

# Mount Horeb Softball Club Meeting

**Date: Monday, March 20, 2023 / 7:30 PM**

**Location: Culvers Front Room**

**In Attendance: Kurt Adler, Phil Geisler, Jeff Imbus, Ryan Clifton, Mandy McWilliams, Katie Nicewander, Melissa Shaffer, Amy Nichols, Jeff Mester, Nicole Imbus, Anne Woolard, Eric Swiggum, Evie Dahlgren, Kate Kraemer**

## Meeting Agenda:

1. Minutes from last meeting (posted)
2. Treasurer Report – Nicole Imbus: Current balance is \$49,110.06. Recent monies from TeamSnap registrations and new sponsors: Vike-Steinich Chiropractic, Esch Insurance, and Mt. Horeb Knights of Columbus
3. Student Liaison Report – Evelyn Dahlgren:
  - a. Parent / Grandparent night is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>, Youth Night is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> and Senior Night is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Kate will provide list of sponsors for the Varsity poster and will send to Maddie Swiggum and Caitlin Prochaska at ProProductions. The Club will pay for posters and senior banners. The senior families will then reimburse the club for the senior banners.
  - c. High school jackets have been ordered.
4. Coach Liaison Report – Jeramie Holman (not in attendance) - Eric Swiggum reported:
  - a. The JV is in search of a head coach. It was discussed and approved to provide reimbursements where necessary for coaching support staff.
  - b. The new net for the batting cage has arrived and Eric will coordinate installation.
  - c. Calendar raffle tickets and money are due to Eric by March 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. This season, there are 21 high school players – 10 on JV and 11 on Varsity.
5. Committee Reports:
  - a. Troll Tourney – Kristin Casey / Kris Aeschlimann (not in attendance)
    - i. Update provided by Jeff Mester based on email from Kris: The Troll Tourney committee is working with Marah Odgers who is coordinating with MarkIt for a store that will be ready in May. The committee is working with Amy Nichols on concession stand / menu. A volunteer schedule will be forthcoming.
  - b. Youth Coordinators – Jeff Mester / Mandy McWilliams:
    - i. The youth assessments for 19 new players went well. A total of 107 players are registered and will be rostered over 11 teams.
    - ii. It was brought up that some 2<sup>nd</sup> grade families were not aware their kids were eligible to play, so Jeff will reopen the registration for and new 2<sup>nd</sup> graders that express interest. One idea was to go through the PTOs facebook page to get the word out – Phil Geisler was to coordinate this effort.
    - iii. U14/U12 practices will start in April (six teams), and all ages will start practicing after April 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - iv. Jeff Mester motions to open registration to add player who had decided not to play, but changed her mind prior to the commencement of the season. Ryan Clifton seconds and motion passes. Ryan will communicate with family about the decision.
    - v. Club decides it's allowable for a 14B tournament team catcher to not be required to register / be rostered for summer league this year. This decision will remain under review during the year and a policy adjustment may be made before next year's season. Adjustments may be necessary for 14A catchers to play on 14B/C teams for league games.
    - vi. There are 11 pitchers between the U14 teams. Based on insight from Coach Holman and consensus with the board and youth coordinators. Some pitchers and catchers will be asked to play on lower level teams to give them the most playing time and opportunities for skill development. All pitchers will pitch in league games. Jeff Mester will draft an email to send out to parents.
    - vii. The topic came up that it would be great for the players to attend college age softball

- games (UW Softball, Edgewood College, Madison College). Katie Nicewander will look into options and provide feedback to the Club.
- viii. The Coach Agreement Form was presented at the meeting. Jeff Mester motions to use the agreement this year. Kate Kraemer seconds and the motion passes. Coaches can sign at the coaches meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup> (target date).
  - ix. Jeff Mester will provide a count of coaches for the season and those individuals will receive a \$25 Kwik Trip gift cards as a small consideration of their time commitment.
  - x. Pitching / Hitting Clinics: The Club will work on setting up pitching / hitting clinics in 2023 and are looking for volunteers to help with coordination.
- c. Field Improvements – Kurt Adler
    - i. JV Dugouts – steel roof, fencing, cut bolts: weather has not been cooperating, need to find a time to finish up.
    - ii. Varsity Field Lighting Update – Village and School: lights and duct work is all installed, waiting for the electrical wire to arrive from manufacturer
  - d. Equipment – Ryan Clifton
    - i. 2023 purchase status all ordered gear has arrived and is in the shed.
  - e. Concession Coordinator– Amy Nichols: Working on menu (mostly same as last year: pizza, soda, Gatorade, bubblers, chips, candy, popcorn, buttered noodles (?) and freezie pops.
  - f. Umpire Coordinator – Jeff Imbus: Jeff will coordinate with Amy Kellesvig to do an umpire training day in conjunction with the baseball team the beginning of May.
  - g. Apparel Coordinator – Marah Odgers: (not in attendance) Recent softball store has closed.
6. Old Business – Updates
- a. Venmo – Concession Stand: Nicole has Venmo up and running and will work on implementing for use at concession stand.
  - b. Calendar Raffle – Kurt Adler: Kate will send out reminder that tickets and money are due to coaches or designated team parent by March 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Insurance - Kurt Adler
    - i. South Central League – Additionally Insured - \$17.00
    - ii. COI's out to school, village, Ben & Linda Magnuson
  - d. Field Improvements in the Village – Kurt Adler: The Club will send out an informational email out regarding recent news on the proposed sports complex (Kurt will draft).
  - e. Legion Softball – U16 – Eric Swiggum: No additional updates at this time.
7. Next meeting: Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7PM – Culver's Mt. Horeb
8. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM

Respectfully submitted by Kate Kramer