

February 10, 2008

Baseball Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Shane Martin
Jenny Nolan
Chris Riley
Gwen Eglund
Tom Cameron
Mike Borchardt
Ron Ehley
Rob Rogers
Scott Sorenson

Registration

Registrations are slow, currently we have 22 registrations, 20 for house and 2 for travel. There were a few concerns about price, we are a little more than Rogers, about \$10.00 across the board. We do have to remember that Rogers is a larger community and already have their baseball fields, while we are a smaller community that is growing and we are also still building new ballfields.

Advertising for registrations is out. Flyers already went out to the schools, an ad in the Zimmerman Today newspaper and our outside signs are posted all around.

Registration closes March 10th. Last year we did extend it another 2 weeks, hopefully we will not need to this year.

Rob R. will let Shane know about all volunteer coaches.

Treasurer

Jenny will watch for the bill regarding baseball shirts/jerseys and hats.

Clinic/Tryouts

Clinic is set for March 9th.

Tryouts are March 18th and 20th.

A tryout make-up date will be determined once we know how many players are unable to attend the current dates.

Chris will talk with Matt regarding a batting cage night, tentatively set for March 10.

Coaches will not be determined until after tryouts for the travel teams.

A background check will need to be done on every coach.

Coaches Clinic- Chris and Shane will hold a coaches clinic in April. Tentative dates are April 12th and 19th, Chris and Shane will get together and finalize the dates.

New Board Position Open

Jayne Miller, our current Tournament Director, is moving out of town.

This position is now open.

Our tournament will be held May 17th and 18th in Zimmerman.

The Tournament Director is in charge of this tournament...organizing the umpires, concession, putting it out on the website, and setting up the brackets. It was also talked about having a fall baseball league, the new Tournament Director would be involved in this if there is enough interest.

Fields

Rich emailed that he had been in contact with Michelle with the City regarding the City Fields. We have all three fields reserved from April 1-May 1st.

The City will work with us to build a new field between the Randy Johnson's fields and Fred Schultz field.

Putting lights in the field would be more costly but then it would also allow longer playing time.

Sponsorship

Plaques are ready-just waiting for the pictures. It was discussed that if we are unable to receive the pictures for the plaques, that we just have something nice engraved or put on them.

Fundraising

The St Paul Saints contacted Kathy about a fundraising opportunity. We did not have the specific's as to how it would be a fundraiser.

The money we raise during our clinic goes to the high school.

Instead of fundraising to raise more money for our organization, which we have been trying to stay away from, we use the money from our sponsors to pay for any extra's. Shane will look into the Twins and the Saints organization, for any fundraising opportunities if we wish to do, but maybe have a scheduled game to attend for a team building event.

Misc.

We are making the move to Gopher State from the MBA regarding our travel organization.

All the teams have moved to Gopher State.

Gopher State has salary positions, whereas MBA was run on volunteers.

Communication with Gopher State has been positive.

It has been verbally said there would be a Mississippi 8 Division.

Gopher State does have different rules that apply mainly in regards to the 10/11 year old teams.

Equi-draft, Shane is just waiting to hear from a couple of more coaches and will be in contact with them.

Uniforms, shirts/jerseys and hats have been ordered for all house and travel teams.

Zap will be handling the House shirts/jerseys.

Bill will be handling the Travel shirts/jerseys.

Pants have not been ordered yet. Zap will carry baseball pants for all House teams, the color will be Gray. We will post this information on the website that they will be available at Zap, that the color will be Gray for House teams, that they may be purchased at Zap or any location they prefer.

Insurance quotes-just waiting to hear back.

Code of Conduct-Shane has updated. It was discussed that we should have all parents sign it, coaches could had out on 1st day of practice.

Gopher State meeting-was thought to be Feb. 20th, it will be an important meeting to attend. Shane and Rob have volunteered to attend and anyone else would be welcome to come too.

Association League-we need to look into having high school ballplayers umpire association games, in the past parents of the home team were responsible for providing a ump. Equipment would be needed. We will discuss this further at our next meeting. It was also discussed about not using the pitching machine in the association games, only use as a practice tool.

It was also discussed about having a one day tournament held in Zimmerman at the end of the year. We could still attend the mid-season tournament held in Elk River.

Our House Leagues-

Association and Minor teams play internally.

4th, 5th & 6th grade leagues generally play Elk River and Roger teams.

7th & 8th grade leagues generally have a little more travel which includes teams from Anoka and Ramsey.

March 2nd will be our next meeting.