

## **Notes from September General Board Meeting**

**Wednesday September 11, 2024**

### **Attendees:**

- President – Jim Mottola – Present
- Vice-President – Bill Honiotes – Present
- Treasurer – John Karas – Present
- Secretary – Colleen Karas – Present
- Travel Director – Jon Blaisdell – Present
- Rec Director – Brian Shim – Absent
- Park District Liaison – Terry Sanford – Present
- Field Maintenance – Ed Mayr – Absent
- Fundraising / Sponsorship – Vacant Position

### **Guests:**

- Mike Russell

### **Call to Order**

#### *Discussion:*

- John Karas provided a financial update + projected bank balances through fall season; waiting for sports huddle to provide invoices for uniforms
- Eric Stone running bears squares; 65% of squares sold, program will still profit with it absorbing empty squares; minimum program profit is \$700, with possible winnings / claw back each week as the program wins squares
- Board agrees to Field Maintenance putting together a list of needed items for the garage, including blower, weed whacker and assorted items. Items to be sent to treasurer to purchase
- Meeting set for Board to meet with the High School regarding practice time schedule. September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting

- Recent Park District meeting presented opportunity to use/rent Hassert Park for some Fall Ball games. Also, Park District will agree to look at a phasing and purchase plan for more lights at Dellwood, to be initiated by LBB
- Meeting set with TeamSnap for week of September 16th
- Board set to review all fields and put together a priority list of items to be addressed
- Board agrees to 2025 Travel Tournament to move forward. Agreed dates would remain 6/18-22/2025... Hassert & Lockport High School fields would continue to be used.
- Agreement to start an LBB Travel FB page; need to create page and figure out how to manage moving forward.
- Board approved use of Lockport High School field house for the rec program training camps for this upcoming winter
- Discussed pulling forward timelines for rec program to enable older teams to start practicing earlier (cages or indoors); agreed to table this topic until future board meeting for further evaluation when Brian Shim is present
- Board approves to combine with Jr Miss Softball for some field maintenance support

Discussed fundraising becoming 2 roles; corporate sponsorship & player fundraising; agreed to table for further discussion until next board meeting

Further discussion topics during open discussion:

\*Fundraising ideas – Golf event, tootsie roll day

\*League surveys – travel and rec

Meeting agreed to be adjourned