Rage meeting minutes – Jan. 16 2017

Attendance: Erin Hunter, Dan Kusk, Jeff Zinken, Larry Lowe, Crystal Zinken, Laura Oster, Mark Monaghan, John M, Nicole C, Steve J,

1. Call to order – Dan K called meeting to order at 7:00 pm
2. Review minutes of Nov. 28th, 2016
   1. Motion to accept minutes from Nov. 28th 2016 by Larry Lowe. Seconded by Laura O. All in favor; carried. There was no meeting Dec. 2016.
3. Business arising from the minutes/action list/old business
   1. Treasurer sign offs changed over to Mark. M.

1. Executive Reports
   1. Presidents Report – Dan Kusk
      1. New 2016 coach evaluation through survey monkey-36 evaluations from came in- response through this more anonymous approach was much higher than previous years. Further discussion on coaches evaluation committee. Larry L & Jeff Zinken will approach some graduated rage players to assist on committee. Process for feedback to coaches for 2016 season to be determined once the committee is formed.

4.1.2 Evaluators – Ongoing issues with trying to fill evaluator roles each year within the Association. Suggestion is to have U18 girls or older graduated players evaluate younger age groups. Association would offer payment. Names will be forwarded to Laura O & Jeff K. from Erin & Larry as recommendations.

4.1.3 We need a new rep for GPLS from Red Deer. Nicole C to approach a contact.

4.2 Vice Presidents Report – Jeff Zinken

4.2.1 -Winter Workouts underway- no power at first so that was a minor adjustment at the start of the first session. 67 pitchers registered this year. Some of the age groups filled the day the registration opened. 117 girls total registered. U16/U18 North Court is tight for pitching but it’s workable for one more year. We will look at options next year for larger space.

Lots of questions regarding sharing a spot in the workouts for athletes that cannot come to all of them- all athletes need to register. Hopefully athletes that have paid are committed to attending as they take a spot. Discussion regarding how we can manage waitlists for full divisions to divisions not full- can athlete’s transfer over?. Issues arise to make sure there are not injuries related to age differences. Association would not support doing this as it’s difficult to manage & safety is a priority.

4.2.3 Liability- discussed protection for parents helping at winter workouts, bring a buddy, family fun night or other Association sponsored events. Athletes are insured once they register and are on a roster under Softball Alberta but outside events were discussed. Erin to follow up with Deni B. May need to develop generic waiver to be used for parent helpers.

* 1. Treasurer Report – Mark M
     1. 1st reading of budget- Mark M gave overview. Trying to access financial info from previous year to provide background. Time period will be until Nov. 1st 2016-Oct. 31st 2017. Will begin to depreciate items like the shed/gator/quad.
     2. Scholarship money added to budget- Lee B working on proposal. Dan K. to follow up with Lee for estimated dollar amount
     3. Plan to close ATB accounts & move to Servus. Motion to authorize Rage treasurer Mark Monaghan to move accounts from ATB to Servus by Dan K, seconded by Erin H. All in favor. Approved.

* 1. Secretary – Erin Hunter
     1. Nothing to report
  2. Director Reports

4.5.1 Equipment – Jason Wilkins (absent)

4.5.1.2 – nothing to report

4.5 Raffle – Nicole Cowan

4.5.2.1- Raffle Ticket amounts for the 2017 raffle- Total number of tickets (3500) will remain the same as last year.

4.5.2.2 – Family fun night 2017-June 7th- raffle draws will occur at this event as per past years.

4.5.3 Sponsorship – Connie Setters- absent

4.5.3.1- Questions regarding process for sponsorship appreciation-Jess (Bounce photography) is waiting for final approval to get plaques out to 2016 sponsors. Connie can address at next meeting how we do that.

4.5.4 Apparel – Crystal Zinken

4.5.4.1- Apparel opens Jan.23rd to Feb. 13th. Delivery March 6-10. Second opening March. 10th -April 7th. Deliveries complete by April 28th.

4.5.4.2- We have limited inventory of ball bags- will only be on the 1st store opening. We will no longer be carrying bags as it’s difficult to get stock

4.5.4.3- Buffs now available as a new item for player wear. Female tanks are available for fan wear. Wind shirts will be changing this year- catalogues will be offering stock

4.5.4.4 Gift card will be purchased for Brad B. mom for taking care of jersey repair and difficult cleaning. Huge thanks to her. Motioned by Larry. L. Seconded by Crystal Z.

4.5.5 Diamond and Facility Coordinator – Larry Lowe

4.5.5.1 Oriole Park Update- meeting with city last Monday. Diamonds will not be ready for games this 2017 season. Larry to discuss with city rep for signed agreement relating to work that Rage will undergo to prep for diamond use.

4.5.6 Registrar – Denielle Bostock- absent (reported through Dan K)

4.5.6.1- Registration opens Feb. 1st. Fees discussed & will remain the same as last year.

4.5.7 Community Relations –Tara Venaas

4.5.7.1- Rage Tweets- Want to ensure data is not used for retweeting though Rage account or creating tweets for teams. Association supports only tweeting when wifi is available so there is no undue cost to Tara. Teams could consider this to be a parent role- by tagging @rage fastball it is then retweeted only.

4.5.8 Evaluations – Jeff Kelley - absent

4.5.8.1- Evals are scheduled for 2017 and are posted on the website. Large # of U10 athletes-difficulties with missing evals may arise if they are done on separate days- availability of space as well. U10 division will remain together. Reinforce athletes need to attend both scheduled days.

4.5.9 Diamond Maintenance – John Muller & Wilson Setters

4.5.9.1-John M. to check with Barrett. B if he still wants to do diamond set up for 2017 season at West Park for games

4.5.10 Casino – Nothing to report - Jen S- absent- nothing to report

4.5.10.1- We will have a casino in 2017

4.5.11 Webmaster – Erin Hunter/Laura Oster

4.5.11.1 – Work has been completed with transferring data & populating new website. Large project-Erin requested RAMP to go live with site today. Will start to train Laura this week on running the new website

4.5.12 Tournament Rep – Vacant Position- Looking to fill.

1. New Business
   1. Coaches Professional Development- Hitting clinic & catchers clinic- Jeff Z working on.
   2. Possible donation for scholarship- Tabled.
   3. Mental Skills Seminar- Larry-reached out to Shawnee- “Winning Matters” Checking into possibilities of offering session for Rage. Larry to follow up to determine cost for families and date
   4. Rage computer- laptop intended evaluations so that confidential material is no on anyone’s personal laptop and can be passed down as the members of the executive and board change- Tabled.
   5. Medals- Suggestion to use different medals for grassroots. Larry to follow up and order
2. Next meeting Monday Feb. 27th 7 pm 2017 @ 7pm – Sheraton Hotel
3. Meeting adjourned at by Dan Kusk at 9:19 pm