sending school fliers was discussed. This is expensive. AJ currently puts info on all the school PTO pages. Brandon will check on the cost to print fliers. There was discussion on having lawn signs to remind people to sign up.
  + According to our By-Laws, anyone present at the 10/15/23 meeting can email Marc or AJ after they register their child for the $10.00 discount.
* **Evaluations:**
  + Andrea will contact NxtLvl Athletics to get a quote to have evaluations there.
  + Softball had good people involved last year. Hoping for a few more so things will run smoother. Would like to have pitchers and catchers separate again.
  + Baseball should have pitchers and/or catchers evaluated for majors like softball did. Minors should have kids play all positions including pitcher.
  + Worked well to have the coaches just evaluate the players not running drills.
  + ***\*UPDATED\** - Evaluations will take place on Sunday March 10th from 1-7 at NxtLvl Athletics, 270 Main St, Agawam, MA. We will need help!**
* **Winter Clinics Recap:** - Brandon
  + Softball clinics have been posted and put out to parents.
  + Parents can decide if/where they want to send their kids. We are not involved in collecting fees. We will just provide opportunities to the parents if they want to enroll their child.
  + Andrea will reach out to Pedro at NxtLvl to see what they can offer for clinics. Brandon has been in contact with Mass Con to see what they can offer for clinics. Want to keep them to no more than 25 kids or less so all kids will be more involved. The first clinic will be hitting. There are no age limits.
* **Opening Day: - Saturday April 27th**
  + Equipment donation table was well received by all. Going to put old apparel out on a table for anyone to take. Bounce houses are all set.
  + Sub Committee for Opening Day: Brandon, Nan and Marc.
  + Start thinking about “League of Their Own” award.
* **Uniforms:** 
  + AJ is getting pricing for uniforms from the company in Enfield that did our district shirts. We may need to order minors from 1 vendor and majors from another. Depends if they could handle the large order we would need for the regular season. Shirts should be Agawam colors.White, Orange, Brown. Westfield uses this company for their family apparel. Parents would contact them directly to order. There is about a three week turnaround.
* **Baseball Updates:** - Andrea
  + List of coaches/board members that have keys. AJ is looking at new locks for the equipment lock boxes and will make sure all have the needed supplies for the spring. There will be equipment bins placed at Borgatti and St Johns.
  + Tree fell on the St Johns field. Andrea will call the town to get it taken care of.
* **Softball Updates:** - Chris
  + There has been talk that kids in U10 are bored and want to play up at the U12 level. We will need to wait for evaluations before a decision can be made. Need to keep safety risks in mind if the girls play up a level.
  + U14 will probably not need to be involved in evaluations again this year.
  + Score board will be hopefully be installed 1/21/24 at field 2 at Borgatti.
  + ***\*UPDATED\**** - Scoreboard was installed. This will be paid for with a grant.
* **Sponsorship:**
  + We already have some sponsors for this year. Some are new which is great. We are no longer going to have sponsor banners as teams did not use them.
* **Golf Tournament:** - Nan
  + Tournament will be Sunday May 19th. We will have the same prices as last year. $110 per player; $75 for student and military with ID.
  + We will not offer strings this year. Will still have prizes for closest to the pin and the longest drive as well as 1 mulligan per team.
  + Start to collect donations from companies to use for prizes. Flyer will be out soon, please share. Andrea, Wil, Larry and AJ will help Nan.
  + Looking to get pricing for towels for the golf tournament. (Orange)
* **Jimmy Fund:**
  + **Baseball** = U10 - July 21-27; U12 - July 28 - Aug 3; **Softball** = Aug 4-10
  + Not sure about seniors or intermediate teams yet. No lights!
* Michael will provide Umpire clinic dates as soon as they are confirmed.
* AJ discussed holding Regional finals in Agawam. More to come….
* **Next Meeting:**
  + February 25, 2024 at Take 5 Restaurant at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm. Motion by Andrea. Seconded by Nan. Approved by vote 13/0/0

Submitted by Michelle Winer 11/21/2023