

**TUCSON YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: Monday, March 12, 2018**

- Call to order by Chairman Bill Leith – **6:35pm**
- Roll Call of Executive Members
- Introductions of new attendees, sign in sheet circulated

Chairman's Update:

1. Last meeting was held on Feb 12, 2018. Official location of the meeting minutes, agendas and meeting notices will be on TYBAonline.org.
2. Carl Thompson motion to approve February 12th meeting minutes, Amber Fernandez Second the motion. February meeting minutes approved.

Membership forum open (2 minutes per):

1. Scott Beck stated that TYBA has around 200 tickets to the Tucson Sidewinder hockey games. Let TYBA know if you are interested in receiving some tickets.

Financials (Amber Fernandez):

1. Nothing new to report financially; Reminder that dues are \$10/year for everyone
2. Scott Beck is working on the annual sponsorships that incorporate all of TYBA's events. There will be a few different sponsorship package options. Scott will send out a draft of the packages to the Council to review and make changes/suggestions. Although we do not have a final draft, TYBA should keep working on getting sponsorships around town.

Public Relations (Marcheta Gillespie):

1. Official Press Release has been distributed. TYBA will be using Facebook and Twitter to post photos and be a continuous flow of information. Reminder to attendees to send TYBA council Send event dates, times, and locations so we can post on social media.
2. Amber Fernandez: Make sure you "like"/"follow" the social media pages and share on your own social media to help spread the word about the organization.
3. Bill Leith stated that TYBA met with County on March 9th and the details will be discussed later in the meeting. TYBA is currently scheduling a meeting with the city for April but a final date and time has not been decided.

Little League Update (Cindy Snow/Carl Thompson):

1. Little league is up and running, preparing for opening ceremonies around Southern Arizona. TYBA Council is going to try and attend as many events as possible to share what we are doing with the community.
2. D12 most are doing opening Mar 12th some as late as March 31. D12 season Opening Game is scheduled for March 25, 2018 at Field of Dreams starting at 1pm. Part of proceeds from snack bar go to charity of their choosing. This is the second year Little League is holding the Opening Game.

3. D5 opening days for east side of town is this Saturday, March 17th. CDO opening ceremonies are also this weekend. Others are over the next 3 weeks, with Flowing Wells scheduled for April 7th.
4. Mid-Season classic for all Majors teams, international rules, 40 teams playing in it this year.
5. Enrollment numbers for D5 is 3,670 between the 12 leagues, ages 4-13. TYBA would like the registration numbers by age group to present to the county and city officials. This information will help the county and city plan accordingly for field improvements and begin tracking trends for future use.

High School (Bill Leith):

1. Kino Baseball High school all-star games May 29th starting at 7pm. This year's games are sponsored by Under Armour and BSN Sports who will be providing all the players jerseys that they will get to keep.
2. Lancer Classic is Next week, Chris Moon tournament at the end of March.
3. High school games during TIG not going to happen this year. Will work with the AD's in the fall for next year.

Baseball Operations (Blake Eager):

1. TYBA is putting together the fall and summer clinic dates. Currently planning the TYBA fall clinic for September 15th at Curtis Park. When the clinic dates and locations are finalized, TYBA needs area coaches to send out the information to initiate a good turnout. The annual Youth Clinic is set for January 12, 2019
2. The January 2019 TYBA tournament open will be expanded to 9U-12U teams.
3. TYBA will start putting together an in-town tournament cost and schedule.
4. Bill Leith states that TYBA is still working to pin down a date for the Pascua Yaqui clinic.

Club ball (Mike Hansen):

1. Dirtbags 12u kicked off at Kino (Sunday only league). Dirtbags currently playing in tournaments and will be hosting a clinic in September. 14U Dirtbags group decided to stay together and do 1 tournament a month instead of Little League.
2. Bill Leith: Many High Schools have place their teams in the Kino Freshman league to save money and the league mirrors the HS season and follows HS rules. This year Hamilton HS is playing in the league that has 8 13U teams and 5 12U teams.
3. Blake Eager: Tucson Open winners, Tucson Champs, are heading to Branson, MO and Shelly is currently working out all of the arrangements. TYBA is paying airfare and the tournament fee for the team. The 2019 tournament will also have a paid destination tournament for the winners.

Facilities (Blake Eager):

1. Pima CC East soccer field has a set of lights they are no longer using. This may be an option to get lights back out to Palo Verde Park. However, the lights belong to the City of Tucson and would need to be removed from Pima East, transported to Palo Verde Park and installed. Any and all costs would need to be covered by TYBA; the city and county will not pay for the transfer. Is there anyone that can help out: Fluoresco Services/Sturgeon Electric, etc.? TYBA believes that since the asset is worth over \$1,000 the city would need to donate the lights to TYBA. Further research is required.

2. No update on the Jesse Owens Park status; Pantano LL is playing at Freedom Park, coaches pitch is at Vista Del Prado; need a status from the city; Kennedy will be open at end of March (Tucson Mountain LL)

New Business:

- TYBA meeting with the County Meeting on March 9, 2018. Started off the meeting with TYBA's Mission Statement and offered our services - How can we help when it comes to fields and facilities? TYBA let County leaders know that we are a fundraising mechanism for players, parents, and the community.

Field requests from non-Little League teams: There are two city and county allocation meetings per year. Asked County leaders for the dates so we can put the information on the TYBA website. One meeting is held in November (to discuss the spring season/usage) and the other meeting is scheduled for May 2018 (to discuss the fall season/usage). The field allocation meetings are held at the offices on River Road. If a field request is made while "in season" teams need to go through Little League Presidents. Little Leagues are supposed to release fields that are not in use. Club teams are looking for "home fields" to add consistency to their programs.

Tournaments take priority in the eyes of the county. If you have a field reservation and the field is needed for a tournament, your organization will be asked to give up the field.

Light requests for fields requires 50/50 partnership with the requestor(s). The County will not be asking tax payers to fund additional light sources at baseball fields. Fields with existing lights that have issues is another topic to discuss on a later date.

- JJ Northam: D'Bat is a new indoor hitting facility for baseball and softball that will be opening May 1, 2018. The facility will have 13 cages (5 with machines, others for live arms, high cages for slow pitch). The D'Bat cages will be available for coaches to host indoor clinics and is located across from the Tucson Mall in the old Circuit City building

Old Business:

- Marcheta Gillespie and Blake Eager will look into pricing for a storage facility to keep donated equipment in (Shelly Duncan and Coach Stit are currently accumulating equipment). Scott Beck asked if we have a distribution plan in place. Bill Leith is putting together a plan and using El Conquistador as a model for the process. Once we have a format, we will bring the information to a TYBA meeting for approval. Council will also vote on who to donate equipment and money to however, TYBA needs to list items we will accept (bats, gloves, etc.). Anything that can't be used/donated in Southern Arizona can be donated south of the border.
- Further discussion is needed on the equipment Swap Meet idea. Allowing the public to purchase a spot for \$10 to sell their equipment or trade with others. The best time to hold a swap meet would be right before Little League starts. TYBA will discuss holding a "swap meet" for baseball and softball equipment at a later date: possible locations, dates, required permits, etc.).

Next meeting - April 9 - 6:30pm at Viscount.

Marcheta Gillespie motioned to adjourn the meeting, Cindy Snow second the motion. Meeting adjourned at **7:19PM**

Actions from previous:

- ~~Press Release~~
- ~~Engage city/county Officials~~
- Bank Account
- Accounting Software
- Light System at Palo Verde Park –potential setoff lights from Pima East we can use.
- ~~TYBA presence at Little League opening ceremonies – need dates/times~~
- Participation numbers from Little Leagues and Kino Baseball League
- ~~Coordinate possible HS games during TIG College Games~~
- List of upcoming Park Closures
- ~~Event Schedule Listing~~
- Interactive Map of fields/Contact info to rent
- Coaches Corner on the website

Respectively Submitted:

Amber Fernandez, Secretary/Financial Officer