**BGSA Board Meeting**

June 5, 2024

7:10 Call to Order

Attended - Billy, Claire, Steve, Paul, Matt, Corey, Brian, Jill, Colleen, Andy, Mike, Jenna

Apologies sent - Crystal

Absent - Dave

1. **Financials**
   1. YTD Financials

* Income
  + Summer Blackhawks -Registrations and uniforms $8180
  + ConcessionStand - Buyout, payments, Square taking - $2746 (no cash recorded yet)
  + Fundraising -
* Expenses
  + Operating Costs - Sport connect and D&T $1235
  + Field Cost - Potties, lawn care, paint, softballs and protective screens $1099
  + Uniforms - Spring shirts, summer bat bags $2797
  + Tournaments - Blackhawkes entered weekend costs $1875
  + FundRaising - Golf tourney set up $597
  + Concession stand - Hotspot monthly fee $15
  + Registrations - TVL costs $650

Balance $77811.58

1. **2024 Summer Travel**
   1. Bash dates
      1. 8U - June 14th - June 16th - Newton pulled out (not enough players)
         1. 6 Teams
      2. 10U - July 19th - July 21st
         1. 12 teams
      3. 12U - June 21st - June 23rd - Bellingham pulled out, but replacement found
         1. 12 teams
      4. 14U - July 12th - July 14th
         1. 12 teams

* Schedules made for 8 and 10 and can be communicated with families.
* Few teams still not registered with USA Softball, Corey has communicated with them and it's on them to ensure they are registered before Bash.
  1. Board commitment
     1. Signups are out
        1. please sign up for a slot
        2. make sure Friday nights fields are made up for sat AM.
     2. Acting Tournament Directors - NOT Corey's role
        1. Jill has done a signup genius.
        2. Corey will be there for the teams arrival to check them in, but directors to help if Corey not available
  2. Shack help
     1. Signup sheets done
        1. Send out to families - Claire please post on facebook.
        2. 2 Bhamn teams in top seeds for Spring
           1. We will have 3 playoff games ah high street
           2. Patched umpires for playoffs - all towns agreed
* Bash shirts ready for 14th June - heavy press - $12each - sell for $25.
* Bash trophies have been ordered - 8u will arrive June 13/14
* TVL starts June 17th - schedule will come out asap

1. **2025 Softball Season**
   1. Season package idea
   2. How do we make our teams more competitive - other towns recruit early and practice more

* Can we start earlier, play together earlier - see Billys email.
* 8/10/12 all year round package - would this be a summer team, would you mix in other girls
* On the whole the board were positive about this and agreed we need to try something new.
* Board questions - is it too much for some families, concerns that girls only want to play school sports, could we use the bellingham high school and reduce the cost, how much is BGSA willing to eat to bring the cost down, concern we would have to eat the cost for 2-3 years, use half next9 and half high school, next9 is just for winter months, what happens if we don't get enough girls, we don't want to shut out girls who play spring and want to play summer, try outs would only be for the full year - girls could still pick and chose seasons separately
  + Steve will contact Judy with regards to finding out prices for schools
  + What is the min amount of girls before we would drop the idea?
  + Most of the board members' kids are in or thinking of joining a club - why? Because as a board we are not creating competitive teams - playing full year with the same team might help

1. **Fall Ball**
   1. Dates - registrations to open 21st June > close Aug 3, try outs Aug 4/6 and season dates 9/7 > 10/12 &13 (playoffs)
   2. Pricing - $75 per player inc shirt
   3. Towns - $650. - Billy and Claire to work to advertise.
   4. Player eligibility - align with usa softball aging as in spring
   5. 8U - do we stick with TVL? Potentially run it, need to look into this more.
   6. 6u - Jill made a motion to start a 6u league, colleen 2nd, all in favor. $75.
   7. Billy made a motion for a $25 discount for the 2nd child. - Matt 2nd, all in favor
2. **Fundraising/Sponsorship**
   1. Golf Tournament - Need sponsors, and all hands on deck for the day of
   2. Raffle - 50/50 at every tournament. Sell on a Friday/Sat and pull after completion of Sun 8am games. $2 a tix. Cash only. Ensure cell, name, and team is on ticket. **Winner of 50/50 needs to sign and provide an address if winning more than $250.**
3. **Other items**
   1. Merch Store - heavy press making bash ready 14th, after this will work on the merch store.
      1. Coaches shirts will be ordered - Coaches need to send sizes to Mike.
   2. September & October Meetings
      1. Bylaws
      2. October vote - think about if you are coming back, talk with other parents and discuss open positions.
   3. Special Olympics - 7/27 - Corey to add tab for field help on spreadsheet.
   4. Concession updates - need help for tourneys, esp on Grill. Get the word out for specials on facebook/email - Jill will provide details to Claire for Social Media.
   5. Next meeting - During July 4th week, many board members are away - Board agreed to move meeting to 10th July
   6. All coaches have completed safe sport - and backgrounds checks have been run.

**\*\*\*\*\*Next Meeting - Wednesday, July 10th, Old Town Hall - 7:00pm\*\*\*\*\***