

April 13, 2008

Baseball Meeting Minutes

Rob Bonneau
Shane Martin
Rob Rogers
Jenny Nolan
Rich Evans
Tom Cameron
Mike Borchardt
Trevor Williams
Nancy Fordahl
Gwen Eglund
Bill Korlath

Open

Previous meeting minutes approved

Guest Speakers

Dr. Mayol and Dr. Barta
From Fairview Sports & Orthopedic Care
Dr. Mayol and Dr. Barta went over Injury Prevention, some key things to do and some things to watch for in our baseball players.
One of the most important things regarding any injuries or any pain, is for the player to be seen by a doctor as soon as possible, to help heal injuries faster and correctly. Fairview Sports & Orthopedic Care is a specialty clinic dedicated exclusively to the care of musculoskeletal problems, their specialists are trained to help players get back to activities and sports as quickly and as safely as possible.

Director Reports

Treasurer

Jenny-Insurance is paid. We made around \$22,000 from registrations on Sports Pilot. Need to pay MBA and Sports Pilot bill yet, and we will also owe on the uniforms. All refunds have been sent.

Registration

Rob R.- Another flyer was sent out to the schools regarding baseball registration. We are probably at our maximum level regarding registrations. Numbers were up in the Travel League but down in the House League. Next year, we need to look at our registration fee's, we are pretty competitive all around but we might want to think about lowering the cost for our younger

players and also talk about offering a discount to families with multiple children playing baseball.

We will be having...

5 Minors teams-with 11 players on each team

6 Association teams-with 4 teams of 12 players and 2 teams of 11 players

2 Fourth grade House teams

2 Fifth/Sixth grade House teams

We are going to leave registrations open for House teams, we do not expect anymore players registering but would keep it open because we have some room for additional players.

Coaches

Shane- All Head Coaches have been chosen.

Coaches Clinic set for April 20th from 4-6pm at Fred Schultz field, in case of any weather issues, Shane is looking into reserving a gym at the high school or possibly holding the meeting at Livonia Town Hall. Shane and Chris will hand out the Code of Conduct to all coaches, coaches will be asked to have every player and parent on their team to read and sign it. At the coaches clinic, each coach will receive their team roster and their baseball equipment, it was decided that each coach will need to put down a \$100 deposit for equipment which will be returned after the season is over and the equipment has been turned back in. The background checks have been completed on all Head Coaches, all Assistant Coaches will need to have a background check completed also.

Fields

Rich-Fields are slim due to weather conditions regarding the high school baseball schedule this year. We will also be competing against Community Ed., Adult Softball and High School Baseball teams regarding fields. Rich has called and went to KJ's Refuge regarding the use of the field in Orrock. The Orrock field is pretty rough, needs work and is not fit for travel games. Scheduling for games in really not going to be the issue regarding field space, scheduling for the practices will be the issue. No double headers will be scheduled until school is out. Randy Johnson field is only available one night during the week, Thursday night. We need to discuss and finalize the schedule this Tuesday night after the Equi Draft.

Field Development

We would like to put in two fields, between Fred Schultz and Randy Johnson fields at City Park. The city would like a plan from us and would like to know how much we are willing to contribute to the building of the new fields. The fire dept. put in for a grant of \$7,500 to put in a baseball field at the Firemens Park. The city will pay for part of the building of the 2 new fields, we need to secure ownership of the fields, some kind of exclusive rights so we do not run into any issues using the fields for zayaa baseball. The fields could be ready as soon as next season if we start early enough, this year we would start on the grating and seeding of the fields. Park and Rec. is for the building of new fields, most city board members are also except one or two. We should get with NSP and

Connexus Energy for donations/help with field lights. Rob B. will get a hold of the Twins Org. and see if they would be willing to donate. We will also talk with our Zimmerman Football Organization and see if they would want to help out too and then they would be able to use the fields also.

Next city meeting is May 6th at Zimmerman Town Hall at 6:30pm.

Uniforms

Bill, with Promotional Products, brought in one of the travel jerseys to show. Bill will need the coaches from 10U and 11U to call regarding players names, number and size of jersey, Bill will meet coaches at their first practice for any resizing needs. This year, coaches from travel and house will have the same shirt. All travel players will need a dark blue belt and dark blue socks, the color of the undershirt will be decided upon each coaches preference.

Equipment

Mike- all travel equipment bags are ready. Some equipment needs to be purchased, new practice balls, a couple of catcher's mitts for the younger players, (23) ball buckets, (23) dry erase boards for all coaches, and a basic first aid kit for each bag holding...saline solution, ace bandages, band aids and ice packs (etc.). Some equipment bags are in pretty bad shape, it was agreed on that we could probably make it one more year with what we have because we are going to need the money for field development, next year we will start purchasing new equipment bags with wheels.

Travel/House

Trevor let Steve K. know our numbers regarding House Teams. Zimmerman tournament will be held on May 17 & 18th in Zimmerman. We need to coordinate the concession stands (try and see if the civic building would be available) and maybe have the hot dog wagon at the high school.

Sponsorship

We have 15 house teams, we are short 9 sponsors.

New Business

House draft and field scheduling on 4/15

Coaches Clinic on 4/20

Pictures, need to get with Kathy and connect with Studio H, maybe have picture day on a weekend, last year it was tough with teams practicing.