**CINNAMINSON BASEBALL BOARD MINUTES MARCH 3RD, 2020**

**In attendance**: Phil Price, Walt Huber, Art Alessandroni, Josh Crisp, Jason Lonardo, Branden Williams, Anthony Brocco, Ed Kenney, Vernon Grisham, Ryan Horner, Matt Kravil, Deserie McRay-Berry

Meeting Called to order: 7:03pm

Motion to approve last month’s meetings minutes – Approved by all

Matt – Opening day is 4/4/20. Deserie will call and set up podium/microphone with DJ’s Available and contact Colleen Hart about the National Anthem and Rev. Doll for our opening Prayer. Picture Day is 4/25/20, Art is in charge and currently has things in motion, discussed secondary indoor locations in case of rain. The board’s 1st choice is currently booked, Matt has reached out to the township about the Community Center and Ed is following up on using Rush school.

Cooperstown Team – Everything is going well. Training is done and up to fate. Fundraising is going very well. The last payment was sent to Cooperstown. The coach, team and parents are really getting excited! The Cooperstown Social will be held at Touch of Class in Delran. Distributing information and flyers about Modell’s Team Day coupons. Everything is going well!

TRAVEL TEAMS

8U – Winter training is complete. Decided against playing Moorestown tournament and looking into the Mt. Laurel tourney instead. All in all, they will play 3 tournaments, Districts, and a TSE schedule. Looking at “B” level tournaments.

9U – Two more weeks of winter training, but if weather trends continue they may move outdoors. Currently 11 players on the roster. Looking to play “B” tournaments. Coach voiced parent’s concerns that they would rather play our tournament here in Cinnaminson and skip other tourneys. Matt opened up a vote, All Yays from the board, so they will play in the Cinnaminson tournament. They have 10 players eligible, one player from out of town. Looking at lower level to keep from getting beaten badly to where the players become discouraged. Everyone agreed that we need to keep kids engaged and build confidence. Will also play TSE Rookies.

10U – per Matt, team has no games yet, tournament play is up in the air (see 11U as well).

11U – Coming together, all but one player from the last season returned. After our meeting, Matt is going to try to talk to Pal Riv since their meeting was held the same time as ours. Matt is looking to add Pal Riv players, which would then allow 10 teams to be reassessed and go from there.

Banner Program – Generates $2600 in revenue! Great job! Doing a lot of calling/follow up work. Lots of interest, but some vendors have been asking to trade their specific services in lieu of banner payment. We will do on a case by case basis. Interested parties include three companies from XPERI, Sweetwater, Rita’s (also want to look into business arrangement, will ask Lenny). Mart Pretzel (same thing, render service – run by Lenny for history to see if its okay). 5 Guys, same deal service for banner, Cinnaminson Fire Dept is buying a banner, approved by their Fire Chief. Open for more ideas and companies. Vern suggested the Advantage Autogroup, a local business who provides driving lessons as well as other running auto services. Vern offered to reach out and ask them about doing their driving school banner on our Babe Ruth Field, parents of teenagers who are about to drive are there most everyday.

Summer Slam – Ryan updated online the “infosports” website. A question was posed to the board, should we reduce or keep entry costs the same? Shirt costs is $45 off the top, we also discussed our entry fees for other towns. It was decided this year’s entry fees will be as follows: 7U - $450; 8-11U - $500. Ryan also advised we will host the HR Derby on two different fields this year. It will keep the competition moving and conclude at a reasonable hour. This year’s derby hitters will be rostered by Baseball Appropriate Age categories in lieu of last year’s “by grade” rosters. There will be NO ADULT HR derby participants this year due to liability insurance issues with our Partners. Matt posed the question regarding an official invitation to CGS, whether than just having a coach ask a couple of players. No one had an issue. Matt will reach out to Randy McNair, CGS President.

Cinnaminson Website updates – Jay – Posted live the Cooperstown webpage. Minutes from the 1/14/2020 meeting. Tournament and homerun derby to calendar. This month’s and last month’s meeting to calendar. Updated donation text to identify goals of field improvements and equipment upgrades. Created an email address for Cinnaminson baseball…Cinnaminson.nj.baseball@gmail.com. Updated the Board Of Directors webpage to add Anthony Brocco. Rules and documents webpage. Posted 2019 and 2020 Babe Ruth rule changes. Posted code of conduct documents. Posted link to updated baseball bat standards. Created Coaches toolbox section. Uploaded team management file. Uploaded some websites for baseball drills and coaches favorites. Updated field pictures to identify the parking lots. Removed registration link. Added menu link to spring baseball. Would also like to post Rookie league rules and expectations as well as ones for the other divisions on the website under Coaches toolbox. Field maintenance guide to post in Coaches tools section of website. After teams are picked, please send Jay rosters so jay can assign kids to teams. All members must maintain a 75% attendance to be able to vote.

Cookie dough – At the draft on 3/10/2020, cookie dough will be delivered to coaches to give to kids. The close out date to turn in orders is 4/25/2020, the delivery date will be 5/4/2020. To get entered into a raffle for 4 tickets to see the Phillies, you need to sell 30 boxes of cookie dough. To win a pair of slides (flip flops), you have to sell 20 boxes of cookie dough.

Registration – Matt - Wrapped up on-line registration, however waiting for a few more. Currently the number is at **353** players. T-Ball – **91** 10 teams. Rookie – **92** 9 teams. Majors – **29**….Pal Riv – **16** (might merge Majors and Pal Riv). Kids Pitch – **40** 4 teams. Farm – **45** 4 teams. Babe Ruth – **56** 5 teams. T-Ball and Rookie teams will play against themselves. Majors and Farm will play Cinnaminson, Pal Riv and Maple Shade.

Rookie using fields 5, 6 and 2. May be able to use Pal Riv’s 50/70 field. Pal Riv has no lights.

Kids Pitch and 2 travel teams using field 4

Farm and 2 travel teams using field 3

The Draft will be on 3/10/2020. At that time Matt will set the meeting with the directors for us, Maple Shade and Pal Riv.

Teams should NOT be doing fundraising on Facebook or any public website. Fundraising is for the Cooperstown teams only.

Matt will talk to Coach Merrill about volunteers to help with clinics at Maverick.

Saturday and Sunday Walt could use help at the clinic. Walt will get salty balls from Vern

A.T.H.

Des – Thank you VERY much to Phil Price for taking the minute notes til I arrived at 7:30pm – You did a GREAT job Phil!!! – (if you’re looking to do it permanently, let me know).

Josh – Asked about our bylaws for the website

Ed – Working on getting a back up location for picture day

Vern – This Saturday 3/7, Vern will be at the field working on trailers and marking bags. Also, picking up 1st aid kits and wasp Spray – note: KIDS CAN NOT MESS WITH THE WASP SPRAY!!! All fields will be set up with keys at every box. Currently we have 35 bags of lime for weekend games and 36 bags of dry. The Next Saturday 3/14, Vern will be working on packing up baseball bags for coach pick-up. Vern will get Haines to put up a banner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm

**Correction from Rich Billman in email on March 5, 2020:**

One correction on the notes around cookie dough.

Each 5 boxes sold by an individual gets them an entry for a chance to win Phillies tickets... an individual can have more than one entry.

20 boxes sold gets the slides

30 boxes gets the pull over (adult sizes only)

**Correction from Jason Lonardo in email on March 5, 2020:**

Des,

I just have a couple of corrections on my end.

1) Under the "Cinnaminson Websites Update" section, please remove "All members must maintain a 75% attendance to be able to vote."  This is not something that I covered.

2)  Under the A.T.H. section, I was the one that brought up the bylaws; not Josh.  Also, I offered to spearhead an effort to update/revise the bylaws.  It was agreed that, in the future, I would provide my suggestions to the Board for further discussion.

Also, when covering the 10U travel team update, Jeff had indicated that we plan on entering into 3 tournaments.  Although I don't think he mentioned it, they are Moorestown, Mount Laurel, and Cinnaminson's.  Jeff also indicated that there is a potential that the team would enter into a 4th.

Thanks.

Jay