

FMYSA Open Meeting – December 9, 2018

Meeting commenced – 6:53pm

Board Members / Admin in Attendance: Jeff Nelson, Kevin Westdyk, Scott Bryson, Craig Brown, Kevin Roberson, Jack Fultz, Amy Burwell, and Tracy Black. Not Present: Matt Jordan

Open Attendees: Jen Del Muro, Tony Del Muro

Meeting discussion:

1. Kevin Westdyk presented year-to-date financials for FMYSA. Income for 2018 is very similar to 2017 (\$6000 less) with the bottom line approx. \$10,000 in the red. With December registrations for the Spring season, Kevin estimates that FMYSA will be close to break-even for 2018.
2. Tracy discussed several maintenance issues to be addressed over the winter. These include signage improvements at the batting cages, pitcher plate replacements in bullpens, and safety upgrades at the baseball and softball cages. Tracy will also be getting a quote to possibly “turf” the bullpens at BF3 and BF4.
3. Capital improvements for 2019: New bathrooms at Bakersfield near fields 1-4. Construction to begin after AAYBA in the summer. Tracy to get updated pricing on creating pitching tunnels as well as additional cages by fields 7-8. The board will vote on these at the January board meeting.
4. One batting cage at Hilltop is likely to be removed due to ongoing vandalism issues. Possible to replace cage with a pitching tunnel.
5. Development programs sponsored by “Keep Calm and Baseball On” will continue in the spring. Tracy already has completed practice plans for the 3U-5U age groups. Practice plans for all age groups will tie to the Skills Mastery Program on the FMYSA website.
6. Rattler Development nights will continue in the Spring but likely will be at Marcus High School on Thursday nights starting 3/21 for 1hr each for 7U/8U, 9U/10U, and 11U/12U. Feb 19, Feb 26, and March 5 will be the only Tuesday night Rattler clinics. These will be hitting focused to work on timing, rhythm, and movement.
7. Both weeks of AAYBA will be in June this year. There will NOT be a week break between the odd and even age groups.
8. Pitch counts will be sent out to all coaches and will be enforced. Daily pitch limited for 9U will be 45-55 / 10U will be 60-70, 11U/12U will be 75 mx and 13U/14U will be 85 max. These are still all below “Pitch Smart” guidelines. Current guidelines state if you throw more than 20 pitches, you cannot pitch the next day. Rattler coaches have discussed changing this to 30 and making sure a 2-day pitch count is at least 10 pitches less than the daily max. Coaches will be required to communicate their pitch counts and submit to FMYSA. It is being decided if that will

be through Game Changer, Excel, or Google Docs. Discipline for those coaches violating the pitch count rules will be discussed at the January board meeting.

9. Serving as a pitcher and catcher in same game: This was NOT allowed in the fall, but is changing for the spring. Pitchers cannot throw over 25 pitches in a game or they will not be allowed to serve as the catcher in that game.
10. Larry, our UIC will be researching the difference between current pitching rules and High School Federation rules and present the differences at the next Rattler coaches meeting on 2/11. It will then be decided if we shall move towards adopting those rules.

Meeting adjourned – 7:48pm