Rage meeting minutes – March 22/2017

Attendance: Crystal Zinken, Dan Kusk, Larry Lowe, Laura Oster, Jason Wilkin, Shelly Ellis, Mark Monaghan, Denielle Bostock, Connie Setters

1. Call to order – Dan K called meeting to order at 7:01 pm
2. Review minutes of Feb. 27th 2017
   1. Motion to accept minutes from Feb. 27th ,2017 by Larry Lowe. Seconded by Jason Wilkins. All in favor; carried.
3. Business arising from the minutes/action list/old business
   1. Rage Scholarship – Donation. Will propose to look at next season September with graduation next year
   2. Grassroots medals- Larry ordered 100 medals to stock up
   3. Presidents Report- Dan Kusk
      1. Softball AB meeting- Zone tranfers needed for U10 & U12 divisions. Umpire shortage in Province. Chris Harper in new role for umpire retention & recruitment.
      2. Comp Intro course (level 2) scheduled in April at West Park Middle School in Red Deer-12 people registered. Dean Pasiuk U18 B is contact. Will advertise on website too.
      3. 3rd annual Bring a Buddy running this Saturday March 25th – U16A team helping run event with Lee Booth. Poster ad updated by Erin & on website.
   4. Vice Presidents Report – Jeff Zinken- absent- reported through Dan
   5. Treasurer Report – Mark Monaghan

3.5.1 – Need to discuss new field for costs and planning- shed or garage package.

3.5.2 Adjusted grass roots amount for cost of medals

3.5.3- Discussions regarding adjustments for registration for older age groups needed to cover costs of Ladies League.

3.5.4 – Money from ATB transferred to Servus credit union.

3.5.5 – Payment will be made to GPLS league from Association & teams will pay back to Association.

3.5.6- Mark will take over the licenses needed for gaming from the Association for the Pub Night & any tournaments we host for toonie bats or 50/50

3.5.7 – Motion to accept budget from Larry Lowe- Seconded by John Muller.

* 1. Secretary – Erin Hunter
     1. Looking into Laptop for Association & start to create/organize files to share data with each new executive.
     2. Lots of work happening for Pub night April 29th at Bo’s. Attendance was lower last year than previous year. May want to look at date so that it does not coincide with volleyball provincials in April. 1st weekend in May?
  2. Director Reports
     1. Equipment – Jason Wilkins
        1. – Equipment inventory to be done by Larry Lowe and Jason Wilkins April 9th. Will set a date to disperse to teams and communicate out.

3.7.1.2 – Ice packs replenished. Association provides 6 and teams need to replenish after that.

* + 1. Raffle – Nicole Cowan
       1. – Awaiting AGLC for raffle- should be here soon & can move forward
    2. Sponsorship – Connie Setters
       1. – Getting sponsors in place for 2017. Trying to assign to teams.
       2. - Lots of new teams- need some sponsors. Will email out letter to families to see if any new sponsors
    3. Apparel – Crystal Zinken- absent- nothing to report
    4. Registrar – Denielle Bostock

4.5.5.1 – U10-73 registrants. 1 A team, 1 B team, 6 grassroots teams (9 girls & 1 8 girls). U12- 78 girls. U14-47 registrants, u16-25 girls. U18-25 girls. Total is 248 so far but more will come in at the younger age groups. Last year was 227 athletes

4.5.5.2 – No issues with U10/U12 zone transfers with out of town players in Association

* + 1. Diamond and Facility Coordinator – Larry Lowe
       1. – Spreadsheet built for diamond scheduling this season. Draft will happen at coaches meeting like previous years. Lots of teams now & diamond time may be lacking. Proposal U10/U12 5-7 pm. U14/U16/U18 7-9 pm. Friday nights will start to be scheduled & possibly Sunday evenings as well. Also need more cage time-this will be added in with the 5-7 pm practices
    2. Community Relations – Tara Venaas
       1. – Nothing to report
    3. Evaluations – Jeff Kelley
       1. Need help for April 1st and April 2nd evaluations-can email Jeff if you can help.
       2. Changes this year will be to shorten the long throw- move to fielding station.
    4. Diamond Maintenance – John Muller and Wilson Setters
       1. – Looking at needs of diamonds- will be setting up bases soon.
       2. - Jolene phone number now on website to contact for WP diamond set up & cancellation.
    5. Casino – Jen Shigamatsu- Absent – nothing to report
    6. Tournament Coordinator- Charmen Boyd- reported through Dan

4.5.11.1 Rage Tournament - U10 B division/U12 C/U14C/U16 C/U18 C

* + 1. Webmaster – Laura Oster

4.5.10.1 Learning website and adding in updates as needed. Will be busy posting teams soon.

4.5.10.2 Will add dates for Rage coaches meeting, central AB league scheduling & Rage managers

1. New Business
   1. Erin- Need to look at numbers and how we are evolving with winter workouts. Determine our pitchers and catchers needs and add more clinics. We have the pitching instructor expertise in Red Deer to look at adding in more clinics. Fall time frame in addition to winter. Larry L. to look into space needs for this fall/winter. Catchers clinics have been lacking for a few years now from our Association.
   2. Idea put forward to brainstorm how we can root young players to Rage fastball from T ball, and coach pitch. Is there opportunity to develop younger than U10. Possibly U8 as a consideration.
2. Next meeting Wednesday April 26, 7 pm 2017 at the Sheraton
3. Meeting adjourned by Dan Kusk at 8:46 pm