FLBA

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Monthly Board Meeting

May 11h, 2025

American Legion 6:30 PM

Present: Brandon Henry, Luke Hanegraaf, John Vette, Amy Remitz, Melanie Hicks, Ann Madden, Bub Lovas, Lori Harms, Brandi Anderson, Jeremy Trapp, Tyler Kroschel

Absent: Corey Kloos

1. Call to order at 1833 hours.
2. Agenda additions – none
3. Approve meeting minutes from April Meeting. Melanie motions to approve, Amy seconds. MOTION PASSES
4. Treasurer’s Report – Lori
   1. April Report
      1. Income included Gopher State registration fees at $2,633.48, Fundraising deposits and buyout fees at $37,926.53, a $5,000 donation from Chevy (thank you, Morrie’s Chevrolet!), Profit from apparel store and a hat purchase $1100.00, and MidwestOne bank interest at $6.37. Total income is $47,166.38
      2. Expenses included Gopher State Team Jerseys at $771.15, Coach shirts at $941.28, Tournament fees at $707.73, bullpen construction supplies at $1,541.78, gym rental at $1202.88, Travel ball refunds $4209.81, bank fees and money back regarding insufficient funds on fundraising checks $506, parent meeting costs $303.30, Crossbar fee $69, Storage expense of $200, Gazebo rental for fundraiser pickup – City of Forest Lake $100, indoor cage rental reimbursements $297.50, and MYAS Team Registration fees $207.31. Total expenses equaled to $11,048.74, with net income for the month at $36,117.64.
      3. Checking account for end of April holds available balance of $107,578.01
   2. Melanie motions to approve April Financial Report. Brandi seconds. Motions passes
   3. Sponsor Donations – discussion about donations under $5,000 and tax rules that may affect a donor occurred.
   4. Hat invoice has been paid
   5. Melanie motions to approve April Financial Report. Brandi seconds. Motions passes
5. FLAAA Report – Luke/Brandi
   1. Rosters have been sent in. Baseball reimbursement check of $4500 given to us – Lori has it, but hasn’t been deposited.
   2. Brandi gave a report of several items earlier in the month, to include updates on field fees, new fundraising efforts with an Applebees partnership, a possible change in the food trailer ownership, and FLAAA involvement in the summer parade.
6. Fields
   1. Fenway 5 – discussion on the teams that use it. This field is pretty busy. Group agrees that it will be very difficult to give up a field, even once a week to other organization**. Lori makes a motion to not release Fenway 5 for one day a week, Amy seconds – MOTION PASSES.**
   2. Bullpen are done at FLAMS
   3. $100,000 approved by City for KK field improvements. These include dugouts on KK1, Fence for Field 4, taller backstop behind field 4, small section of fence near cars on field 2.
   4. Coaches have been doing a great job of cleaning up fields!
   5. KK Shed
      1. Bub bought new equipment
7. Gopher State Baseball League Update – Tyler
   1. Early Season Results
      1. Website reports that we are doing okay! 13A team finished second, and 10AA won a tourney today in Cottage Grove.
      2. Some teams are struggling a bit, but making notable improvements. Thank you, coaches and assistants!
   2. Review of Any Issues – discussion about a player swearing. Was addressed by Exec Board Members with those parents involved
8. Gopher State Rec League Updates – Melani
   1. Uniforms and hats given out, and one practice done. Games start this week
   2. **Fall ball retreat – consideration of similar or different format for Gopher State next year. Vette to add to Fall Retreat list**
9. 15U/VFW Registration
   1. Registration Open
   2. 15U Parent Coach Pay – Jeff Marn
      1. Vote will be forthcoming
      2. Tyler found two tournaments for 15U (Eden Prairie and Spring Lake Park)
10. FL Classic Tournament
    1. Trailer Delivery Date/Time – Trapp
       1. Weather may be bad on Friday. Games are 5:00 PM and 7:30 PM on Friday
       2. Trapp will get there that day
    2. Schedule
       1. Times will be on the website soon for game scheduled
       2. Games start at 9:00 AM and start about every 2.5 hours
       3. City is supposed to have water on by May 15th for Schumacher
    3. Concession Shopping
    4. Propane
       1. Friday afternoon – will send someone to refill
    5. Chalk/Painter/Diamond Dry
       1. Paint may be easier, Tyler reports.
    6. Volunteer Schedule Review
       1. Parents, and even kids, asked to help sell concessions
       2. We have a lot of volunteers which is great. Fields and foul balls are lower, but may get filled.
       3. Lori to make the bracket signs – thanks!
       4. **Bub will grab extra supplies from the storage shed to sell. Ann will advertise on newsletter being sent out shortly**
       5. **Mel will grab supplies from Costco and will text Brandi to come to the field to help**
11. Uniform/Apparel
    1. Jersey Feedback
       1. Two replacements were sent quick that were missing/misspelled, but overall no issues! Nice job, Amy
12. Fundraising Update
    1. Sales Recap
       1. Ballpark numbers are $18,000 profit plus the buyouts. Amy still calculating – but overall, it went very well!
13. Equipment
    1. Nine Square Pitching Targets
       1. Brandon would like to get these ordered in the next week
14. Scholarships
    1. Winners – Keegan Lee and Grady Miklya
       1. This was a result of a board vote. Congrats! Both will receive a $1000 scholarship**. Melanie will print out certificates**
15. Summer Sandlot Camp
    1. Field Fee Use – Corey/Brandon
       1. New info from the city on field charges, being $25 per day, per field. This would potentially cost $800 for this skills camp. May consider not having this as an option, but up to Coach Kale who leads this event.
    2. **Brandon will check with Coach Kale on this issue**
16. Communications
    1. **Ann will do the newsletter, as mentioned**. 14U Tourney scheduled to be included, as well as congrats to 10U AA for winning championship, plus more
17. Happy Mothers Day to FLBA Board Moms – Lori, Melanie, Brandi, Amy, Ann
18. Next Board Meeting – June 8ith 6:30 PM FL American Legion