

November 25, 2007

Baseball Meeting

Attendance

Chris Riley
Bill Korth
Shane Martin
Gwen Eglund
Jenny Nolan
Nancy Fordahl
Rob Rogers
Jeff McMahon
Tom Cameron
Rich Evans
Steve Foyt
Don Connelly
Terry Bye
Jayme Miller
Rob Bonneau
Ron Ehley
Mike Borchardt
Trevor Williams

New Board Members

President-Rob Bonneau
Vice President/Coach Coordinator-Shane Martin
Treasurer-Jenny Nolan
Registration Director-Rob Rogers
Travel/House Coordinator-Trevor Williams
Equipment Manager-Mike Borchardt
Tournament Coordinator-Jayme Miller

Recap from last year

7 travel teams

House teams suffered because we forced the travel teams.

We filled a travel team that wasn't ready for travel.

Need to look at filling travel teams differently for upcoming year.

10 & 11 yr old travel teams suffered last year.

Maybe we need to combine some age groups, 11 & 12 yr olds together (just for an example) and call it 12 & under, to be more competitive.

We'll need to look at our numbers at registration before we can decide how to form our teams.

5 minors teams

6 association teams

4,5,6 yr. old house teams barely had enough players for a full team.

If we limit teams it would help with field issues.

Regarding field issues, we need to get a hold of Community Ed. early regarding field space, Community Ed. also might not be aware that we have coach pitch teams (our minors) since they were offering coach pitch baseball last year.

Some people are concerned about fee's regarding tournaments.

We'll address this issue more, lots of ways to help with the fee's.

Association tournament with Elk River, some Elk River coaches were not friendly in the higher bracket division.

It is our option if we want to continue the association tournaments with Elk River.

No issues with coaches in Elk River for the lower bracket tournaments.

Our baseball organization currently has @ \$20,000 in our account.

We've talked about discontinuing sponsors, harder each year getting sponsors.

Harder economically for some previous sponsors.

Maybe just have sponsors for tournaments or scholarships.

Is there any money from the firefighters pull-tabs? New pull-tab booth has some extra revenue.

Firefighters donated money last year.

It was easier to get sponsors for house teams from local businesses.

Coach Coordinator was a new position last year on our baseball board, with Shane Martin as Coach Coordinator, was a good move for our baseball organization.

Each year we try to fine tune our organization, to make it stronger and better, and to address and fix any issues from the previous year.

Tom Cameron is staying on as our Web Director.

Some confusion last year regarding field location. Map of field diagrams on the web-site helped solve that issue. Next year, we might want to hand out maps of field locations to all our coaches who can pass them on to their players parents/guardians.

Maybe before our baseball season starts we can have a day to fix up our fields, especially the elementary fields, there fences need to be tightened up. Maybe some coaches, board members, and parents would help for a day, our fences are loose and are a liability, they just need some ties, we also could properly mark fields w/ numbers. Harley rakes work wonderful on the fields. Should set a date for field clean-up/fix-up at our next meeting.

Lots of idea's were discussed on how to help improve our coaches. Training our coaches uniformly is a good idea. Following our high school baseball program is also a good idea. We need to have more consistencies in our coaches, going to the same baseball clinics for example but also need to remember that each player is different and coaches need to have more than one technique.

Our next meeting will be held at the town hall and we can decide if we would like to continue to meet there or change to a new location. We can also decide if we want to keep the same day and time (2nd Sunday of the month/ 7pm).

Our next meeting will be Sunday, December 9th.

Need to discuss and figure out our dates to travel tryouts, before or after spring break (remember state basketball tournament March 29th). Check school calendar to see when baseball season starts.

Talked about storing our baseball equipment, renting a storage unit, or Rich Evans volunteered to store it also which would save money.

Rob B. would also like to have a current job description list for each board position, if current board members could list what their responsibilities are and a time line for there position so new board members and future members will know their duties.

Also, the batting cages in Princeton closed permanently.