

## **HBRBA Board Meeting Minutes**

February 6, 2006, 7:00 PM, Morrison-Maierle Boardroom

Board Members:

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

Absent: Bobbi Uecker (represented by Merwin Barrows via proxy document).

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: B. Michelotti, M. Batista

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM
- January 23, 2006 meeting minutes were approved.

Craig announced that per Babe Ruth District Commissioner, players residing in Jefferson County may not play in our league (and vice-versa) unless they are “grandfathered” from having played in our league last year. The “grandfathering” is only effective throughout a player’s career (rookie, Cal Ripken, Babe Ruth).

Craig also announced that per Babe Ruth District Commissioner, the East Helena baseball organization is not a chartered Babe Ruth group (players residing in East Helena are a part of Helena Babe Ruth).

Mr. Michelotti asked for confirmation about the board’s decision about change in the age determination. He asked for flexibility, citing some examples of other baseball organizations. The board indicated that the decision had already been made to hold firm on the age determination date. This discussion led to a conversation about possibly combining 11 and 12 year old leagues in order to create more teams making for a more viable league for those kids. The concensus was that this idea was worth exploring, depending on where the registration numbers ended up.

Mr. Batista informed the board about a team of 12 year olds that has been formed. They will be traveling through the Northwest in search of a higher lever of competition than HBRBA can offer. He asked that the team be allowed to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July tournament. He was told that that was not possible by rule.

Ed reported that 159 players were registered on February 4 with most taking advantage of fund raising buyout (\$14,615 total brought in).

Checks for \$15.00 and \$75.00 cut for Montana Secretary of State (regulatory fees).

A motion was made and approved to set fees for 4<sup>th</sup> of July tournament as follows:

\$250 per Team / \$275 per Team late

\$400 per Team with ten family passes / \$425 per Team with ten family passes late

Gate fees would remain \$3 per day / \$25 per family for all tournament.

Don led discussion about equipment. The following expenditures were approved by board motion:

\$3,400 to Anaconda Sports for pants.

\$9,787 to Capital Sports for Rawlings Baseballs.

Price negotiation for bats, helmets, catchers' gear still ongoing.

The board had a brief discussion about concessions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM.

Agenda for next meeting - February 13, 7:00 PM, Morrison-Maierle Boardroom:

Registration.

Contracts / concessions.

Fund raiser.

· Minutes submitted by Merwin Barrows