

Aberdeen Hardball Association Meeting  
Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Members Present – Jon, Dan, Kris, Tom, Troy W., Scott, Jay

- I. Call to order at 7:50 p.m.
- II. Minutes Review
  - a. Motion by Jon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom to approve old minutes.
- III. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Jay reported no new changes other than concession stand payments to the city. He didn't have time to review the financials in detail but thinks there is a balance of \$33-\$35K. Up from \$3K when we took over the books last year at this time.
- IV. New Business
  - a. Officers for 2017-18
    - i. Tabled until Guy can make the December meeting to get his take on his commitment.
  - b. Youth League
    - i. Fundraiser – form attached. Dan mentioned that QQP can get the entire job done with postage for around \$500 depending on the amount of letters set. All were in agreement that would be money well-spent.
    - ii. Uniforms – Scott reported on the work he has done taking inventory and his recommendation of replacing them. Discussion was had that this same order could be placed the next 3 years and have a rolling replacement so as to not incur all those expenses at one time with a larger bill. (attached bid)
    - iii. Equipment – Scott reported that the wheels on the pitching machines are warped and in need of replacement. Each wheel is \$150 and we need 4 for a total of \$600. All were in favor of the expenditure. Jon will visit with Dean Berry about getting in on his equipment order with Rawlings.
  - c. Hotshots
    - i. Batting cages – Need to coordinate times and availability.
- V. Old Business
  - a. Apparel orders – 22 orders were placed.
  - b. Teams for 2018 – Same as 2017
  - c. Scheduling – Jay has started, but it hasn't really ramped up yet. He suspects it will in January and February. He has scheduled some smaller towns because we may be a little young at the top two levels and might compete well with those teams.
  - d. Ordering of hats and pants – Scott has an order ready and presented it. (attached) Should be enough for 2 years.
  - e. Winter workouts – Start Jan. 7 @ PC. There was discussion about both PC and NSU times and dates. Everything should be ready for each location. There was a short discussion about coaches and how we will attempt to have coaches hired by then. Jay is working with PC and Jon with NSU to get candidates.
  - f. Hotshots
    - i. Signage – A letter should be sent from AHA to current sponsors explaining the city's lease agreement with the Hotshots and how the Hotshots were awarded

the signage at Fossum. In the same mailing, we will include our sponsorship letter telling our sponsors how they can still support youth baseball. We don't need to tell them that the Hotshots are making us whole...might make for more fundraising participation.

- ii. Practices and games – Still being worked out with Guy and Aaron Smith from the Hotshots. They have a good working relationship and we believe Guy is the best person to be in the negotiation.
- iii. Storage at the ballpark – Looking into a PODS-type container that can be placed at the ballpark for the summer. It can be locked. We think Double Duty has some for rent. WHO WAS LOOKING INTO THAT?
- iv. Payments to AHA – It was already discussed that equal installments will be made to AHA on May, June and July 1.

VI. Other Business

- a. If anyone can think of an indoor storage area for the bus for the winter, please let Jay know as it is parked outside at the Chrysler Center right now.
- b. Coaches – We talked about that above under winter workouts.
- c. Facility discussion – Turf infield was discussed with Dacotah Bank floating an interest-free loan for the project. Nothing is committed yet. Discussed Yankton's facilities. Discussed how Augustana University and Yankton shared grant opportunities and Yankton would do the same with us.
- d. Other fundraising idea – Jay talked about a dueling piano event that Groton does. Maybe we could think about the same thing?

VII. Adjourned at 9:05 p.m.