February 25, 2024 *|* Take 5 Restaurant Meeting called to order by AJ Christopher at 6:00 pm

Attendance

**In Attendance:** AJ Christopher, Angelo Adorno, Carmine Battista, Andrea Clark, Mike Grimaldi, Wil Clark, Mikayla Curley, Jean Degray, Marc Winer, Michelle Winer, Chris Izzo, Michael Winer, Brandon Mercier

New Business

* **Varsity Baseball Opportunity:**
  + Coach Jay Yarymowicz was invited by AJ to speak to the board. Coach Yarm has been appointed as the new Varsity coach for Agawam High School. He would like to have the varsity be more of a presence with Agawam Little League. He would like to start a partnership so the kids can see where their road could lead to. He was asking about opening day. Unfortunately, they are not available to help on Opening day, as they have a game that day. Coach Yarm is hopeful that at least 5 members could be present at evaluations if A.L.L. wanted them. Jay is having a community practice on May 4th from about 11-1. They are hoping for about (40) 9- to 11-year-old participants. This would be held at the AHS field. More info will follow if we are interested.
  + The varsity team is also playing West Springfield at the Hartford Yard Goats stadium on Friday May 10th. He would love to extend the invitation to ALL to come to the game. The cost is 10.00 per ticket.
  + Coach Yarm would also like to offer a digital skills bank that the high school uses. He stated that the skills could be skilled down for younger levels. If there is interest.
  + The board is excited for this partnership and look forward to more information.
  + Coach Yarm can be reached at [JYARYMOWICZ@Agawamed.org](mailto:JYARYMOWICZ@Agawamed.org) or on Instagram.
* **Secretary’s Report:**
  + Andrea made a motion to approve the 1/21/24 minutes as presented. Marc seconded. Approved by vote 10/0/0 Marc has posted the minutes to the website.
* **Treasurer's Report:** 
  + No Treasurer’s report was presented at this meeting.
* **Board Updates:**
  + Danielle needs to step away from her position as the Safety Player & Coach Development Coordinator. She would like to continue as a general member.
  + Brandon has been helping Danielle and is interested in filling her open position. Andrea made a motion to nominate Brandon for the open position as Safety Player & Coach Development Coordinator. Carmine seconded. Approved by vote of 9/0/0.
  + AJ informed the board that an email would be coming soon requesting information for CORI checks for all board members.
* **Registration Updates:** - Mikayla
  + Currently we have 198 kids that have registered. 151 are registered for Baseball and 47 are registered for softball. We are down about 200 kids.
  + There was a suggestion of sending School fliers. In the past this did not seem to be useful. AJ has posted on the school PTO pages. Mikayla will look into sending a text message to all people entered in the database to remind them that registration is closing soon. She will also send out another email.
* **Evaluations:**
  + Andrea will get an email out to the volunteers and create time slots for evaluation groups based on registration numbers and positions.
  + **Reminder - Evaluations will take place on Sunday March 10th from 1-7 at NxtLvl Athletics, 270 Main St, Agawam, MA. We will need help!**
* **Opening Day: - Saturday April 27th**
  + Sub Committee for Opening Day: Brandon, Nan and Marc.
  + Brandon was looking for more information on what had been done in the past. Marc said he reached out to Shawn and has some emails. Brandon will plan a meeting with the committee to discuss plans for the day.
  + Start thinking about “League of Their Own” award.
* **Baseball Updates:** - Andrea
  + Looking for an update on the District Wide Code of Conduct. Marc stated that he has a meeting Thursday 2/29 to discuss.
  + Andrea is asking about keys before the season begins. AJ is working on this.
  + The concession stand work will begin on March 11th. They are doing new siding, roof and doors. No work will be done inside the stand.
* **Softball Updates:** - Chris
  + Chris had nothing new to report.
* **Fundraising:** - Angelo
  + Angelo is continuing to get sponsorships. They are starting to come in. Sam Peaks would like to donate a banner to the concession stands. They are also interested in being a new sponsor. Angelo did state that he would be finishing things up and would need to step away from fundraising.
* **Umpire Update:** - Michael
  + The indoor Umpire Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, March 30th from 9-1at the library. AJ told Mike to order pizza for the clinic.
  + The outdoor Umpire Clinic is scheduled Saturday, for April 13th.
  + AJ is going to order the umpire supplies needed for the season.
* **Districts Discussion:**
  + Looking for a few volunteers to be part of the Evaluation team. Let Andrea know if you are interested. The board will vote at the March meeting. Tryouts are set for May 7,8,9. Mike W. is interested in joining the team.
  + Uniforms for districts will be ordered the same as last year. Hoping that there will be a link for parents to order apparel this year.
* **Coaches Clinics:**
  + Would like to have the UIC present at the coaches’ clinics so he can discuss the correct way to approach an umpire during a game.
* **Misc Items:**
  + The Veterans Council would like to donate a flagpole for Borgatti field.
  + The fences at Memorial Field need to be repaired. AJ will contact Independent fence again, as the fences need to be in safety compliance.
  + Looking to improve fields at Borgatti. Maybe installing bullpens?
  + There will be updates to Borgatti field. Sidewalks, new Pickle ball court, concession stand improvements and a new pavilion.
  + Jean is going to start pricing items for the concession stands.

**The board discussed and voted on anyone that volunteered to be head coach for the 2024 season. Team placement will be discussed after the players are evaluated. *See list below.***

* **Next Meeting:**
  + March 24, 2024, at Take 5 Restaurant at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm. Motion by Marc. Seconded by Andrea. Approved by vote 11/0/0