

Date: August 24, 2022
Home Run Club Minutes
Meeting held virtually

Meeting Called to Order By: John Strange at 6:01 pm

Officers for 2022-2023 Introduced for new members:

President - John Strange
Vice President – Nic Bailey
Secretary – Mariah Smith
Treasurer – Jeff Hoke
Member at Large – Mary Ellis

Approval of the HRC Minutes from April 2022:

Motion to Accept Minutes: Lynsey Weaver
2nd to Accept Minutes: Lindsay Zody
None are opposed & motion carries.

Treasurer Report presented by Jeff Hoke:

The current account balance is \$36,000. We are in a great position to support our program & that is thanks to all the hard work of the families raising funds. This strong position was also helped by the Fan Angel email drive we did over the summer that raised \$14,000. We have about \$10,000 in upcoming expenditures that will be addresses later in the meeting.

Recent Purchases:

(2) ball carts (HRC \$)
(12) 10 gallon ball buckets (HRC\$)
(2) pitching ball bags (HRC \$)
License Plates/Stickers for sale
501c3 process (\$2500 not yet paid)
Indoor nets 4,399 (out of school budget)

The treasurer report will be emailed out. Jeff opened the floor for questions or concerns & none were raised.

Fundraisers presented by Nic Bailey:

For the 2023 season we are asking each player to participate in each one of the four fundraisers. These are the only fundraisers we are doing this year so we need your help to make each event a success!

* Sponsorships – player expectation \$200 or more of sponsors (see Sponsorship handout for details. There are many levels available & we are flexible. If you have a potential sponsor interested in a custom package we will work to make it happen.

* Raffle – player expectation \$200 or more tickets sold (drawing at “Swing for the Fences”). Raffle ticket sales will begin in October. Last year we raised about \$11,000 from this fundraiser so this is an important one. We will have a booth at Czech Fest & volunteers will be needed to man the booth. Last year we sold about \$1,000 worth of tickets at the booth.

* “Swing for the Fences” hit a thon – player expectation 10 balls sponsored. Each person that sponsors a ball will pledge an amount per foot. For example if the sponsor pledges 0.10 per foot & the player hits it 120 feet then the sponsor owes \$12.00. This will be a fun event with music, concession will be open, & we are looking at the possibility of taking video & having silent auction items.

* YM Baseball Survey Campaign – 75 surveys completed per player. We are in the preliminary stages of this fundraiser. A link would be provided by the company to share & for every survey complete the program would receive \$1. The surveys are reported to take 1-2 minutes to

complete. As we learn more about the program we will have further discussions & find something else if we think this is not a legitimate opportunity.

Players that exceed the player expectations will receive credits towards the Spring Break trip or the summer lifting program (football or baseball). Examples below:

- * Sponsorships – 10% player credit after \$200
- * Player sells \$500 sponsorship = \$50 player credit
- * Raffle – 50% player credit after \$200 (player sells \$500 in raffle = \$150 credit)
- * “Swing for the Fences” – 50% credit on all balls starting on 11th ball

In addition to the above fundraisers Yukon will be hosting small school fall state tournament. The tournament will be played on a Thursday/Friday and will require several volunteers to work concession during the day. Parents can earn a \$50 player credit for each 4-hour shift worked on Thursday/Friday.

All credits expire at the end of May 2023, any surplus/unused balance will be returned to the YM Baseball program. Families have the option of choosing a buyout and not participating in the above fundraisers, if this option is taken buyout is \$700. Nic opened the floor for questions or concerns & none were raised.

Volunteers Credits for Concession presented by John:

We are asking each players family to sign up for a minimum of 5 shifts during the season. The signups will be made and posted around mid-January once initial teams have been made. Parents are expected to sign up for their shifts by February 10th. If a parent can't make a shift they signed up for during the season we ask that you work with your team to swap another family. Families can opt out of volunteering for concession, if this option is taken a \$100 donation is expected so we can hire workers for those games. Being a part of concessions throughout the year is a great way to support the program that costs nothing & you get in the games for free + there's heat & AC.

Father/Son Overnight Camp

Coach Phillips and the coaching staff will be hosting the 1 st Annual Father/Son Overnight Baseball camp on Sept. 9th / 10th at Miller Field. This is a fundraiser for Yukon Baseball, all proceeds will go to the HRC. We currently have 8 families signed up. There is a minimum of 20 families needed to make this event happen. Please help spread the word. If you would like to help put on this event, please let us know.

YM Baseball Tailgate

Sept 23rd before the Mustang game, the HRC will be hosting a tailgate in the grass behind right field. All players not playing football are encouraged to attend and the coaching staff will be there to meet parents. We will have a cookout, music, and games. This event is provided by YHRC.

Czech Parade

We will have a float in the Czech Fest parade on Oct 1st. Please save this date so we can have as many players as possible in the parade. Volunteers will be needed to decorate the float & we are looking for a trick & goose neck trailer to haul the team. John Pace volunteers his truck & trailer. The HRC will provide bags of candy for the players to throw during the parade. We will have a booth at the Czech fest selling raffle tickets, merchandise, and sponsorships. If you would like to help please let us know!

First Pitch Dinner

We will not be doing the Chili Supper or end of year banquet as in years past. We are starting a new tradition with the "First Pitch Dinner". This event is scheduled for the Sunday before scrimmages start at an offsite location. This event will recognize each team, celebrate the senior players, and the coaches will talk to kick off the season! Right now we are looking at holding the banquet at the Mustang Town Center & food will be catered. Tickets will be sold prior to the event to help cover the cost of the event.

Spring Break

This year we will travel to Pensacola to participate in the Tate Classic. The team will depart early Saturday morning & return Friday night. Players & coaches will be staying at a large beach house, parents will have to stay offsite. Coach will determine the players going & let them know. Unlike years passed the only players guaranteed to go are seniors. There will only be about 20 players traveling. As we get more details we will communicate, we will need some parents to volunteer to serve a couple meals at the player's house so if you would like to help please let us know. Cost is \$500 per player. All players that are not going to Florida will have Spring Break off, there will be no Yukon Festival on the Hill this year.

Improvements

- * Two indoor nets installed last week (was approved through booster but decided to utilize schools funds). We are trying to sell the old nets to help offset costs.
- * Lockers added for freshman and sophomores so everyone has a locker now.
- * Locker Room upgrades: Almost all of the upgrade is being donated by Crabtree Homes and the Horton family. We will pay roughly \$2,500 from approved budget of \$4,000 of last spring. The locker room should be ready next week. The donations by Crabtree Homes & the Horton family is upwards of \$15,000.
- * Cleanup of indoor – coaches throwing old stuff out.
- * The main field needs professional leveling before fall state (\$3,100).
- * Coach would like to extend the concrete of the home dugout by 5 feet for the length of the gravel. Not a must do right now, one estimate received for \$4,500 and waiting on a second.
- * Outfield Fence – Coach is working with YPS to try and get the fence company to fix paint
- * Coaches office "re-fresh" – would like to add outside window facing field, would need to figure out how to make it secure. Also paint the natural woodwork in the office black or another color, not a must do but would be nice to freshen it up... maybe parent volunteers on a Saturday?
- * Paint indoor red all the way around red about 10ft high. Right now the white walls make it easy to lose the white balls. If we do this we will need volunteers to paint – estimated costs is \$1,000 - \$1,500 in paint and supplies or we can get a quote.
- * We are also looking at radar systems to capture practice/game data.

501c3 Update

We have been working for two years with the IRS to be reinstated. We have worked to get back taxes filed & at this point we have to re-file for status with is approximately \$2,500.

Coach's Corner by Coach Phillips:

• Coaches

Varsity: Phillips, Pearson, & Lowmiller

JV: Furlong, Booth, Qualls, & Knutson

- Fall Expectations: there's a practice gear order currently open that will be closing soon.

Practice Format: Mon. - Thur. 30 minutes of stretching & long active toss then 30 minutes of individual stations followed by an hour of weights. During fall they are only allowed an hour of practice a day. As coaches they are constantly re-evaluating, learning, & adjusting. They want to spend fall getting bigger. They have team goals as well as individual goals.

- Enid Scrimmage(s): There will be at least one 9 inning exhibition game played in Enid that will

be coached by other adults & coach will be watching/evaluating from the press box. He will notify the boys who will be going. The school can not transport the players so players will have to drive or parents will have to transport.

- Throwing Program: 10 weeks long that will start right after Thanksgiving & lead right into scrimmages.

- Winter Expectations: No mandatory practices over Christmas break but the indoor will be open for those that would like to come work. January is when the teams will be decided/split.

Scrimmages begin February 16th.

- Season Expectations: Players are expected to be at all practices & games unless there is an emergency. Schedule will be finalized soon. Spring break trip will be to Pensacola with only about 20 players going & only seniors are guaranteed to go.

- Parent/Coach Policies:

24 hour Rule - if you need to speak with coach give it 24 hours, sleep on it. The best time to have discussions is not directly after the game when emotions are high. He will be happy to meet with you & your player if you need to speak with him.

During games OSSAA Parent Expectations: teams can be suspended because of parents' behavior. Be a good sport & enjoy the games. Nothing positive comes from yelling at players, coaches or umps during the games.

- Parent Involvement: Please participate in the booster club, concessions, press box, work days, attend games, & help with the fundraisers. We are all here with the same goal, let's work together to make this program the best that it can be. We want the players to succeed, which happens when the parents support the program. We are open to new ideas for fundraisers. This year's plan is pretty much set but we can look at different options next year.

Floor is opened for questions or concerns: Kendra Pace suggests that committees are formed to help alleviate pressure from board members & make all events successful. John addresses this & said committees will be formed this year so be on the look out to volunteer.

New Business presented by John:

Based on feedback after last year's trip we have been researching other transportation options for spring break. The quotes we have been given to charter a bus is approximately \$15,000. This isn't reasonably feasible for the club. At this time we are expecting to take the activity bus again but with some modifications such as less people on the bus & parents helping transport gear/bags to ensure there's more room for the players to travel comfortably.

There will be no post season banquet unless we make it to state & if that happens we will discuss an end of the year celebration. The First Pitch Dinner will take the place of both the chili supper & end of the year banquet.

Items for Approval:

Freshman Jersey's - \$1,350 of HRC funds to purchase new jerseys for the freshman team that actually fit.

Motion to purchase jerseys made by Craig Troxell, second by Brad Darcy, none are opposed, & motion carries.

Hats - \$3,148 of HRC funds to purchase two hats for each player.

Motion to purchase hats made by Casey Strange, second by Christy Pettigrew, none are opposed, & motion carries.

Leveling of main field and sprinkler repair - use \$3,000 of funds from the schools pass through account to purchase dirt with the remaining \$3,100 for labor to be covered by the HRC.

Motion to level field made by Steve Ritchey, second by Craig Troxell, none are opposed, & motion carries.

Practice/game balls - \$1136.45 of HRC funds to purchase practice & game balls.

Motion to purchase balls made by John Pace, second by Melissa Swartz, none are opposed, & motion carries.

Extend Dug Out - \$4,500 of HRC funds for removal of current metal railing, extend cement, new railing, & labor.

Motion to extend dug out made by Derek Schmidt, second by Tammy Janvrin, none are opposed, & motion carries.

Floor opened for Questions/Discussion:

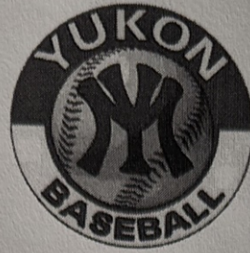
When is the deadline for sponsorships? Answer: end of 2022, we need to order all the signs at once to save money & have them delivered/installed before scrimmages begin.

Who do we contact about missing merchandise from previous orders? Email the HRC so we can sort out who needs to be contacted.

No others issues are raised.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:21pm by John Strange.

HRC Sign in Sheet



Parent	Player
Cindi Horton	Ethan Horton
Michelle Jones	Cale Parr
Mary Ellen	Drake Elli
Julie Graham	Luke Graham
Desiree Walker	COLE WALKER
Kristen & Chris Thomas	Cayden Thomas
Katie Hartman	Wyatt Hartman
Lindsay and Scott Zody	Talan Zody
Norton Cargal	Canner + Caleb Cargal
Christy Pettigrew	Trevin Pettigrew
Jon Parr	Wyatt Parr
Tammy Janvren	Caden Janvren
LISA FISH	Eddie Fish
Shannon Ruzicka	Wyatt Ruzicka
Kashawn Johnson	Isagen Johnson
Steve & Lisa Ritchey	Jordan Ritchey
Craig Troxell	My Troxell
Mariah Smith	AJ Smith
Brandi Troadon	Brayden Troadon
Tonya Butler	Deron Butler
Lindsey Winkler	Jaxon Winkler
Lorena Escobar	Sebastian Escobar
Brad Dacey	Caleb Dacey
Jordan & Amanda Towers	Ayden Towers
Derek Schmitt	Cash Schmitt
Brett & Michelle Crech	Carter Crech
Russell & Courtney Jones	Lucas Jones
Kristi & Eric Pendleton	JACK Pendleton
Michael Rogers	Kenison Rogers
Kristy Abercrombie	Preston & Kaleb Rea

Parent

~~Shawn~~ Shawn Rea
Justin ~~Shawn~~
Miller ~~Shawn~~
Brylan Weaver
Melissa & Levi Schwartz
Brian & Kristy Abercrombie
Jeff & Katy Hoke

Player & Preston

Kaleb and Rea
Chase Owens
Jaxxell
Brylan Weaver
Cooper Pearson
Kaleb & Preston Rea
Grady & Gentry Hoke