**BGSA Board Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday 8/7/24

Attendees: Brian, Jenna, Andy, Matt, Billy, Colleen, Jillian, Dave, Crystal

1. Financials
   1. Paul will provide update in September meeting – no questions at this time.
   2. Budget items for 2024-2025 season
      1. Shed – already voted to spend $, we still need to coordinate work.
         1. Check with Steve to see if he had connected with Shed Company
         2. Need to get a few quotes and determine the company we want to use.
      2. Infield machine
         1. We need to get shed completed before we can consider purchasing (discussion to have in 2025 and get new quotes to consider)
      3. Need Dirt to repair Lowry & Field 1 – town told Dave that they will not provide dirt (dpw said they are not supplying anymore). Dave said he can get dirt and do work for Lowry & field 1 – estimated $1500. Worth checking with high school or town to see if they would chip in to help pay to repair fields.
         1. Motion was made to purchase dirt spending up to $1500 & all in attendance voted yes – **motion passed**
      4. Need new home plates (Lowry is required) – max cost $200 / $600 total
         1. Motion was made to purchase home plates and spend up to $600 – all in attendance voted yes – **motion passed**
      5. Drag behind cart needs to be replaced (falling apart) – estimated cost $300
         1. Motion was made to spend up to $300 on new drag – all in attendance voted yes – **motion passed**
2. Fall Ball
   1. Dates: 9/7-10/5 (playoffs weekend of 10/12) – do we want to move out a week and give Columbus day weekend off?
      1. No to changing dates; Dates have already been communicated to towns and players.
      2. Consider Friday night games? – Billy & Andy will discuss about scheduling opportunities, most likely will only work for 10U.
   2. Update on registration #s
      1. 10U – 18 (2 kids from Mendon registered in error and are withdrawing) so there are 16.
      2. 12U – 17
      3. 8U – 11
      4. 14U – 11
         1. Need to Regroup on teams after evaluations
            1. Options: move kids around to create 2 teams in a certain age group or make cuts. We have too many kids currently registered in 10u and 12u to have 1 team. Ideal max is 12-13 kids/team.

Any kids recommended to move up needs to be reviewed and voted on by the board & approved by parents

* + - 1. 8U is on Saturdays in Hopedale at 4 or 5pm Phillips Brothers Field – Need to bring $200 to 1st game.
  1. Tryouts
     + 1. Changing tryouts from morning to Saturday afternoon 1pm – 5pm due to weather. Crystal will contact Claire & Steve to send out email communication.
       2. Matt will send out updated volunteer sheet
  2. Coaches & assistant coaches
     1. Need to address after evaluations
     2. Head Coach will need to submit assistant coaches to league directors to share with the board for review and opportunity to provide feedback or concerns (if there are any).
     3. All coaches need to be safe sport certified & current certification ends 8/31, need to redo for fall season
  3. Uniforms
     1. Need to get Mike teams & sizes by Wednesday 8/14 so he can place order (t-shirts for fall)
     2. Does Mike have coaches shirts that were ordered in the Summer?
  4. Shirts to sell – are we only doing pre-order?
     1. Yes, only doing pre-orders / need shirt design and form to share with coaches
  5. Participating towns in our fall ball league:
     1. Hopedale, Milford, Bellingham, Nipmuc, Attleboro, Millis, franklin, Mansfield
  6. Equipment inventory (balls, chalk, etc)?
     1. Chalk is good, need to order balls

1. Annual Board Meeting/election night
   1. All board members need to review bylaws and bring suggested changes to September meeting for discussion
      1. Create a 2nd meeting in September just to discuss bylaws
   2. 1st Wednesday of month in October – can we accommodate meeting in town hall or other town space that can accommodate attendees? Need to discuss and determine meeting space.
2. Golf Tournament
   1. Matt taking lead as sponsorship/fundraising director and leading Golf Tournament efforts.
      1. There are currently:
         1. 2 hole sponsors & 2 foursomes
         2. Need minimum of 60 to hold tournament (72 ideally for shotgun start)
         3. If we don’t have enough by next meeting then we will cancel; Matt & board will continue to push and we will see what happens. $1k Deposit and $ paid for tournament website will be lost if we cancel.
3. Fundraising / Sponsorship updates
   1. None at this time
4. Other Items:
   1. Did Mike order ¾ zips for board members?
   2. Is the Merchandise store built and available to share with families?
   3. Do we order t-shirts to have for coaches that say Blackhawk? Need estimated cost, how many do we want to order?
   4. Coach training – offer for Spring
      * 1. Does Next9up offer a coaching clinic that we want to consider to offer to Coaches? Matt will look into…..