

October Board Meeting

October 6, 2024

1. Role Call-

- a. Present - Amy, Holli, John, Ben, Jen, Aaron, Rachel, Veronica, Heather
- b. Not Present - Keri

2. Spring 2025 Registration-

- a. \$5 raise in regular reg to help costs that have gone up (chalk, balls, lights, uniforms, etc.)
- b. 6u- \$130, \$185, \$220
- c. 8u-16u- \$190, \$245, \$300
- d. The board had an online vote and all approved prices for Spring 2025 (see above).
- e. Spring Team formation-Buddy requests? Coach Requests? Which format do we want to use?
 - i. Jen discussed how Pony addresses Coach's kids being ranked and the Coach not getting that round's pick to prevent stacking.
 - ii. Amy noted maybe we have the Coach and Manager's kids on the team along with 1 pick each for a 4-player max stack.
 - iii. Holli addressed what Rocklin does to keep teams fair with coach's kids being the first picks and then moving on to evaluated pitchers and

catchers next in the draft. We already spread out pitchers in the draft, as most coaches pick pitchers first anyway, and do not feel the need to rank all pitchers ahead of time beyond the coaches/board evaluating them at evaluations.

iv. Board made a unanimous decision to return to the way we did it several years back, after hearing many complaints about teams being stacked because of buddy requests and are going with the following: 8u-16u player eval and draft. Coach's kids are rounds 1 and 2. Managers will be advised to pick a Pitcher and catcher early in the draft and the Board will intervene if needed to spread out P/C. No buddy requests. No coach requests. Only a Board selected Manager and 1 coach may pair up before the draft.

v. Buddy requests - 6U still good unlimited

3. 2025 Select Program-

a. Holli to create news item about:

- i. Accepting Manager Applications for Bombers (with note about 1 Manager/Team per division), due Nov 2 at 12:00. Board will review and select Manager/s at the November 3rd meeting.

- ii. Bomber Tryout Registration

- b. Create the Bomber Tryout Registration Program and open ASAP.

4. Financials-

- a. Bank Balance- \$27,063.86

- b. City of Lincoln player fees and lights are all paid and reflected in the balance.

- c. Payment sent to WPUSD for 1st street field use for the spring season. (Not reflected in balance yet.)

- \$1334.00

- d. Taxes are being done and will be complete before the end of the year.

- e. Holli needs any outstanding receipts, to wrap up the 23-24 season, to be turned into Holli ASAP.

5. UIC -

- a. Zeke's presentation

- i. Holli - Motion to approve Zeke as Assistant UIC/Trainer, Veronica - Second

- ii. Unanimous vote of approval

- iii. Zeke will join the Board as a non voting member.

6. Equipment update-

- a. Catcher's Gear needed, mostly 8U

- b. Amy Asking Lincoln Comm Foundation for donations for needed gear

- c. Possibility of gear exchange
 - d. Need some balls and Holli has an order ready based on Aarons calculations. Prices/ordering from USA Softball is not open yet for the spring season.
7. Field update - Sprinklers suck, metal sprinklers work great - \$120 each we keep sending repair requests
- a. Required field prep training for coaches proposed
 - i. 2 representatives/team must attend
 - ii. Ticket system - 2 tickets need to be turned in to get coaches uniforms.
 - iii. Require the last team of the day to drag **and water** during the season. **Trying this method out is agreed upon.**
8. Board Member Vote for 24-25 season
- a. All Board members are returning in their current roles
 - b. Open roles - None
 - c. Board continued service vote:
 - i. Holli - yes
 - ii. Veronica - yes
 - iii. Aaron - yes
 - iv. Jen - Yes
 - v. Ben - Yes
 - vi. Heather - Yes
 - vii. Rachel - Yes

viii. John - Yes

ix. Keri - Yes

9. Bylaws review and update-

a. Update/Add Select Bylaws

- i. USA Select rules didn't include the League President's input. Some rules require amendments to the League's By-Laws.
- ii. Amy has generated a distillation of other League's By-Laws for inclusion
- iii. Once all changes are added to the By-Laws, a complete version will be put to electronic vote for the Board to ratify.

b. Update/Add A-team Bylaws

- i. See above.

10. Next meeting-

a. November 3 - 6:30pm (Location:5726 Lonetree Blvd. Rocklin)

- i. Bomber Manager applications due
- ii. Selecting Bomber Managers

b. November 15

- i. Bomber Tryouts