

January 14, 2007

Baseball meeting notes

Attendance-

Ron Ehley
Trevor Williams
Chris Riley
Bill Korlath
Steven AJ Foyt
Mary Foyt
Rob Bonneau
Tom Cameron
Michael Kerr
Gwen Egland

No Twins Caravan this year. The Twins organization tries to go to different towns each year.

Registration

Online Registrations will be our web-site.

Last year registrations were out by Feb. 1st.

Rob will look into signs posted and handouts for the school informing of up-coming baseball registrations.

It was voted on and agreed on to raise all registration fee's \$5.00 to cover the cost of registering online.

Will it still be an option to download registration form and be able to mail it in? For anyone who doesn't want to use a credit card.

Box for coach sign-up on online registrations?

It was brought up that House teams bring in more money than Travel Teams, should Travel teams pay more?

It was also said, that is normal for most organizations.

Tournaments

Maybe have just 1 really good tournament and have it for 2 days due to the issue of available weekends. We could do a better job with concessions, have just hot dogs and hamburgers, make it easy.

Maybe have the tournament for the younger kids, ages 10-13, and have older kids help out and also be umpires.

Trevor will look into the idea of having a raffle.

Questions to think about...use wristbands? have a gate set up? charge \$2.00 per person?

Have a date by next meeting for tournament.

Travel Tryouts

AJ will check with Krause. Cage needs to be set up.

Have tryouts during the week. Need to coordinate with the school and community rec. as far as getting into Elk River Schools. Talk to Pauline too. \$50.00 for the use of the ER School gym for tryouts, just need to call ahead and schedule.

If coaches hold a clinic then there would be no charge or else it would cost about \$110.00

We will look into the week of March 19th for tryouts and maybe have the clinic the week before.

Would be great to have the Varsity guys help out.

Fundraisers

tournament

players selling programs at Twins Games

Fields

KJ's Refuge baseball field. Haven't been able to get a hold of anyone their yet to get an agreement/commitment on the field there. Will need to have some kind of lease or written agreement for use of field.

It needs work but would be great for main practice for Association/Minors

Chris Riley-Minors/Association Director, will check into the use of the field at KJ's Refuge.

Westwood #2 is also an option for possible field development and there might be room by Town Hall for a field. Someone to go to next Town Hall meeting?

Misc.

Baseball hotline phone system. A phone line with Connections, Etc. would cost \$36.00/mo. plus \$14.95 for voicemail. Tom is going to look into other options for a baseball information line that would also allow messages to be left on.

Need to do something about 4th & 5th graders...MBA teams or AA or AAA teams? More competitive.
A lot of towns using AA for House League.
Preliminary count by March 15th.

There will be a Coaches Clinic in Becker.

MBA, National Youth Sports Coach Association, for \$25.00 you can be certified as a coach online.
Every Head Coach both Travel and House teams need to go to a Clinic, ZAYAA will pay for coaches to attend.
We will try to have one of our own Coaches Clinic in Zimmerman.
MBA is encouraging screening and background checks on all coaches, this is a great idea.

Next meeting scheduled for February 11th, 7:30pm at the Town Hall.