

## **Chilton Athletic Club Meeting**

April 1, 2020

Zoom Call, 7pm

Attendees: Doug Kapral, Lea Kapral, Terry Criter, Becky Lemke, Josh Lemke, Ken Mueller, Matt Waldron, Matt Kiel, Jay Juckem, Randy Pierquet, Jesse Emmer

Call to Order (Doug), 7:03pm

Motion to Approve Minutes from March meeting; Josh motioned, Terry seconded, approved.

Treasurer's report (Ken)

- CD: \$15,356.91
- Checkbook: \$29,467.48
- \$8091.98 deposited for registration on March 8, 2020
- \$1757.75 Ethel's bill paid
- Jake Criter's scholarship for \$500.00
- \$4,590.00 check for new scoreboard
- Josh asked if any new registrations came in
- Jay moved to approve treasurer's report, Matt Kiel seconded, approved.

Plan for this year (Doug)

- All in limbo for what leagues are going to do.
- Doug brought up what we will do for season start under these circumstances
- Matt W. reported from the league meetings that Eastshore baseball, Calumet North baseball, and Eastshore Graders are planning to go forward with the seasons despite an unknown start date. Schedules are being created as balanced as possible such that tournament seedings can be developed using games played after June 1, 2020. Chilton is putting the schedules for the Calumet North leagues and Graders.
- Eastshore Graders will have 8 teams as of today. If freshmen come in, that may change things.
- Eastshore Baseball will have 13 teams in Rookies; 13 Minors; 14 Little League.
- Calumet North League teams are still reporting numbers.
- AC will abide by what the Chilton City determines as far as start date.
- Could send a note to parents about what we are hoping for best case scenario. Games middle of May at the earliest.

Freshmen Playing Graders/A League Softball

- As per league rules, all freshmen boys will be eligible to play for Graders and girls will be able to play A League softball. However, this may not be a path that Chilton prefers.
- Matt W. said that at the league meeting, one idea was to start the high school league earlier (perhaps start in May). Others thought they would like to have freshmen play at Grader level. Some clubs were close to having another team so it helps some teams' numbers. Those thinking of integration into varsity ball were more in favor of starting the high school league earlier

rather than having freshmen play down. Chilton and New Holstein were both in favor of pushing the freshmen toward the high school summer league.

- Jay has reservations about freshmen playing down, since it doesn't develop the kids. Doug said that they could have a 9<sup>th</sup> grade graders team and then a grade 7/8 grader team. Freshmen have the opportunity to play in the high school summer league.
- Josh says that if the high school summer league will go on, the freshmen should play on that league.
- Ken asked if there's no high school baseball, would high schools offer a JV and Varsity summer league? Could talk to Coach Criter about that.
- Randy said the Holyland team let freshmen play last year, and our teams did fine.
- Doug responded that freshmen that have played graders in the past were those with lower skill level and in need of development. Freshmen that might play this year might be of a much higher skill level, making it more difficult for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to compete.
- Josh would like to table this until the WIAA determines what's going to happen with the high school team.
- Doug: mid-April we should know what direction we want to go and can state our position to the league.

#### Matt Kolbe Weekend (Doug)

- Nothing changes for us if the leagues run the seasons as Matt W. shared.
- Other communities are still putting in their booster days and planning to move forward.
- Matt W. said that leagues decided that if season starts late, games will just be skipped (not be made up).

#### Scholarships (Becky)

- Ken, Chops, Anna, Matt Kiel will help review

#### Scoreboards at CPS (Matt Kiel)

- Scoreboards at CPS were taken down; all usable parts taken out and put in storage
- Have one good working smaller board (8x6 feet, with extra parts) that was on the softball field
- Large baseball scoreboard is also available
- Looking at who purchased them to determine if they can be donated or sold
- Doug says large one is too big for A diamond and has obsolete parts; softball one could be used for C diamond
- Matt Kiel will figure out logistics for AC acquiring softball one.

#### Pavilion on C diamond (Doug)

- T can construct it this spring

#### Concession stand soffit (Doug)

- Look at options for screen netting first

#### Spring park setup (Doug)

- Individuals can go and do small jobs at the park
- Diamond D needs brush cut along fence line
- Can move refrigerator back in, paint pocket doors
- Diamond A rubber needs to be replaced
- Batters' boxes, pitching mounds need to be repacked
- Doug will put together a list of what needs to be done and will send it

#### Equipment order (Matt)

- Go through equipment but don't place order until we know what's happening with the leagues
- Will need to refund registration fees if the season isn't a go
- Doug said we may try to run a couple tournaments if the season is canceled

May have an impromptu meeting if we find out more about the season mid-April

Next meeting: May 6, 2020, Nennig Park, 7pm

Terry moved to adjourn; Jay seconded; meeting adjourned