**B.A.L.L. Meeting Minutes**

Call meeting to order- meeting was called to order by Melissa 6:00pm

Roll call; Jo, Ericalynn, Abby, Chris, Jebediah, Paul, Maria, Kiersten, Kate, Amy, Kelsi, Kerri, Melissa, Andrew, and Kirsten

Approval of January minutes: Paul motioned: Abby seconded

Approval of February agenda: Paul motioned: Amy seconded

President’s update

 187 registered for BALL

 Melissa wanted all board members to get their signs out

 $505 in gross revenue

 President’s meeting is Feb 4th, 2025

Action item from December meeting- set up Day of Baseball committee meeting (Melissa)- let Melissa know who wants to be on committee: Maria, Kelsi, Kerri will help if needed, Jo

Commissioners – need for commissioners; you cannot be the commissioner of the league if your child plays for that league.

Maria- machine pitch; Paul- tball; Kate- Minors; Jebediah- Coach pitch; Melissa – American; Callah- National; Chris- Rookies; Paul to help Nini with coaches meeting before they pick up equipment

Bank Move- We shouldn’t move bank until after registration- May or June; will order cards so Jerseys can be ordered; we can open a new account without closing our old account; Amy said the bank location is inconvenient; we are moving banks because Village is not great; if we move to Trustone-there will be an annual sponsorship; village won’t match at all; Trustone rates are way better; Village cannot compare; Amy said we can look at other banks too; we can vote next time

Volunteer Management Platform (Jo)- Jo met with Civic Champs; impressed with platforms; a few area leagues use the same platform; streamlined; easy to add events; geofencing; kiosk for bigger events; cost- 500- 749 volunteers= $1598 per year; $1188 for 250-499 volunteers; we can also use for DIBS

Kerri thinks that Jo should choose which program she wants to use if prices are comparable

Paul motioned to approve a budget of $1600/year for the volunteer program

All voted yes except Amy and Kate Kell

Let’s figure out what the app looks like and send to parents

Winter Workouts Registration & Registration (Kiersten)

 22 players registered; our cost is $5000; if we had 50 kids= $7500

 Matt to find out pricing for one group; each day

Grants: 2 people who have been approved for TMobile grants: $150 was not working on the site; we can offer payment plans; remove TMobile from socials; if parents come to us and say they can’t afford registration- we can talk about it; Andrew mentioned that we can give registrations

Registration Documentation (Abby)- process for submitting the manual registration forms either via email or upload on the new website- a gal asked Abby how to upload medical release form- we do not have to turn in medical release form, if player makes an all-star team, they do need to upload the documentation

BATT aka BAB Catchers Gear (Melissa)- last year we rented catchers gear to Blaine Area Baseballs, can we rent again? BAB needs four gear. Melissa motioned: Andrew seconded; Kate abstains

Waiver to allow Hendricks Liskiewicz to play CRALL (Melissa)- yes we will

Waiver for Robyn Moxon to allow her son Carson to play (Melissa)- waiver from CRALL

Baseballism February Fundraiser (Jebediah)- simple set up; teams are not formed yet; work with Abby; get the code; great gear; 25% of the purchases comes back to us

When teams are formed (Jebediah)- 2nd fundraiser Double Good - Prizes for team who raise the most money?-

Raising Canes fundraiser- (Jebediah)- giving out certificates

Update on HOM furniture sponsorship (Jebediah)- Wendy at Hom; wants logos on hats-

Kerri said to reach out to CA and Optimize

Amy asked if Abby could make Thank You cards with kids signatures on them

Maria signs up for thank you cards- cricut

Roundtable-

Jeb- no

Paul- 900 baseballs came in; stamped and ready to go

Maria- no

Kiersten- no

Kate- high school asked if we could donate to Senior Overnight

\*\*\*add to March Agenda- Challenger League buddies; and donation to the Senior Overnight; get volunteers out of it

Amy- Ham Lake Chamber of Commerce- Kari holding back on donating to youth sports, can Abby ask if we can bring that back?

Kelsi- update Rookies rules;

 Recommendation of what the rules should be

 Chris to be included

 Kelsi needs a card to pay people

Kerri- make sure we have volunteers for evals; Andrew will send out emails to prospective volunteers

Melissa- Chris F, what are numbers looking like for umps? Chris said that we have more than enough umps; Paul has 8 more kiddos that are interested in umping; Chris- how are we on field crew? He has not heard back on field crew but the umps are willing to do both. Amy asked if we can have W-9’s

**Action- Chris; W-9’s to be completed at training**

Melissa- Martin & Patty wanted to know if we have any requests; deep frier and donuts sundae, walking tacos, root beer floats

Melissa- we received a request, they own a lawn care company, donate time for lawn care; come out day of ball, in exchange – make them a sign. Can we have Little League fields mowed, prior to end of season tourney?

Andrew- would like to change to 1-10 scale instead of 1-5 scale

\*\*\*Andrew will send me agenda items

Kristin- no

Jo-no

Ericalynn- can we have a sticker for our vehicles

Abby- no

Chris- no

Chris F- no

Paul motioned to adjourn- Kerri seconded