

January 13, 2008

Baseball Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Rob Bonneau

Shane Martin

Jenny Nolan

Tom Cameron

Gwen Eglund

Rich Evans

Ron Ehley

Rob Rogers

Jayne Miller

Bill Koriath

Paul Wystepek

Troy Gabrielson

Dave Jopp

Randy McCabe-Special Guest from the MBA & STMA

Open

Previous meeting Minutes approved

Guest Speaker

Randy McCabe, President of MBA

Randy with the MBA and also on the St Michael Baseball Board met with us regarding the future of the MBA. Randy wants what is best for the MBA, the MBA was originally put together with the community but now is run by just a few volunteer individuals. Randy would like to see the associations come back and help with the MBA, voice their opinions and attend regular meetings. Hope is that the associations can look at the MBA and see what can be done to strength them.

Last year was a tough year for the MBA and a lot of the associations feel like it has been more than just 1 year of problems or issues with the MBA.

All associations should really know where they are going by early Feb. Randy is willing to meet with us again if need be and is always available for any calls with questions we might have.

Zimmerman Baseball currently is with the MBA, unfortunately we might not be able to stay with them due to the fact that all the surrounding communities are leaving the MBA to go to Gopher State. We would not have anyone to play competitively against. A final decision was not made at this time, Rob was going to contact other associations to find out exactly who was staying with the MBA (if any) and who was going to Gopher State. Rob was also going to look into Gopher State concerning Zimmerman Baseball. We might be able to keep some of our teams with the MBA, for example, the Mickey Mantle league for 15 & 16 yr. olds has always been a strong point for the MBA, and Gopher State does not really have a lot to offer for the older kids teams. The AA league is not a big deal for us because they are our house league but the AAA league is a huge deal. It would be nice if Gopher State can break the associations up into divisions, like the Mississippi Eight, so the traveling would not be so far.

A decision regarding MBA and Gopher State will be thoroughly investigated and a decision will be made in the best interests for Zimmerman baseball. We still have some time to decide.

Director Reports

Jenny wrote out a few of the outstanding checks that were due.

Our current balance is \$21,478.81

We need to think about our taxes coming up, Jenny will talk with Mike Kerr and see if he can help us out on that.

Old Business

Tryout Out & Clinic Schedule/Dates

We currently do not have a set date regarding travel tryouts and our baseball clinic. The original dates that were decided upon during our last meeting conflict with Krause at the high school. We are waiting to here from him so we can go over our options for new dates.

We will check with other leagues as to when they are having their tryouts. Our conflicts concern the availability of the school facilities and spring break. If other leagues tryouts are later, then maybe we can hold our tryouts after spring break and maybe even have them outside, depending on the weather.

It was discussed that maybe all players would pay the House fee and upon making the travel team, then they would have to make up the difference, this would then hopefully eliminate refunding of fee's.

Sponsor Plaques

Sponsor plaques will cost \$8.00

Heather from Studio H will need to get together with Bill so he can complete the plaques.

New Business

Registration

Rob R. will update the registration forms (also updating the sponsors too).

There will be a \$5.00 increase this year. Rob will check with Elk River to make sure we are staying competitive with our registration fee's, if we are higher, then Rob will take the necessary measures to lower our fee's.

We will need to set up insurance if we go with Gopher State, MBA included insurance in their fee's but Gopher State does not.

Registration will tentatively start the first week of February and close on March 10, 2008.

Rob will hold off temporarily of the registration forms with hope that the travel tryouts and the clinic dates will be decided upon this week so we can include that information on our registration forms, if not, then Rob will put "Clinic and Tryout Dates to be determined, coming in March".

Marketing for baseball registration will be...TV, Zimmerman Today newspaper, flyers through the school, outside signs and our website.

Uniform Selection

Bill from Promotional Products attended our meeting and discussed his company. Promotional Products is a wholesale shop that buys directly from manufacturers and can save us money and do all the printing. It was discussed that we have a sealed bid so that all local businesses have an opportunity to provide our uniforms. Also to be taken into consideration is that the business will need to be able to handle the volume of our uniforms and be able to complete our shirts and hats when we need them by.

We need to figure out a price range for our travel shirts. If we give Bill our price range he can give us a couple of options to choose from. Bill would need 4-6 weeks to complete our order. He also would be willing to stock baseball pants if we wanted them.

We need to order our shirts/jerseys and hats ASAP. Everything should be ordered by Feb. 1st.

Field Issues

No response from Colleen with Community Ed., Rich left a message with her but has not heard anything back yet.

Misc.

Shane is working on our Code of Conduct, revising and adding to it.

Shane is also working on a Coaches Clinic with Chris. We have a lot of local talent to help with our clinic. Also, Wes from Lazer Maker had a good clinic last year if we want to go that route too. It would be nice to establish a local coaches clinic and once we've refined it we could reach out to other communities and use it as a possible fundraiser for Zimmerman Baseball.