

HBRBA Board Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2005, 7:00 PM, Morrison-Maierle Boardroom

Board Members:

Present: Henry Elsen, Ed Shea, Merwin Barrows, Don Reidelbach, Bobbi Uecker, Darryl Rensmon, , Doug Petersen, Tom Clement, Craig Struble

Absent: Bill Riesen, Lynnette Avery, Bill Rook

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: John Almas, Paul Foran (Crown Trophy)

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM
- Minutes from November 8 were approved by the board.
- Paul (from Crown Trophy) inquired about payment for his bill and asked for an opportunity to supply HBRBA with more than just the trophies for rookie teams (he pointed out that he is and has been a sponsor and that he will work to give us competitive prices.
- Henry reported on insurance issues. HBRBA has 3 policies:
 1. Player/coach accident (including automobile rider) runs April – October.
 2. General liability for facility for non-players (accidents, concessions) run April – April.
 3. Equipment/building (not including dugouts and fences) run April-April.

Some payments (totaling \$2275.00 and \$58.00) for these policies have gone unpaid. Western States has paid \$2275.00 for us and has asked that we repay in monthly installments of \$455.00.

We do not have Director's Insurance but it is available for about \$800.00 per year.

We do have a "dishonest employee" coverage and there may be a possibility for making a claim. Henry will pursue.

- Ed Shea presented a printed statement of our current financial position. Valley bank has approved a \$10,000.00 line of credit. A **motion** was made to pay the items indicated on Ed's printed summary and \$513.00 (\$455.00 + \$58.00) to Western States Insurance, \$500.00 to Crown Trophy, \$655.00 to Anaconda Sports (to be paid upon receipt of bill), \$425.00 to Action Print, \$100.00 to Power Townsend, and \$500.00 to UAS.

- Craig informed board that he has received correspondence from Nation Babe Ruth about the possibility of a change to 70 foot base paths.

- Henry reported on IRS issue. We are a 501(c)(3) organization and must file a 990 form annually. We received a bill for a late filing fee for 2003. A letter of explanation should be sufficient to have late fee waived. Also, the 2004 990 form was not filed. It needs to be done and a letter of explanation sent. Henry will handle these letters.

We also must file with State of Montana. A woman from Jock Anderson's office is assisting us with that.

- Darryl has gathered 2002, 2003, and 2004 IRS filings (form 990s) and he is trying to get a broad picture of where we stand financially, taking into account past years' records in preparation for initiating an audit. Craig will contact Mark Blessinger to follow up on Mark's indication that he would do an audit. Ed has made an initial contact with a friend from the Legislative Audit Office who may assist us with an audit if need be,

- Bobbi reported that she has been working on letters to existing and prospective sponsors. The letter drafts will be presented at the next meeting. A motion was passed to set rookie sponsor fees at \$250.00 for first year and \$200.00 for following years (Other sponsor fees remain \$450.00 and \$350.00 per last meeting).

- Tom reported that the fund raising committee members are himself, Bob McWilliams, Doug Petersen, Tommy Clement, Lynnette Avery, Terry and Lori Scott, Judy Hansen, and Wayne Solee.

Tom has begun soliciting items for an auction event to be held in late February/ early March. The event has an admission fee and will feature games, silent and live auction, snack foods, and free soda. Tom asked the board to consider whether or not beer should be a part of the event. The idea would be to sell a mug that could be refilled with beer (provided at no cost). The board agreed to consider pros and cons of increased revenues and attendance versus the taboo of alcohol at an event for kid's baseball.

Tom is gathering information on sponsor fence banners. He is hoping they can be offered for \$200.00 or less.

Doug Petersen presented his idea for placing donation jugs in local businesses. The board gave input on what to print on signs and collection procedures and approved moving ahead.

- Rules and Code of Conduct discussion/approval was tabled. Tom will mail out rules to board.

- Charters and boundaries issue was tabled. Craig has been working on contacting State Babe Ruth and will continue.

- Tournament discussion tabled pending gathering of more information.
- Agenda for meeting scheduled for Monday, November 21 at 7:00 PM at Morrison-Maierle Boardroom (behind Woodpeckers).
 - Calendar
 - Rules/Code of Conduct
 - Sponsor letters
 - Fund raising
- Meeting adjourned at 9:47 PM.
- Minutes submitted by Merwin Barrows.