ZIMMERMAN AREA YOUTH ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Date:	October 13, 2024
Place:	Zimmerman Café and Bowling Alley
Meeting called to order by:	Bob Trumbull, President, at 5:36 PM

IN ATTENDANCE

Bob Trumbull, Carlyanne Henke, Gary Dick, Houston Mayfield, Elise Andresen, Devin Kalor, Brad Thomas, Josh Gruis, and Michelle Carlson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bob motioned, Gary seconded to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

BOARD

New addition to the Board includes Elise Andresen for Field Coordinator. As a note, new positions start October and run a duration of two years, except for the Treasurer which is a three-year appointment.

REPORTS

President – Bob Trumbull

- Scholarship – Scholarship from MYAS was received in the amount of $1000.00. We have received this amount the last three years. Houston will summarize what is required of MYAS this year, in order for us to be eligible in the future.
- Zimmerman Tournament – There was discussion to raise the fees to $450 and set up for giving out rings for the 2026 tournament. As a note, we currently have it structured that the Board pays for a tournament for each team, and if a team wants to participate in additional tournaments, they will pay any additional fees. The Zimmerman Tournament is free for any Zimmerman teams.
- Uniforms – Spoke with Ron Johnson from Game One who we use for ordering baseballs. Will look ordering additional items from them. Joanna also talking to another company to get a quote. Brad will reach out to see if Jellyfish Graphics in Princeton can post a link prior to Christmas.
- Equipment – We have 60 dozen hard and 40 dozen soft balls, but no practice balls are left. Discussed using last year's balls for practice. Devin to talk to Josh about checking bags for balls, then maybe going back to putting balls into buckets for part of check out process. Discussed removing mound from RJ1 before the snow comes. Additional equipment discussions carried on towards the end of the meeting, see below under "Other Discussion".
- Fields – Need to get ahold of school board and city to schedule fields for next year. Discussed keeping majors and minors at Westwood, then would need a field for 9U. Softball had two fields at the high school last year, and one at the elementary school. Concerned that schoolboard may push back on using elementary field for 9U.

Treasurer – Carlyanne Henke

- A few issues have arisen since taking over as Treasurer. One main issue is that our non-profit return has not been filed for 3 years. The IRS has revoked our non-profit status. Carlyanne will get this filed as soon as possible. All items have been reconciled through end of September 2024. A profit and loss statement was presented and discussed. Gary suggested that if teams go negative at the end of the year, that they bring their balances up to $0.00.
- Going forward it was discussed that it would be helpful to know the cost of uniforms in advance of registration. Brad suggested holding a popcorn fundraiser to help with costs.

Majors/Minors/T-Ball Director – Gary Dick

- Gary mentioned moving majors teams to playing on mounds this year. Discussed raising fees for all teams and cutting Princeton from program. For scheduling next year, would like to open registration on January 12, close on April 27, and begin games week of May 18.

Travel Director – Houston Mayfield

- Houston indicated that the fall tryouts went well, there was no negative feedback. It was suggested to do the same setup next year with possibly the addition of a pitching machine. Regarding the scholarship check from MYAS, only 34 teams receive this in the State. The money for this scholarship is donated into a select fund that individuals donate into. As such, MYAS mentioned that they would like evidence of where the money is being utilized. Houston will work with Michelle to show proof. Bob suggested giving it to a High School Senior, and we could break it up into two $500.00 scholarships.

Other Discussion

- There was discussion regarding the Port-a-Lite pitching mounds and determining if we need 1 or 2 pieces. The 2-piece type can separate. The cost for mounds for two fields would be approximately $5000.00. Josh suggested getting four mounds, or paying a total of $10,000.00. We also need new chalk rollers for next year.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on November 10, 2024.

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:43 p.m. and was passed unanimously.