

9/9/26: Buchanan Backyard Bash Meeting Minutes

Michigan Gateway Building, 6 pm

1. Call to Order: 6 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

3.1 Attendees:

- Jennifer Popielski
- Jake Brown
- Larry Mosma
- Brian Kill
- Haleigh Williams
- Chelsea Aller
- Emily Koziel

4. Approve Agenda: Motion: Koziel; 2nd: Brown
5. Public Comment - Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit): NA
6. Approve Minutes: Motion: Popielski; 2nd: Kill
7. Unfinished Business

7.1. Flyer & Social Media - Information corrected

Post flyer after confirming with City; Will distribute downtown

Chelsea to get posters - 11x17 .70 ea.; Got 40 for the run; going with 30

Jenn will do flyer size & small ones (4 on pg)

Facebook event created; shared on BARB FB page & everyone else please share

Jenn will cover for FB post boosting

How to get in front of other people interested?

Shared with point of contact from New Carlisle league & asked to share too!

SCHEDULE NOTE: Trees planting happening this Oct. Need to ensure will NOT conflict! Bring up at BARB Meeting

7.2. Registration with Zeffy

Jenn set up with City for payments

7.3. Teams / Bracket Finalization

Adults only; 18 & over; can have up to 5 players, co-ed: \$100 per team

Cap 32 teams POOL PLAY! Will be easier for bracket & game timing

2 games, double elimination; one pool

3 games minimum; 5 innings

Post paper bracket at concession stand; Team captain to update as WINNER

45 minute games max; but cannot start new inning after 40 minutes

Need to start all at same time!

Hard stop! Need to police it; use phones

Need airhorn as notification

BYSBA and parents will help but need to look for more volunteers

Will use examples to recreate; send links; BYSBA will share too

We will email rules out to teams later; Jenn will add details to social media

Side games:

Home Run Derby

Best Pitch 6 pitches: \$5 or \$1 pitch

6 swings: \$5 or \$1 swing

Will NOT be on the flyer

Sign up will start after initial 3 games

Index cards with each name on it to track points

BYSBA can collect at concession

7.4. Equipment Update

BARB approves

Donations made by Wendy: bag to hold equipment, 80 balls & 12 bats (w/ 12 more balls); 92 balls total (Source: Epic Sports)

Paint: 30 cans of paint diff. Colors for fields; need 3 cans per field; On hand: blue, red, & yellow

Rustelom inverted 6 pk. \$50; Cayde can ask Lowe's

STILL NEED:

3 more bats; 88 more balls (We orig. said 180)

Paint: white & pink paint colors

Need 5 strike zones

BYSBA will build back drops - have materials from season

Need sponsors

7.5. Field Prep

Condition is currently terrible

City was to mow once a wk. BYSBA to mow too

They are only taking so much off; won't get to heightl for play

NEED TO BRING UP AT BARB MEETING TO GET TO DPW

Hoping they continue to mow it until leaf collection (Oct)

WEEDS & GRASS IN THE INFIELD; Need to address

Someone usually sprays the field

Improvements coming to the park: shed, dug outs, bleachers

Need clean up day

Porta potty has been getting cleaned out

7.6. Award / Plaque Ideas

Brian will handle awards from point of contact (Football trophy)

Championship rings are expensive; \$142.45 for (5) rings

Resin wiffle ball trophies

Would need (5); one for each person on the team

Plaque will be ours; Will house at the concesssion stand per BYSBA

First name gets trophies & names on plaque - TEAM name

PRIZES

1st & 2nd place, different ideas

Tropies (5) \$79.95

Medals (5) \$59.95 - have extra from Run Buchanan

Jenn thinks she can cut costs & will look for the extras to potentially use them

Plaque cost TBD

7.7. Raffle Update

Jake has contact info & paperwork- need tax ID
Need to chat with Kalla at the City
Jake will handle
Office nearby
Entity from the city? Eligible even? TBD

8. New Business

Weather contingency?

Give seats at next year tourney if canceled

Keep eye on weather; NEED contingency plan

BEFORE DAY OF WILL HAVE MEETING TO ASSIGN TASKS
NEED INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY

NEED TENT - BRIAN HAS EVERYTHING
Need banner to put up at welcome table

9. Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

10. Executive Comments

11. Adjourn

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Wed. 9/23 6 pm at Buchanan Library
- Tues. 10/6 6 pm Michigan Gateway

Jenn will create Google Meet