

SEPLL Board Mtg.  
Monday, March 9, 2015  
Round Table Pizza (SE 62nd and Foster)

Attendance:

Kerry, Cindi, Joshua, Heather, Gary, Jerome, Julie, Colette, Janelle

A. Welcome

B. February Minutes were sent in a Google Doc.

C. Treasurers' Reports -- Cindi & Janelle

All is good. Registration came up in past month, which was great. See Cindi's doc -- \$35K in registration, with more to come. We are in good shape. We are LOW on sponsorships; this is an issue. We need to work on this for funding. Uniform bill should be around \$14K or so, and we will pay for fields. We should be able to use uniforms for post-season as well. Keith is working on orders, along with a new job. A challenges for financials is cash flow between the two leagues. Cindi will work with Janelle and Colette on that, so that Portland can pay off their debt from last year. Will we split major shared costs 50/50 again? Cindi suggests we continue that practice this year – analysis shows that the difference between the two leagues is nearly the same. And it is much simpler – put it out for a vote:

All in favor of a 50/50 split? Seconded by Julie. Unanimous vote.

Powell found \$1500 in unrecovered funds. Paypal from 2005. Nice work, Cindi! Via Oregon Lost Property.

Scholarships – checked in with Cindi and Heather and our rosters are done. If Children's Club (on a scholarship basis) wants to form a team, each parent needs to sign up online and in paper and then the scholarship is applied. CC has had a team with us in the past, and always found their own coach.

D. Old Business:

1. Team Announcement Plans -- Creston Auditorium

Colette will send out a correction email for Wednesday night teams. Kerry will do an update on Facebook.

a. Tuesday-Teeball, Rookie 6-7pm

13 teams of approx. 10 players for baseball, 4 teams of 10 for softball

There are also co-ed teams; 4 female

This is a little under, because we have a new division.

b. Tuesday- Rookie, Farm 7-8pm

Rookie, 6 baseball, 0 softball

Farm, 8 teams, 2 softball

Minors, 7 baseball, softball 4

Majors baseball 3, softball 1

Jr. softball 1

50/70 1

505 registered players; more late coming tee ballers expected, as usual. We did have to shut down 50/70 registration.

c. Wednesday-Minors, Majors, 50/70 and Junior SB 7-8pm

See above.

d. Equipment pick-up both nights -- Rocky

Pickup will be outside. When the teams stand up to be recognized, everyone goes outside to get their gear. All the gear will be outside the cafeteria. Coaches are expected to do an inventory of their stuff and off they go. All gear is tagged with a division. Uniforms – they will be there, per Keith. Last year, there were a lot of questions, so we do need to have someone answering parents' queries about their kids. A list in alphabetical order listing the kids and their coach will be available to crosscheck kids. Heather and Colette will be on site. The new registration program was "worth every penny" because of this exact situation and money transfer ease.

e. Gear Swap both nights in the lobby -- Cindi

There will be a table for stuff. Kerry will do a FB post reminding people to bring their old stuff for other kids to take. Gently used to junky, all accepted. No dirt!

f. PA speaker & microphone both nights

Rocky has a system, we're going with that.

g. The program: Welcome & thank yous -- Colette

Softball -- Julie

Baseball -- Matt

Excuse by team and ask them to get their equipment? Teams to the cafeteria, then out to the parking lot for gear. What time is staff arriving? 5:30pm.

2. Preparing for the announcements

a. Team selections

Done! Nice work, Heather, Matt, Julie and everyone who assisted.

b. Managers & Coaches

We still need 1 farm and 2 tee ball baseball coaches. Julie is talking with a potential farm coach. Will need another couple coaches.

We will vote on managers via email.

c. Equipment

Rocky worked all day today on this – thank you. It should all be ready by Tues/Wed. We are working on the new keys issue. At this point, we will make sets of both – 30 sets. Or get new locks and set all the combos to the same combo. Would be more expensive, but would cut down on time/effort and is a long-term solution because they can be reset with a new combination every year. We'll do some new tumbler locks and some new sets. All Portland locks (55 new keys). One key to every team, plus 4 extras for the snack shacks. Why not convert to combo locks? We will keep looking into it. Has to include locks for the portapotties.

d. Uniforms

Keith is out, but it seems to be under control. Colette will check in with him.

e. Incomplete registrations?

Any red flags? Nope!

E. Officer Reports:

1. Colette-

a. Opening Day -- Saturday, April 4th at Woodstock Park

Sponsors will be assigned to teams by then, with banners. Last year, we followed Portland tradition and did breakfast, and it cost \$200. We do want to start games that day. If we do it in the morning, do we want to do breakfast? Will check on sponsors for the opening day.

1. sponsors assigned to teams, banners to each team

See above.

2. music, PA with speaker & microphone

Will work on this.

3. EZup tent -- 1 for announcements, 1 for left over equipment/uniform pick up?

Colette brought 3 last year.

b. Practice Schedule on Google Doc:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wmDOnsS2PcmrHsjVxYFJ5syvpJrJz3RPjibfeV6F5fc/edit?usp=sharing>

1. updated?

Powell's times are up, Portland are in process.

2. send out to managers to get them to sign up by spring break-Matt & Julie

OK. Colette will sweep dates then and release any times that we don't need at that point. Into April, we ask PP&R to readjust our timing.

3. send adjustments to Parks by the end of spring break-Colette & Heather

See above.

c. Game schedules

1. D2 meeting, last Sunday of March (of Spring Break) for upper divisions BB and SB

Colette goes to the division meeting to create the inner league program, and then that creates the bigger schedule.

2. Tball, Farm & Rookie, and Minors all in house? No interleague? What about SB younger divisions?

Only tee ball is in house for softball, and all baseball. Interleaguering for all other divisions. Softball majors and juniors in D2 will have to interleague.

3. Alpenrose Days June 6 -- 7th for all divisions, 50/70 on Sunday? Invite interleague games if necessary.

We need to figure out which leagues to interleague with prior to the meeting.

d. Picture Day -- Saturday, May 2nd at Sewellcrest Park -- need a photo day coordinator

Craig Houston is confirmed; Cindi will coordinate. They will sponsor two teams.

e. Alpenrose Day -- June 6 & 7 -- Josha takes the lead

Thanks, Josha. Same rules as always. Concessions – if we want 25% off, we need two adults over 14 years per two-hour shift. High school volunteers are fine. There is a LOT of rules and regulations. We will do a 50/50 raffle as well. There is an adjustable field for 50/70. We are responsible for all field management. We asked about the PA system and they are going to test it and make sure it works. One league did an Alpenrose booklet of all their players and sponsors and whatnot – it looked nice and was fun. Something to think about. They want the schedule by April 1<sup>st</sup> to set pitching distances, so we'll just give them the one from last year. They also need safety plans and insurance for the Alpenrose people.

Continue around the room to get all the officer reports

Julie:

Getting teams sorted out. Happy to have some many girls' teams. Helps with retention if they start when they are little in softball. Majors team – 1 or 2? Opted for 1 team; there may be some complaints, but the assessments back up who was chosen for which team. 13 girls for majors. Families were notified and we had one taker.

Kerry:

Boosted a FB post about registration – it would be good to see the correlation between the boosted post (\$5) and registration that day and the few days after. Posting regularly about events, times, info, but will try to add in more human interest stories, articles, facts, etc., to build our community through shared, interesting content.

Gary:

Molly Dahl/Doll? She will not be able to assist in a day-to-day, but will help in the background. No one else at the moment – he will need assistance. Propane permits are secured -- \$25/shack. Janelle will do all the concessions receipts. Mult Co Environmental Health permit -- \$75 inspection on day one at one of the shacks. We haven't done this before. Lots of paperwork. \$110 each for first 30 days. If we pass, we get a 90-day permit for \$110/shack. They are aware we are a non-profit. County permit is \$515. If we do it this year, we don't have to deal with it all next year. Most leagues don't even bother getting a permit at all... so maybe we don't need it? Or can slide by? Or are they onto us? Is it a ticket or a fine if we don't get it? We got a warning last year because we didn't have a permit on site. We were not shut down. Last year we made a \$1200 profit. It is a ton of work for not much return. However, we will have Square this year so profits will up. And we scheduled our parks better this year. We should move ahead with getting everything set up and above board with our health permits. Colette will assist Gary with this and we will get it all settled. We need a committee or it's not even doable! This is a major concern. Volunteers should be targeted.

Heather:

505+ players. At least 100 more to come in tee ball? There is a wait list, but we'll need coaches. All teams that are capped have been removed from the site – we don't have enough time/resources. We can offer to find spots on other leagues if it comes to that. But we really should try to accept everyone and their registration, no matter how late. FieldDry -- \$400 for 40 bags. You can buy in increments, and they will store what we have purchased. Ball order has been placed at \$2200 for game balls. Ordered a bunch of new tees and throwdown bases for tee ball. We got great deals through Kurt at OR City Sports.

Jerome:

First Aid meeting went well – 40 people showed. Bought 9 new kits and ice packs. Consider a flexible split for each shed, for \$11/each. Background checks all good. Tee ballers still to come.

Cindi:

We have an issue with a parent volunteer who did not pay the funds (\$200-\$300); she is back in the system with a child who is registered. Registered mail has been sent to this parent, but nothing was resolved. What to do? This parent is a volunteer and is fairly involved; it was most likely a need-based issue. She should not be allowed to assist in concessions. Can we ask her to volunteer in lieu of paying the bill? Her child will not be affected.

Janelle:

Getting ready to write checks.

- F. Vacant officer roles -- aggressive marketing plan to get people on board. Ideas?  
Fields Manager & committee, Sponsorship committee, Concession Crew, VP Baseball, Team Parents, umpires (softball/baseball)

Will try Google Forms or Sideline to gauge interest in volunteering for what. We will ask managers and coaches to really put the ask on their team parents to step up and take a role both on their teams and within the league.

These positions are key to keeping us moving forward.

Confirmed sponsors: Craig Houston, Shut Up and Eat, Rudy's Pizza.

Janelle will help out – Cindi and Colette are on the committee but everyone has been focusing on other priorities until now. \$400 new sponsor, \$250 returning – see website for sponsorship.

- G. Anything else?

Storage shed?

Coach Tode – measles outbreak. Unvaccinated kids? We cannot enforce this – there is no way for this organization to deal with this, so we are relying on parents and school to make this a non-issue. Coaches can speak as parents or as concerned citizens, but cannot speak on behalf of the league or the league board.

The contribution levels on the online registration worked really well – proceeds donated to the scholarship fund.

- H. Next Board meeting: Monday, April 13th, 7:00pm @ RT Pizza.

I. On March 18, there was a call for a vote via email by Colette to construct the fence at Brooklyn Field. The motion passed when six YES votes came in. The last communication in this regard was that same day, about organizing a work party to construct the fence. No further response.