

RCSL BOARD MEETING

Thursday May 28, 2009

Attendance: Jon, Dave, Jen, Mike Leitao

Meeting Called To Order: 7:40 p.m.

Tournament Committee Meeting

- Discussed need to hold a tournament committee meeting ASAP.
- Items to be discussed at meeting included but aren't limited to:
 - Logo- Commissioner is working with graphic designer
 - Hotels- Board members looking into hotels now
 - Recruitment
- Date of tournament committee meeting decided- Thursday June 4th, 7pm, Club Gallery. Open to all coaches, managers, players and board members. Coaches & Managers strongly encouraged to attend.
- Secretary is responsible for booking all meeting locations and informing Board of Directors. Also responsible for informing Manny to post on website. Also responsible for inviting Arlie Rose, graphic designer. Commissioner will supply graphic designer contact info to Secretary.

Coaches/Managers Meeting

- Discussed setting up a coaches/managers meeting, back to back to another committee meeting, as requested by coaches/managers at last meeting.
- Items to be discussed include but aren't limited to:
 - Player ratings- coaches responsible; due to Commissioner by July 1st and to NAGAAA by July 15th
 - Gay World Series- sending D Division Team to gain respect.
 - Rules of Play- completed signature sheets
 - Waiver forms/player fees- players can't take field until submitted
- Decided to hold meeting on Thursday June 4th, at 8pm, at Club Gallery (this meeting will immediately follow the Tournament Committee meeting so the time is not exact).
- Encourage coaches/managers to attend, or at minimum, send a representative from team.

Fundraising Committee Meeting

- Discussed setting up a fundraising committee meeting.
- Items to be discussed include but aren't limited to:
 - Participation at PRIDE Festival- Kitty Litter possibly interested in sharing a booth with RCSL; fall ball sign-ups; asking for donations for

water and soda; handing out magnets; dunk booth; speed throwing contest; volunteers needed to man booth.

- Pawtucket Red Sox Fundraiser- Mike Leitao suggested that we contact Pawtucket Red Sox in January 2010 to request tickets that the RCSL could sell
- Pawtucket Red Sox BBQ Fundraiser- Commissioner suggested that the RCSL could possibly look into doing a BBQ along the first base line as a fundraiser.
- Gong Karaoke- location suggestion of Mirra Bar.

Locations for Games on June 28th

- East Providence Recreation Department has asked the RCSL if they could use the Agawam Fields on Sunday June 28 from 12-3pm for a Firefighters Tournament. All other leagues have agreed to support the cause by giving up space.
- Games will still take place at Pierce Field.
- Secretary is responsible for contacting Recreation Department to request use of Hull Street softball field, for this day only.
- If approval is received to use Hull Street, Commissioner and Ast. Commissioner are responsible for revising the schedule and notifying everyone of changes.

Softball Games on July 19th

- No games on July 19th due to Heritage Days. Can't use Pierce Field. Known this since beginning of season.
- Agawam Fields are available from 12-3pm for teams to practice.

Banners

- Commissioner ordered 2 banners for RCSL Fields.

Reviewed RCSL Coaches/Managers Meeting Notes From April 23rd

- Reviewed notes.
- Request by Commissioner to add "actions" section to notes so that everyone would know what they are responsible for. Requested Secretary add section to all notes taken from here on.
- Secretary will send notes to Manny to post on website.

Player Incident

- Recapped incident with players from Wheels and screaming match with pitcher from Gallery which occurred in 2008.
- Same players would like to attend 2009 games as spectators.

- Due to field permits, they are not allowed at softball games. One player was banned for 1 year and then can attend as he wishes. The other player was banned permanently and is never allowed to attend.

Board Meeting Date

- Set next Board Meeting date for Tuesday June 23rd, at 7pm, at Club Gallery.
- Items to discuss at this meeting include but aren't limited to:
 - RSCL Banquet- date; location; caterer; admission prices
 - Committee Meeting Reports- fundraising committee, tournament committee
- All Board Members are currently responsible for looking into obtaining a caterer for the banquet event. Food items include but aren't limited to: chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, beans, etc. Would like an assortment that is a bit nicer than just hamburgers and hot dogs.

Update on Sponsor/Player Fees & Waivers

- Commissioner has list of all players who have paid registration fees and handed in waiver forms, and of all those who have not.
- Commissioner will notify all teams of those who haven't paid/handed in waiver forms.
- Players who don't pay and/or submit waiver form, cannot take the field.
- All sponsor fees have been paid.
- Uniforms have been purchased for Misfit expansion team. Money for uniforms was taken out of RCSL account. Still looking to obtain a sponsor for this team and if one is interested, a discount could be available.

Softball Games After Parties at Sponsor Bars

- Sunday May 31st- fundraiser at Alley Cat for AIDS Care Ocean State; Ms. Kitty Litter and Sabrina Blaze are having Birthday event catered.
- Commissioner will contact Blazin Kitties to remind them to attend the event.
- Secretary will contact Coaches/Managers to remind everyone about important event and to encourage players to attend.
- Discussed how after party tends to be the same people showing up: Board Members (Jon, Dave, Jen, Jimmy); certain teams (Grind, GirlSpot, Bandits); select players. Need to encourage all players on all teams to attend event.
- Secretary suggested that times for after party be moved up. Start party when first games end. Put food out. Teams are more likely to attend if they don't have to go home first.
- Commissioner and Ast. Commissioner commented that if food were put out early, it would sit for a long period of time and the local patrons would eat it.

Board of Director Responsibilities

- Player Liaison Coordinator having trouble following through.
- Motion by Ast. Commissioner to make Mike Leitao, a Player Liaison Co-Coordinator with Corey Edwards. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Secretary is responsible for notifying Manny to post on web-site.

Recapped Opening Day

- Good attendance.
- Received some negative feedback from players.
- Discussed ways to improve the event in the future. Ideas included:
 - Have someone sing the National Anthem
 - Introduce Board Members, Sponsors, Coaches/Managers and Teams
 - Offer free hot dogs and hamburgers
 - Opening Pitch
 - Thank armed forces
 - Have each team sign a ball, put in glass case and present to sponsor
 - Press releases
 - Photographer
- Opening Day is mainly organized by the Player Liaison. Next year, more planning is needed.

Gay World Series

- Dates: August 31st- September 5th
- Location: Milwaukee
- More info can be found at: <http://www.nagaaafest.com/>
- RCSL is use to sending a "C" Division softball team. Need to send a "D" division team to gain respect. Will discuss at next Coaches meeting.
- Teams must have a minimum of 10 players on roster and can pick-up an additional 4 players from other league teams. Can only have 2 straight players on field and roster.

Call To Action Summary

WHO (responsible for completing task)	WHAT (what needs to get done)	WHEN (timeframe)	✓ (check when completed)
Board of Directors, Mangers/Coaches, Players	Attendance at Tournament Committee Meeting	June 4 th , 7pm, Club Gallery	

Secretary	Booking dates, times & locations for fundraising, tournament and coaches/managers meetings	May 28 th	✓
Secretary	Informing all coaches/managers & board of directors about meeting dates	May 31 st & June 1 st	✓
Secretary	Inform Manny about posting all meeting dates on website	June 1 st	✓
Commissioner	Send graphic design, Arlie Rose, contact info to Secretary	By June 2 nd	✓
Secretary	Contact Arlie Rose and invite her to attend tournament committee meeting on June 4 th so that the logo can be discussed	By June 3 rd	✓
Board of Directors, Coaches/Mangers	Attendance at Coaches/Managers meeting	June 4 th @ approx. 8pm @ Gallery	
Coaches/Managers	Rate players and submit to Commissioner of RCSL.	July 1 st	
Board of Directors, Coaches/Mangers, Players	Attendance at Fundraising Committee meeting	June 3 rd 7pm @ Gallery	
Secretary	Contact EP Recreation Department and tell them we will give up Agawam Field for Firefighter fundraiser on June 28 th ; request use of Hull Street Field.	May 29 th	✓
Commissioner & Ast. Commissioner	If approval is granted by EP Rec. Dept. to use Hull Street, update the schedule and get the message out	By June 10 th	
Secretary	Add "actions" section to April 23 rd notes and all notes following	By June 3 rd	✓
Secretary	Send April 23 rd notes with "actions" section to Manny to post on website	ASAP	✓
Commissioner	Notify Wheels players that were banned that they are not allowed to attend any games as spectators	ASAP	
Board Members and Anyone Else Interested	Attendance at Board Meeting	June 23 rd , 7pm @ Gallery	

Commissioner	Compile list of all players and sponsors who have paid fees and submitted waivers; distribute to Board members and coaches/managers	ASAP	✓
Everyone	Continue to look for a sponsor for Misfits at a discounted price	On-going	✓
Commissioner	Contact Coach and Manager of Blazing Kitties to ensure attendance of team at sponsor event	By May 29 th	✓
Secretary	Contact Coaches/Managers and encourage players to attend Ms. Kitty Litter and Sabrina Blaze Fundraiser following games on May 31 st	July 1 st	✓
Board Members	Encourage Coaches/Managers and players to attend after parties on Sunday nights	On-going	
Secretary	Notifying Manny to post on website announcement that Mike Leitao has been appointed Player Liaison Co-Coordinator	ASAP	✓

Meeting Adjourned: 9:15pm.