

Ceres Youth Baseball Meeting MInutes Monday October 2, 2023

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- ☑ Vice President of Baseball, Ismael Ontiveros
 - ☑ Vice President of Softball, Jessica Lopez
 - ☐ Treasurer, Melissa Baldwin
 - ☑ Secretary, Shauna Weeks

Members Present:

Jorge Guerrero (2)	Ismael Ontiveros (2)	Jessica Lopez (2)
Shauna Weeks (2)	Blair Murray (2)	Nikole Ferrel (2)
Omaira Valencia (2)	Lino Toste (2)	Chuck Weeks (2)
Valaree Gonzalez (1)	Marissa Ontiveros (1)	Katie Lemburg Bergman (2) - City
Anthony Vallesteros (1)	Randy Wheeler (1)	Jon Harris (1)
Linda Toste (1)		

President Jorge Guerrero called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

- Reading and approval of meeting minutes from September 11, 2023.
 - Ismael Ontiveros motions to approve the minutes. Jessica Lopez seconds the motion
 - All approve, none opposed

- Treasurer's Report
 - General Fund Account
 - Make sure all the accounts are up to date
 - Spoke with Jodi, the account -
 - Tournaments were not providing funds to the general fund for the last several years
 - Nikole Ferrel says that she has proof that Sizzle made the deposits for tournaments to the general fund
 - Jorge asked Nikole to send him the information.
 - Quicker turn around for the checks
 - End of fiscal year 9/30/2023
 - Inventoried the equipment room and snack bar, sent info to Jodi
 - Need to zero out any Blaze/Sizzle account that was in the negative
- Announcement of New Board Members
 - Snack bar manager Marissa Ontiveros
 - Umpire Coordinators
 - Audel Valencia Softball
 - Randy Wheeler Baseball
 - Nikole Ferrel asked who will be doing the training?
 - Jorge talked with Audel and he had some ideas
 - Training in the classroom, then take it to the field
 - Ismael Ontiveros has been updating the rules, had a meeting with Randy Wheeler about this for the baseball rules
 - Blaze Commissioner Marty Sanchez
- Park Improvement Project Update
 - Jorge met with Katie Bergman from the city about improvement projects for the complex.
 - Looked at safety concerns, improvement to fields,
 - Quote for lights on field 3 and field 5. Will submit this to the city once CYB has it
 - Will it be prevailing wage jobs? Consulting with the city attorney,
 - Couple weeks for an answer
- City Contract Compliance
 - o Few issues that were not in compliance
 - City needs players registration information
 - Financial information to city
 - Paying for players when there is a tournament
 - Ways to amend the current contract if needed.

- Katie made some changes to the contract, she will meet with Jorge Guerrero on the changes this week, she emailed the changes this afternoon.
 - Made it more reader friendly
 - 90 days/60 days instead of hard dates (for events, league use, tournaments) etc.
 - Has to go back to council for the approval of the changes
 - Katie needs to present a staff report by Monday 9, 2023
 - Jorge Guerrero will get back to her about changes

Upcoming Events at Costa Fields

- MKR Tournament October 7th-8th
 - Fields closed 6th-8th
 - Scheduled with the previous board
 - Tanmeet Randhawa met with Jorge today, the tournament honors his late wife, his children play for Blaze
 - 3 divisions are running
 - High school teams will be played at CVHS
 - Snack bar will be open limitedly
 - Allows the new snack bar manager to get a feel for the workings of the snack bar.
 - Money made will go to the general fund
 - Get people to help with the gate
- Bands, Brews & BBQ Throwdown October 14th
 - 10AM to 5PM Saturday
 - Fields closed October 13th-15th
 - Chamber of Commerce
 - Food vendors
 - Bands
 - Softball game with community members
 - Audel is going to help on the Sizzle side
 - Make a donation back to those teams and the Sizzle and Blaze organization.
 - Karen will work the event, Chamber of Commerce will pay her directly
- Toy Drive Tournament October 21st-22nd
 - Fields closed October 20th-22nd
 - Hope to have 3 fields running, have about 15 teams currently
- Tournament Last Weekend of October
 - Fields closed October 27th-29th (maybe)

Field Sign-ups-

- Maybe limit the number of field that can be reserved by a team, some are blocking out the entire day once it is opened to additional fields
- o 2 hours a day maximum?
- Signing up Wednesday at 3PM, Thursday, and Friday.
 - Afternoon are hard

- Jorge will screen record his phone and post: how to remove unwanted selections
- Will run like this until rec ball starts
- o Let us know if additional changes need to be made.
- Registration and website update
 - o We were able to get the information, owner of the domain for Ceresyouthbaseball.com
 - Pay \$12 to get it into the new server
 - Sizzle info/Blaze Info
 - League history
 - Pictures, send them in, so they can go on the new site.
 - Registration
 - Fees
 - \$150/player see where we are at, by season end
 - Losing players in the area
 - Run a tournament to offset the costs if necessary
 - Blaze/Sizzle -
 - Use to be a per player fee, was then a \$500 fee coming out of COVID
 - \$1,000 per team for Sizzle and Blaze for the new season
 - In person registration help those that have had problems registering online, new system
 - Payment online
 - Have a registration in January depending on numbers
 - Paper registration forms as a backup
 - Change of culture for CYB of registration process
 - Hope to eliminate errors
 - Convenient for parents
 - Will be able to create teams after evaluations or draw nights immediately.
 - City of Ceres created a program guide for CYB last year
 - Jan-April brochure, would need info to city by the week of Thanksgiving
 - Opening Day
 - Push it a week for opening day
 - Friday March 22nd (Opening Ceremony)
 - Saturday March 23rd (Opening Day Games)
 - Bands, Brews & BBQ Throwdown October 14th
 - Make a banner to post about registration
 - QR code
 - Everything will be online
 - Waiting to see if it will be ready for this event to start promoting.
- VP of Softball Report
 - 8U moved up to 10U for Fall (Audel)
 - John's team placed in the last two tournaments
 - Nikole's team will be going to a showcase, exciting for them

- Sizzle Coaches meeting to go over bylaws, see what we can do to imporve.
- VP of Baseball Report
 - o Bring rec ball back, Ismael Ontiveros feels that it has been neglected
 - o Expanding the season a little further spread the games out more
 - Saturday games
 - o Handing out trophies to team on last games,
 - Playoff trophies on the day they win
 - All Star Game kids get a hat? Trophy?
 - Nikole asked if this was going to be a board vote, or an executive board decision?
 - Jorge Guererro said they wanted to expand on what had been taking place in previous years
 - Played 3 games in previous year, best 2 out of 3.
 - Cleaning up the rules getting rid of gray areas
 - Coaches training
 - Not being able to protest a game if you don't go to the training
 - Agree on the rules before the season starts
- President's Message
 - Make it clear I'm here for CYB
 - Have to have all the fields going.
 - Scheduling to get the fields in use.
 - May mix up days as long as we don't have to change the field set-up
 - March 22nd Opening Ceremony Friday, color guard, first pitch, national anthem, etc.
 - March 23rd every single team play on that Saturday, towards their standing
 - Family comes to watch
 - Closing Ceremony (instead of)
 - Everyone plays, coach/player appreciation.
 - The last week where the ones who don't have playoffs play.
 - Ideas let us know.
 - Next meeting you will have to sign-in and sign-out. If you sign in and leave, it's not being a part of the meeting.
- Board Member Dialogue: None
- Citizen Dialogue: None

Nikole Ferrel motions to adjourn the meeting. Ismael Ontiveros seconds the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Next Board Meeting at Costa Fields will be Monday November 6, 2023 at 7PM (location may change to the community center once arrangements are made, you will be notified)