

## **Headwaters Softball League Meeting March 22, 2017**

**Secretary's Report** – Annie Nuthak read minutes from February 22, 2017 meeting. Phil made a motion to approve the minutes; Kyle Little seconded and the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Greg reviewed the treasurer's report and mentioned we lowered fees and paid Mike Lawrence more. No attendance means little concession stand money coming in. Umpires have not seen an increase in about 6 or 7 years but since Greg is representing the umpires he stated we do not need increase the amount we pay umpires. Checking balance went down about \$2,000 since the beginning of the year.

### **Election of Officers**

President – tabled until April meeting

Vice President – With Greg voted in as Treasurer, Laura Dissmore nominated Chris Hensel as VP, Aarin G seconded, Chris was voted in unanimously as VP.

Secretary – Annie Nuthak

Treasurer – Aarin Galski nominated Greg Peltier for treasurer, motion was seconded and Greg was unanimously voted in as Treasurer.

Concession Stand Manager – After extensive discussion, Phil made a motion to have Greg and Amelia share in the duties of the concession stand manager, thereby having the position absorbed by the Treasurer and League Director. The motion was seconded and carried.

League Director – Amelia Kahlstorf

### **Old Business**

1. A lot of money was spent on weed killer and fertilization to bring the outfields into good condition, it is the hope that this can continue in the future but that we probably don't need to fertilize as often because that would mean more mowing. It was mentioned that Ryan Eischens may be interested in taking over field maintenance. There was discussion regarding how long it should take each week to mow and how we could

best monitor the hours spent maintaining the fields. Eric stated it takes approximately 45 minutes to mow each field once a week. There was discussion regarding whether the leagues should just offer a set amount of money per week rather than pay hourly. As it stands, the field maintenance position is paid \$12.50 an hour. Greg stated that the infields should be dragged right before the games each day to keep them in the best condition for the games each night.

2. Setting a date for the start of the league and also clean up night was tabled until the April meeting; it was discussed to possibly start the league May 16<sup>th</sup>. A question was raised whether it was possible to move the start date for the Women's league to June, it was mentioned that the league has already pushed start dates into mid-May and they should not be moved any farther into the summer.
3. Player's fees were discussed, Greg stated he would like to see just a flat fee for the teams and eliminate a certain amount for each team fee and then player's fees. Phil motioned the team fees be a flat fee of \$500, Dave Schwarts seconded and the motion carried. Aarin Galski motioned that any eligible new team will get a \$100 discount off the team fee, Maggie Stacey seconded and the motion carried. Aarin motioned that a team must have more than 50% of their players that have not previously played in the league to be considered a new team and therefore get the new team discount. Bud Kahlstorf seconded and the motion carried.
4. Aarin asked that there be clarification on the ad banners, as far as what businesses already have ad banners and if there is a discount from their ad fee if they don't need to buy a new banner each year. Annie will contact Lynn Litzau for a list of business that have already purchased banners. Also it was mentioned that each team is responsible for hanging their businesses ad banners each spring, the league will provide the zip ties to do so.
5. Concessions were discussed; Dave and Amy Schwarts are willing to have the league use their food licenses for concessions. Greg and Amelia will work with them to get all things needed for the concession stand and also to have Dad's ½ Way Pizzas for sale. A concern was raised about keeping the concession stand fully stocked until the last day of each season and that we could possibly run a half price night on everything but the bee; the final night.

## **New Business**

1. Robert Etter's tournament will be held May 20, 2017. It was discussed the tournament should not be named for the league, since the money is not going to the league. If the league itself would like to put on an Early Bird tournament, we could hold it on the Sunday after his tournament. Eric Reichling mentioned that Robert has named the tournament the Spring Fling.
2. Aarin stated she would remind Marion Goeden to contact the board about the high school softball teams using the fields for tournaments this spring.
3. Greg brought up an issue with rostered players filling in for teams that would have to forfeit because not enough of their players would be able to attend. He stated that it should be up to both teams playing if they would like to allow this or if they would like to take the forfeit and have a scrimmage that night, but that both teams would have to agree before the game is played.

The next meeting will be April 19, 2017 at 7:00pm, the board will check to see if we can meet at the Eagles, which is now located at Lori Lea Lanes.

With no other discussion or business the meeting adjourned.