**WBA Monthly Meeting**
06.08.2021

David Downs, Bob George, Doug Goodson, Luke Hall,Katie Hood, Jessica Testerman, Matt Tieperman, Steve Potorti, Ryan Dudash

8:07pm-8:45pm

**Open Item Follow Up**

* Action Item – help needed for Friday, email David if you can help
* Action item – Dan will let the coaches know about gate/garage access
* Action item – Ryan talk to coaches about who may want to participate in tournament teams, especially in 11-12 league
* Action item – David to send detail with specifics, expectations for coaches to share before reaching out
* Action item – will send updated excel list to David

\*All resolved and discussed as needed below.

**Round Table Check-In**

* Bob – T-ball minors, trophies have been distributed to coaches, has 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies for minors too, emailed commissioners and waiting for approval before reaching out to coaches, waiting for update for self-help for Winters Mill project
* Doug – eager for pictures to come in; need to take banners down, send sponsor plaques, work on getting equipment from FVE; let David know if there’s anything to help with
	+ Action Item – Doug will let David know if any help is needed with clean up, etc.
* Matt – 39 players at golf tournament, nice weather, good time; made about $1600; financially in good shape
	+ David asked about travel teams; Matt said updates were being shared about once a month, but he just sent May items (generally a few weeks after end of month)
* David – pictures went well, worked at Robert Moton Center, two photographer stations worked well with large schedule for teams to complete pictures, generally ahead or on-time, delay with manufacturing, etc. for pictures, will determine how to distribute once they are received
	+ Golf tournament went well, 39 golfers was low, but it turned out well and kept the pace of the game a bit better, would like to have one group on each tee if possible (72 golfers), made good bit of money on raffle tickets, mulligans and putting contest, helpful to have donations from Dick’s Sporting Goods, Matt also found a $150 Giant gift card and they added Door Dash gift cards too, majority of money from raffles, participants were generous with what they purchased, four golf shirts donated
	+ David sent detail to Ryan for coaches and tournament teams
* David for Dan – T-ball soft-toss for final inning of game last week, has all medals
* David for Chris – cleaned machines, new balls for games for instructional, tested it and working well
* Luke – update for minors, last game of regular season this weekend, then starting playoffs, requested confirmation of using one umpire, one team (Reds) did say they would not be able to make the playoffs
	+ David said yes for one umpire, but can try to do two if they’d like, make sure additional costs can be covered and confirm with Josh that they have additional if needed
	+ Luke is good with one umpire only, no need for additional $40 or working to ensure they are paid
	+ Luke asked for confirmation on whether all fields are closed on June 14th or only FVE
		- Action Item – David will email school principal to confirm
			* Luke said no issue if the fields are closed
	+ Luke will get with Bob for trophies
* Ryan – in playoffs, playoffs tonight will lead to championship and consolation games, will get trophies this week, unsure of specifics for fields, will depend on teams in playoffs
	+ Action Item – will let David know where tournament games are scheduled
	+ Next year, Aaron, Scott and Ryan would like to run their own tournament, and participate in additional tournaments, to work with families to commit to participate earlier; does have coach for team next year (Scott Lavender); feel hosting a tournament would help raise money for participation in other tournaments
		- David said that works, but the issue they may run into are the fields they have
		- Ryan – would like to postpone participation in two tournaments this season because of timeframe for families to sign up for participation
* Ryan – right now athletes are able to lead and steal, would like to limit ability to lead and offer to steal only to make game more competitive
	+ David – can discuss changing the rule, but need to factor in whether those rules would affect the rules for tournament games, Aaron worked to help outline new rules to help make leagues a bit more in-line with changes only with each step up
	+ Action Item – revisit rules for leading and stealing during games, limit to stealing only
	+ Action Item – Ryan will send David recap of season for feedback too
* David hasn’t seen anything yet for Babe Ruth state all-star teams
	+ Action Item – David will follow up to get dates and check with Matt too
* Steve (travel) – first tournament for 18U this weekend, 10U/12U/13U are completing seasons; a few issues with umpires showing up or with calls, but not too many this year; a few make up games were needed, but most were scheduled without issue; each team, except for 10U, has at least one or two more tournaments; 16U didn’t do great because they were playing on HS teams too
* David shared there is a tournament on the IronBird field (turf shoes or molded shoes are required)
* Action Item – David will follow up with Morgan for upcoming meeting
* David expressed appreciation to board, especially to pandemic, appreciate work this year to all commissioners, coaches, etc., generally like to do something to help reward efforts with Orioles Little League days
* David also shared detail about possibility of fall baseball; occasionally offer this for specific age groups and kids who will be playing in the next group for the upcoming season to get some experience; Manchester and Winfield like to participate when playing in the fall, too, but teams don’t line up exactly with how they would be playing in the season; working with Jeff Howard, Manchester contact too; fewer umpires; likely Instructional and up, but would depend on number of players
	+ Action Item – board reach out to David with feedback on whether there should be fall ball
	+ Action Item – David may send something to all WBA parents to see if anyone is interested in helping run the league
	+ Action Item – will work with Stone Alley to get the registration page ready
* Special thanks to Matt for the golf tournament, getting beer, big component in making it a successful fundraiser

Matt – motion to adjourn

Bob – second