

December 14, 2006

Baseball Meeting Notes

Board Members

We want this organization to last and we have added Board Member Positions and adjusted current Board Positions to divide responsibilities more evenly. Zimmerman Baseball is in ZAYAA but we will have our own bylaws. One new bylaw concerns board member attendance, board members are encouraged to attend all meetings and are allowed up to 3 meetings missed or else lose their voting privilege.

All board members are asked to go through the new board member responsibilities and bring back to the next meeting to go over. If unable to fill new board positions, maybe we could combine some positions.

It was suggested that at the end of the baseball season, when all equipment has been turned in, all board members get together to help sort everything out.

Everyone who attends meetings, board members and non-members are regarded equally.

Should we change our meeting night?

Registrations

We expect about a 10% increase in registration this year.

A 10% increase in players could mean about 270 kids.

Sports Pilot, online registration will be used this year, everyone who registers online will automatically show up on a spreadsheet.

We are doing away with walk in registrations.

No increase in registration fee's.

Fields

Talked to Elk River about Zimmerman Association and Minor teams to only play Zimmerman teams and they liked the idea. We would still play Elk River during tournaments.

Playing within our organization would mean...

more competition, less travel, less kids on a team and we would only need 2 fields.

We could also provide umpires for Association games.

There is a field by KJ's Refuge in Orrock that has potential for Association teams.

Westwood Field #2, can't really slide it east or south, could go 50ft toward the west, with a turf infield and use it for Minors practices. Or it would be perfect for T-ball.

Elk River growth for field development is slammed shut. They are also going to have some Friday and Saturday games.

City of Zimmerman is slow towards field development due to not being set up financially.

Adult softball payed for improvements on city fields, it would be nice to be able to use those fields for Zimmerman baseball.

Tournaments/Clinic's/Tryouts

Start setting up tournament dates. Change to 2 day tournaments.

Concessions at tournaments, maybe sell just hot dogs, alot more money can be made.

Week of March 19 or 26 for tryouts. Have clinic week before.

House tryout, have it mandatory for Travel coaches to help out.

Other News

Travel players usually start 1st of May, maybe Association and Minor teams can start earlier too.

Idea's concerning pitching machine and players pitch for Association teams.

4th grade house teams were weaken, disliked playing Elk River. Maybe put 4th and 5th grade house teams in MBA league.

Little more expensive, a little more travel. Maybe have an A team and a B team, need to make it more competitive.

Maybe have all coaches write a check for deposit of baseball equipment, not cash the check but return it when season ends and equipment is returned. Set a deadline date.

Travel coaches to mark/stripe fields and put out bases or have Dave Horvath do it and charge \$3-4 each kid. Set up ballfields.

Better to have city do it instead of coaches because of chalkers and if they can't do it then have a contact person.

New batting cages in Princeton, on ZAYAA web site.

Evaluation forms were suggested to have at the end of the season, either to hand out or put on the web, for parents to fill out to help better baseball with their feedback. Completed evaluations to mailed in.

Twins Caravan, if Zimmerman is on the list it would be nice to have at RJ's again.