

March 2, 2008

## Baseball Meeting Minutes

Rob Bonneau  
Shane Martin  
Jenny Nolan  
Gwen Egland  
Chris Riley  
Trevor Williams  
Rich Evans  
Nancy Fordahl  
Rob Rogers  
AJ Foyt  
Chuck McConville  
Steve Hill  
Kevin Britting

## Director Reports

### Treasurer

We have approximately \$29,000. Only two checks have not cleared yet. There was a question about a check for \$200 from last year that ZAP had given ZAYAA for sponsorship that was just recently cashed but has not showed up on our bank statement, Jenny is going to contact Heidi and ask about it. Nancy will have a plaque done for ZAP in appreciation of his support last year.

### Registration

Currently we have 67 House registrations...

Minors-22 Association-25 4th grade-6 5th grade-4 6th grade-5 7th grade-3 8th grade-2

Currently we have 35 Travel registrations...

U10-14 U11-7 U12-5 U13-4 U14-4 U15-1

Good news is that we have more coaches than we need.

Since registration is still so slow we will most likely need to extend our registration deadline. We will have walk in registration available at our baseball clinic on Sunday, March 9th and also during batting cage night Monday, March 10th...Rob R. will send out an email regarding this and Rob B. will look into getting a sign put up announcing walk in registrations at the high school during both of these events.

The booster club is looking into putting a permanent sign at the corner of city rd. 4 and city rd. 45 regarding upcoming events, other groups and organizations would benefit from this also.

Next year we might want to think about having a walk in registration from the very beginning, not all people have access to a computer or the internet, even though previous walk in registrations have not been very successful.

### Old Business

#### Clinic Schedule Set-up

Our baseball clinic is Sunday, March 9th.

Matt Krause takes care of the set-up for the clinic.

Minors and Association players clinic is from 1-3pm. 4th graders and up clinic is from 4-7pm.

Cost of clinic is \$15.00

Jenny, Gwen and Nancy will staff the 1-3pm clinic and Jenny, Gwen and Rob B. will staff the 4-7pm clinic.

Jenny will bring change for the clinic and a couple of money bags.

Rob R. and Shane will work together in getting the liability waiver forms printed up for the clinic, Shane will get them to Gwen before the clinic.

Monday, March 10th from 7-9pm will be batting cage night, Shane and Rob R. will staff this event.

Cost of batting cages is \$5.00

Both events are held at the high school.

## Tryout Schedule Set-up

Shane will get with Tom about posting the ages for the travel tryout dates on the main page.

AJ brought tryout information from previous years and gave everything to Trevor. Some of the things included were...envelopes, clipboards, sticky cards to number players for evaluators, recap sheets, forms for uniform size. AJ will look into getting more sticky cards.

Evaluators, will should have 2 evaluators at each station. Matt K. will provide 4 evaluators and we the board will provide the other 4 evaluators, possible evaluators mentioned were...Ron Ehley, AJ Foyt, Shane Martin, Rob Bonneau, Bill Korvath, and Rob Rogers. We will mix the evaluators together, 1 from Matt's group and 1 from our group, keeping it as fair and impartial as possible. Tryouts will be closed, no parents allowed. Potential coaches could be allowed to follow their group so they would be able to pick the final four for their team.

There will be 4 stations... base running, hitting, fielding-both fly balls and grounders, and throwing.

## Uniforms

Bill Korlath's company will be providing the jerseys for both house and travel teams (there was a misprint in February's meeting minutes stating that Zap would be providing the house shirts, Zap will not be providing the house shirts but they will have house baseball pants available for purchase this year). Bill brought in sample hats to vote on and also brought in the travel jersey the players will be wearing. The solid navy blue baseball hats were decided on.

## Pitching Machine Use

It was voted and decided upon that we will only use the pitching machines for the first 3 association games and only for the first 3 innings of those 3 games, then players will pitch the last 3 innings. Then the pitching machine will be used as a training tool at practices.

## New Business

### Insurance

As of March 4th we will be insured.

Gopher State gave another option for insurance with reasonable rates. Philadelphia Ins. covers players as well as the board members. We will need to have a general medical policy also.

Gopher State recommended the National Center for Safety regarding background checks for coaches, we are currently using BCA which is strictly a child protection check and has very reasonable rates.

With our code of conduct, background checks and insurance, we should be covered as an organization.

Our insurance is around \$2400-\$2600 a year. Our association is now protected.

## Tournament Director/Tournaments

Jayne Miller is no longer our tournament director, Jayme is moving out of state and we are currently looking to fill this position. It was discussed that if we cannot fill this position then we as a board can collectively work together on putting together our tournament. Trevor also volunteered to take this position on and said he would also look into renting YAC for our May 17 and 18 tournament. Last year, we had 22 teams plus ours at our tournament. We had an early season tournament last year with low entry fee's. Kevin Britting volunteered to help with our tournament but could not commit to being the tournament director due to previous commitments.

## Field Issues

Rich received a call that legion ball wanted the city fields and the school fields. They wanted to charge us \$50 a night for practice fields. Rob B. and Rich talked to Matt K. regarding this issue as totally unacceptable, we need to make sure and confirm that we will have use of the fields and that we will not be charged.

April 19th we would like the field schedule to be completed regarding travel games but Rich needs to contact Pauline Knox with community ed. Rich said we would only be able to request fields at that time. We need to find out why the school reserved all the fields, Rich will also talk to Matt K. about his legion ball league, they should be off the field by 6pm. Matt K. is coaching both high school and legion ball. The past several years we have worked with Matt and the city regarding fields. Randy Johnson fields have lights, the lights do shut

off at 10pm and the sprinklers also turn on. Double headers are encouraged this year.

AJ brought in last years contract with KJ's regarding the Orrock field. If we want the use of the Orrock field we need to meet with Ken and Keith Styes the owners of KJ's and have a new contract for the 2008 season. Ken Styes wanted a \$500 donation for the use of the field for a tax write off. Rich/Rob will get with Ken at KJ's to validate the field and get a new contract. The field does need a lot of work, there are large lumps that need to be knocked down in the outfields, the grass needs to be mowed and the weeds whacked. We will look into hiring a landscaping service to take care of the field, it would be worth the cost to have complete use of the field, 7 days a week. We had talked about having a field maintenance day sometime in mid-April to fix up our fields. Rob B. will talk to Ron to see where Park & Rec. are regarding the skate park to make into new baseball fields. If we put any money into the fields, we would need to make sure that we have a contract that the fields would be ours and not for bar leagues. The school district said we could layout fields at the future site of the Zimmerman high school but we do have reservations about working with the school district on fields, they are expecting record numbers for t-ball this year for community ed. and are also planning an adult ball team too.

Rich will keep pursuing field issues.

Misc.

We currently have 14 volunteers for house coaches and 7 for travel coaches. Chris will get with Shane regarding a coaches clinic.

Nancy said we are looking for 15 house sponsors this year, we are not having travel sponsors, the fee is \$250. Loram gave \$300 for schlorship money.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 13th.