**7/13/23 BGSA Board Meeting**

Attendees: Lee, Frank, Steve, Paul, Crystal, Matt, Colleen, Corey, Jillian, Dave, Andy

1. YTD Financials
   1. Concession stand expense includes the full buy out fees of $2400 to be prepared to pay those who volunteer. Any $ that isn’t being used for volunteer refunds will be deposited back into the account.
2. Spring registration discount
   1. Provide a discount code to families that are received offer for the spring and winter training discount.
3. Budget for 2024 – What should we consider / need to prioritize
   1. Batting Cage / Garage – Dave reach out to town about funding/providing? May be difficult right now with Dennis’s position being open at the town
   2. Infield Machine? Need garage 1st to be able to store (need Proposal from Dave)
   3. Concession stand roof? – Dave will look to do after fall ball if he has extra material he can donate.
4. Tournament Update
   1. 7/15 - Need some more help for Saturday afternoon
5. Board Election will be November meeting - Jillian will look into availability for VFW & Cost
6. Fall Ball
   1. Charge for towns to join is currently $625 – increase charge this year to $675
   2. Season runs 9/9-10/7
   3. Current sign-ups: 10u-6 / 12u-9 / 8u-10 / 14u-3
      1. Registration is open till 8/5 – tryouts 8/6
   4. Create sign promoting Fall Ball to other towns to put up at 10u tournament – get quote from Staples
   5. USA softball rules changed age from 1.1 to 9.1
      1. Bellingham has operated that whatever age group you are in summer you stay in the age group for fall – keep it the same for this year
   6. Uniforms
      1. Need to decide if we are using towards chaos for uniforms
   7. Consider the Fall Team is the same as the Spring Team so they are playing together (Frank and Brian provided feedback to Brian Mackey to consider changing spring from grade to age to align with summer and fall so it can be consistent)
7. Consider offer Skills practice to all age groups on Sundays?
   1. If you play fall ball you can participate in skills practice for no charge
   2. Charge for players who don’t play in fall ball or do no charge this year for 1st year? Will need to decide…..
   3. Add question to fall ball registration to see if there is interest in a skills clinic? Separate registration with no charge up front
   4. Fall Ball Rules (review notes from last fall’s meetings to ensure we are capturing all suggested changes):
      1. Modify to allow for call up to field team (can’t be a club player – if club need to at least played 3 games ) .
      2. Clarify language for the 3 games
8. Special Olympics 7.29
   1. Schedule 9-3
   2. Andy reached out to Umpire director about getting coverage
   3. Need to create a sign-up sheet for volunteers / Lee is going to check with special Olympics to see how many volunteers they need.
9. Bellingham Bulletin – September issue
   1. Agreed to include an article about BGSA no charge
10. Sponsorship/fundraising update –
    * 1. extend Dave Skarin sign (he paid $400 out of pocket for excavation for the field/ in lieu of reimbursement we will extend his sponsorship)
      2. Crystal in contact with FW Webb about donating a grill and also hanging a sponsorship sign