



Ceres Youth Baseball Meeting Minutes
Monday October 2, 2023

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

Members Present:

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| 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
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- 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
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- 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
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- City Contract Compliance
 - 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.

- Jorge will screen record his phone and post: how to remove unwanted selections
- Will run like this until rec ball starts
- Let us know if additional changes need to be made.

- Registration and website update
 - 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 improve.

- VP of Baseball Report
 - Bring rec ball back, Ismael Ontiveros feels that it has been neglected
 - Expanding the season a little further - spread the games out more
 - Saturday games
 - 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)