



**Elk Grove Girls Softball Advisory Board Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday, Aug 20th 2019**  
**8:00 p.m. Hattendorf**

**Attendees**

Board: Jamie, Millie, Chad, RJ, Scott, Nick, Jamie, Michelle, Matt + Brian O'Malley

Guests: Peter Kokones, Melissa Wagner, Pat Kelly, Tim James Maria Irizarry, Jeanette & Junior Morales

**Agenda:**

- Call to Order – RJ
  - Call to order at 8:04pm
- Approval of Last Meeting Minutes – RJ
- Presidents Report
  - CAF Shelving
    - 4-5 shelves needed, Chad got pricing, approx. \$80 each. Brian will talk to Park District about if the PD can help with pricing
    - Motion for shelves, approved – all yays.
  - Capital Projects
    - Need by end of the month – this is anything over \$5K in value. They approve about 50% of the capital projects that get submitted
    - Board would need to submit / provide 3 different quotes – there is an official form that we'd need to fill out
      - Dugout covers, batting cages
- Treasurer's Report
  - Expense Approval
    - No surprises on budget, only incoming is the promo items
    - Budget balance will not be on the budget going forward – we need to work within our budget – Michelle will sit with the Park District before our next meeting, are there any other expenses we need to account for next year
      - Generators
      - Spirit wear cost / revenue (currently only revenue)
      - Catchers equipment reconditioning
- Park District Updates
  - Budgets (covered above on treasurer's report)
    - RJ Question, do we need to budget for website. Answer (Brian): He does not thing that we need to budget for the website
  - Brian will check on local park district costs for same level
  - Registration info for the brochure
    - Uniform costs – approx. \$40-45 per player
    - Early registration – online, then up to registration day then full price, proposing \$120 up until registration day then \$140 (tentatively approved pending PD discussion / finalization) – motion, approved
    - Each sports league will get a ¼ page – key dates and fees
  - Priority for website is focusing on the Fall sports, no ETA on when we will get to see our website. Requesting that we have it in time for marketing / registration open on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Jamie to send registration info to Brian
    - 44 Responses to the survey so far
  - Umpires next Season & Potential for outsourcing
    - Tim James (Official Finder - the umpire assigner company), they use Horizon WebRef
      - They hire umps (adult & youth) + train them
      - Offer games in the local area not just EGV, EGV youth get priority for EGV games
      - Coaches and umps get reminders on game + assigned umps 72 and 24 hours prior to the game
      - All payments run through Official Finder – they can provide price points for the local towns and they suggest we align our pricing to the local region
      - They tier their umpires based on experience and there is a rating system within their application.
      - We can give them suggested umpires and ask for tier umps for playoffs / etc – the fee is the same regardless of whether they're regular season or playoffs
      - We can also post our own games, we don't need to have them post the games for us
      - RJ question – how do they handle rainouts. Answer: Can cancel 90 minutes prior to game there is no fee, if we cancel less than 90 minutes we pay half, one pitch is full game pay.
      - Jackie question - can we align with baseball on pricing. Answer: Yes, EGGS board would need to address with EGVYB and agree on price points
      - Jackie question – their officiating focuses on 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and under – we have senior level games as well, can they handle. Answer: Yes, they will fill the game
      - Nick question – Reschedules, how much time do they need. Answer: 48 hours they guarantee an umpire, 24 hours they can usually do but no guarantee.
    - Vote on keeping or eliminating the officiating position
      - Should get feedback from other local park districts – Mount Prospect / Des Plaines
      - Scott does use the platform already to schedule himself for games
      - Maria question: Do they know our rules. Answer: Yes, they have access to the rules ahead of the game and they do train / test on rules for the different towns – the tests are usually for the tier 1 umpires. The pre-game meeting is important to make sure the ump is aware of all the key rules
      - Park District would just need a contract asap once we make the decision
      - Nick motions to move forward with assigner, yays all around, motion passes
      - Will wait to vote on elimination of officiating position – mixed opinions
- Parade
  - Millie submitted the application, theme is music through the ages, needs help with decorations – Jackie, Chad, Matt, Millie
  - RJ will talk to someone to loan us a truck
  - Baseball will supply most of the candy
  - Sign up genius for the Parade (Millie)
- Outsourcing concessions
  - Park District is negotiating with vendors to provide pricing by combining the leagues together. The more who get on board the better the pricing – it would not be all day long it would be peak hours only – we would get a percentage. (Roccovinos)
  - No option to sell items in off peak, what about water / other stuff on hot days? Can we get a vending machine?
  - We would only need to source people for spirit wear
  - We will vote next meeting on whether or not to outsource
- Fire program for 2020
  - Interleague / intercity games to get things going within the regular season.
  - Put information in with the registration – have a welcome to EGGS information packet

- Fire specific 4/page flyers in addition to the house season
- Tryouts last weekend of March / beginning of April
- Matt looking at getting cadence drills for the higher level clinics
- Need to work out roster sizes and pricing
- EGS should host a tournament at CAF
- Winter Training Planning
  - Did not cover
- Bingo 2020
  - Bingo is onnnn
- Open positions / potential board members
  - Peter Kokenes – Daughter in Ponytail, volunteers regularly, on the school board at QR and has worked with the Itasca Park District. Son plays Mustang baseball
  - Pat Kelly – Daughters in instructional and ponytail, coached for 2 years and has umpired in the past. Very involved in QR PTO, works for a non-profit.
  - Melissa Wagner – 3 daughters, Sophomore, Ponytail and Instructions (next year), looking to help improve the program, helps with PTA at Stevenson. Interested in promoting the program
  - Maria Irizarry – Daughter in Junior, youngest in instructional, volunteers on the Grove PTO.
- New Business

Motion to adjourn – 10:16 pm