Rage meeting minutes – Feb 27/2017

Attendance: Crystal Zinken, Jeff Zinken, Dan Kusk, Jeff Kelley, Nicole Cowan, Larry Lowe, Laura Oster, Lee Booth, Ryan Carlyle, Christina Carlyle, Mark Monaghan, Connie Setters, Denielle Bostock, Tara Venaas, John Muller

1. Call to order – Dan K called meeting to order at 7:01pm
2. Review minutes of Jan 16, 2017-03-16
   1. Motion to accept minutes from Jan 16,2017 by Larry Lowe. Seconded by Lee Booth. All in favor; carried.
3. Business arising from the minutes/action list/old business
   1. Evaluators – Tanis Sparks and some old Rage players to help with evaluations
   2. GPLS Rep – Nicole Cowan working on trying to secure someone
4. Executive Reports
   1. Presidents Report – Dan Kusk
      1. Red Deer to host Comp into course April 21 – 23 and 28 – 30. Dean Pasiuk to host at West Park school. The association needs to provide balls.
      2. March 18th is the Softball Alberta Association meeting.
      3. Red Deer is hosting a GPLS A weekend. We will be hosting Pink Socks Weekend May 26 – 28. Dan has confirmed with Roger at Edgar Ind Park that the diamonds are available.
      4. GPLS is considering having a U10 Division this year.
      5. There is a new president of the Umpire Association this year. There is also a new website for the Umpire association – more details to be sent to us regarding the new site.
      6. Winter workouts resume next week. We have more athletes wanting to register for the workouts then we have space.
   2. Vice Presidents Report – Jeff Zinken
      1. Trying to put a catching clinic together – we want to show more focus to develop the catchers.
      2. The association would like to put together a hitting clinic for the coaches – so that we can streamline our hitting techniques. Bryn Red Head was referred to us by Scott Galenza as a hitting instructor. We are looking at April or May for clinic. A possible date could be April 8th. Bryn provide Jeff with an overview of his hitting techniques and theories.
      3. Go Girls is May 11th this year. We will need help to set up station and work at station. We will need extra gloves and ball equipment. Crystal to help run event.
      4. Due to the registration numbers, we do not need to hold evaluations for the U16/U18 teams. We would like to utilize the U16/U18 evaluation times to hold U14 evaluations. Deni will send email to the U14 age group advising them of the date and time change.
      5. Bring a Buddy – March 25th  at Collicut – Lee Booth has volunteered to run. The U16A team will also be helping with Bring a Buddy.
   3. Treasurer Report – Mark Monaghan
      1. 2nd reading of the budget – Mark gave an overview of the budget – some slight changes Softball Alberta fees were broken out and adjustment for uniforms. Meeting room rentals saw an increase due to League Scheduling, Coaches and Manager meetings.
      2. Mark will dispose of old computer that was passed over to him and he will destroy hard drive.
   4. Secretary – Erin Hunter – not in attendance – Dan K has her report
      1. Need to look at having a waiver signed by volunteers at winter workouts. We need to look at having waiver reviewed by a lawyer.
      2. Would like to see a new laptop purchased for the Rage Association. The new laptop would reside with the vice president. John Muller put forth a motion to purchase new laptop. Larry Lowe seconded the motion. All in favor: motion carried.
   5. Director Reports
      1. Equipment – Jason Wilkins
         1. – nothing to report
      2. Raffle – Nicole Cowan
         1. - Raffle ticket amounts for 2017 will remain the same as last year at 3500 tickets
      3. Sponsorship – Connie Setters
         1. – The plaques given to sponsors look fantastic. Starting discussions with Jess for the 2017 season.
         2. - Have not sent formal letters to sponsors for 2017 season yet – will be doing that next month for upcoming season.
         3. - Thanks to Larry Lowe – all sponsor banners have been returned from last year.
      4. Apparel – Crystal Zinken
         1. – Will be at tryouts this year with apparel. Andrew at North Star is providing a full range of sizers.
         2. – Crystal would like to see each team have a Uniform control person – she is still missing a set of jerseys from last year. It would be good to have someone whose sole job is to take care of and return jerseys.
         3. - Due to large number of U12 teams this year – we may have to identify teams by coaches last name.
      5. Registrar – Denielle Bostock

4.5.5.1 – We have had huge registration numbers. Last year we had a total registration number of 227. U10 – 84, U12 – 57, U14 – 37, U16 – 36, U18 – 13. The numbers for 2017 to date are a total of 236, U10 – 64, U12-76, U14 – 44, U16 – 26, U18 – 26. Every year we do have a number of late registrations.

4.5.5.2 – It is looking like we will have at least 6 U12 teams this year. We may have a to look into uniforms – we have never had this large of a group at U12 age.

* + 1. Diamond and Facility Coordinator – Larry Lowe
       1. – Looking at the Agri Center for next year for Winter workouts – we culd accommodate more athletes and there is a lot more space.
       2. - Have had not a lot of success trying to contact Rob Meckling at city bookings
       3. - We will lockdown same times at Collicut for 2018 evaluations
       4. – Larry looked into some options instead of medals for U10 tournaments. We could get yoyos for $3.00 or shoelaces for $4.00. Just some options if we decide to go that way.
    2. Community Relations – Tara Venaas
       1. - Rage Tweets will happen once Tara is connected to Wifi. Can’t be running up data charges
    3. Evaluations – Jeff Kelley
       1. We need 12 evaluators to do evaluations this year.
    4. Diamond Maintenance – John Muller and Wilson Setters
       1. – Barrett is not available this year to do diamond set up
       2. - Jolene Muller to do diamond maintenance for the association this year.
       3. – John has obtained a quote for new bases this year. Total for Westpark would be $1961.96. This includes gst and already has a 15% discount applied.

4.5.10 Casino – Jen Shigamatsu

* + - 1. – Not in attendance – nothing to report
    1. Webmaster – Laura Oster
       1. – sponsor logos to be put on website sponsor page

4.5.11.2 – Once teams have been made emails will be uploaded to website for mass mailings

1. New Business
   1. Possible donation for scholarship – tabled to next meeting
   2. Grassroots 250 medals – next meeting
2. Next meeting Wednesday March 22, 2017 at the Shearaton
3. Meeting adjourned by Dan Kusk at 9.28pm