

3/20/2022

Business Meeting – American Legion

9:06 a.m. Open Position

Treasurer Report – All should have received emails.

Nick – Financial Standing report – 2021

Cost: Zoom Meeting for Annual Meeting

Representation for the Pioneer league

Financial Highlights:

- Expenses were lower than previous years
- No shirts for tournaments
- \$1,000 donation from Farmer's State Bank
- Donated \$315 – Young member (Bryce)
- Rising costs coming with inflation
- Dues list talked about
- No expenses for hats, shirts, patches, ... for post-season tournaments.
- No Intermountain expense this year
- Net Worth - \$12,768.29
- Only operating through one account.
- Donations voted on through executive board
- \$13,333 as of today.
- Assigners on the account is the executive board
- 3 debit cards used for online orders or food expenses
- Willie's card has never been used

Need to grow as a group (MALBUA) –

As we become non-profit, we can put a focus on giving away gear (hats, shirts, polos, etc.)

MALBUA orders hats independently and can customize hats – Don't use American Legion

Need to figure out the donation \$500 from the Bozeman Pool for the extra umpire.

Duane made a physical deposit that was listed under June Financial Statement

Costs for QuickBooks: Need to vote and figure out as an association

Need to make an appendix for inventory and show as an asset for our 'business'. Not accounting for liquidity.

Excel is an alternative option to Quickbooks – Depends on what our bylaws says.

Berube asking about increasing dues to give every MALBUA member a Hat at the beginning of year

Wayne Wade – says showing giving hats as a donations.

Willie – Dues used to be about getting rule books

Vigs – Gives hats away to members in Bozeman.

Need to figure out a way to giving back as a membership of MALBUA.

Wayne Wade makes a motion to accept the 2021 financial statement.

All approved – No Objections

Lance setup 501.

Put something together to better structure our financial report for the next year. Something needs to be changed to make it more understanding.

Need to use the bylaws to create the spreadsheet.

Nick will create something in excel for accounting and inventory.

## TOURNAMENT SELECTION

One of the complaints is it's always the same year.

The exception of last year – there has always been one new person. It's never the same guys. Have to have the best of the best for tournament selection.

Willie and Craig didn't work a state tournament in 2020.

When leadership changed, it was something that wanted to be changed was not to have the same umpires at every tournament.

Talked on how MOA official tournament selection and how the same guys get.

Process:

All AA coaches get an email on availability for umpires and will reach out to A coaches that are hosting. Wait to do that in June so coaches have the opportunity to see umpires throughout the beginning of the season. T

Then, talk to district commissioners. Pete is the only commissioner that wants to have a say on tournament umpires.

Every coach in the southern district

Put the list together and get feedback from Ron Edwards

Then, Willie and Craig sit down to talk about where umpires should. And also reach out to District UIC's.

Finally, the list is put together.

Last year, things came up with people and we had to scramble to fill spots.

Willie and Craig are the final decision of who work the post-season tournaments.

For districts, we try to look for local officials to work the tournament to help the host teams save money because we want baseball to be successful.

Important to try to recruit guys and try to get younger guys in for MALBUA.

Wayne Wade – If we can have that congratulations email for selected tournament officials.

Craig – That will be going in the by-laws.

Wayne Wade – Asked local coaches about 4 guys they want and 2 guys they don't want.

Larry – Careful following the MOA bylaws for tournament selection

Craig – Need to get younger guys more experience with the addition of getting advise from coaches

Berube – Billings has a tough time to get guys that want to work post-season tournaments because of travel and time. Worked the State A and worked the State A with a kid playing on the Laurel team.

Struble – Needed experience so that's why those selections were made.

## HATS

Bozeman pool has hats and everyone should have the same uniform. These hats are okay to use but make sure your partner has the same hat. The Bozeman pool hat is the hat that would be used for Post-Season Tournaments. Hats have to demonstrate the American Legion Logo. AL could go on the back and flags on the sides.

## DUES

Dues went up 2 years ago to \$30. Discussion amongst members if we should increase that. Dues need to go up because of inflation. 120 members at \$30 per person. Discussion, do we need to raise our dues? Increasing will mean that members will get something back. Increasing the dues is going to be okay if we are giving something tangible to our memberships.

As far as game fees, we cannot dictate through our association. It has to be through MOUs.

Members talked about 5-year plans for MOUs. Billings, Bozeman, and Missoula.

Question was asked about how State and District games fees are negotiated?

These are nationally decided for State AA

District hosts teams and Ron negotiate.

Larry's Motion to 2023 to make dues \$40, 2025 to make dues \$50.

Wayne seconded motion

Motion Opened backed up

Second motion is being proposed.

Second Motion is to make dues \$50 all at once for 2023.

Second motion is seconded by Chris Romero

Motions now went to a vote

Vote is now 16 in favor of the first motion – 2 opposed

Vote is passed

2 votes in favor of Willie's motion – 16 opposed.

Vote denied.

2 - Motions

Gilmore Motion for new umpires that are coming into MALBUA to pay a half-rate due.

6 in favor, 9 opposed

Larry Motion for new umpires to not pay any dues to MALBUA.

9 in favor, 7 opposed

Larry's Motion Passed that the new umpire will not pay any dues the first year.

BY-LAWS

One Single – Card upon retirement vote

- No one opposed to one single card

How many years of service of membership do we use card?

- 10 years
- No one is opposed to at least work 10 years.

Article 4 – Membership Dues and Concussion Test must be paid by April 1<sup>st</sup> and make people ineligible for post-season and \$10 fine.

Dues and concussion must be done April 1<sup>st</sup> to be able to have eligibility to work post-season tournaments.

Struble makes motion to make it May 1<sup>st</sup>

Seconded by Lance

Went to vote

9 approved 5 opposed

Motion to make it April 1<sup>st</sup>

No vote

May 1<sup>st</sup> Passed for dues to be paid.

Determined there's no date for a concussion date. Must be completed prior to first game. Annually you have to present

Motion that we keep as annually in the by-laws and all umpires must complete the concussion training before their first game

Went to a vote –

Seconded by Wayne

All approved

Added MOA to the by-laws

All in Favor

Article 3 – Change the bank name in the by-laws

All in Favor

Article 4 – Amend it to say emails of approval or electronic approvals

All in Favor

Article 7-10 – Officer's section – secretary position

- May 31<sup>st</sup> is the new deadline for membership cards
- All in Favor

Article 8 – District Representatives

- Amend article 3
- District representatives must get nominations for post-season by June 15<sup>th</sup> to the executive committee
- All in Favor

Umpires will be selected by July 5<sup>th</sup> and list of alternates and crews will be figured out what they will be working and where they are going.

- All in Favor

Article 9 – Local UIC's

- UICs must get nominations for post-season by June 15<sup>th</sup> to the executive committee
- All in Favor

ELECTIONS –

Open Positions

- Two positions in Canada – but will revisit later
- North Central – John Gilmore

Havre, Lewistown, Conrad, Great Falls.

John and Darren Nominated

11 for Darren

Darren Miller is the District Representative – for North Central.

- Southern

Mike Taylor is Nominated

Eric Dighans is Nominated.

Mike Taylor retracted his nomination.

Eric Dighans is the South District Representative.

- Billings – Berube

Craig Berube is nominated

No opposed

Craig Berube is the Billing District Representative

- NorthWest – Tim Rausch Current

Tim Rausch is nominated and selected again.

Eastern Vacate -

- VP – Craig Struble Currently

Craig Struble Nominated

9 Votes

Cody Larson Nominated

7 Votes

Craig Struble is the VP again.

- Secretary – Lance MacKay is the new secretary

Lance MacKay is nominated

9 Votes

Kenny Gonzales is nominated

7 Votes

Lance Mackay is the new Secretary

Meeting Adjourned @ 11:21 AM