

BASEBALL MEETING NOTES
February 14, 2010

Those in Attendance

J. Rumpca
Rob Germinaro
Dale Wippler
Scott Leffler
Jeff Rustom
Mike Haubner
Jim Hauge
Dale Brumbaugh
Becki Boldt
Nick Vetter
Jeff Lathrop
Shelly Sieben
Mike Whitaker
Tricia Olson

Treasurer Report

- Dale Wippler sent around a Treasurer Report. (*Secretary has a copy kept with the notes.*) This is the workings of last year's stuff and the checkbook right now. The report lists the current balance, outstanding bills and outstanding income. We may not get all the outstanding income as some are bounced checks or checks that weren't cashed for months from last year. We had some disgruntled parents that canceled their checks. The current balance is \$23,999.24 but is a little misleading because of the incoming deposits and recent bills that need to be added. Plus the funds allocated for the fences at Alpine. Someone asked if the checks were cashed immediately would we see less of them bouncing and Dale said we already have had two bounce this year so it doesn't seem to make a huge difference. We have paid for the Burnsville and Blaine tournaments for traveling already. Teams will reimburse the organization for these funds once they are formed. Burnsville did not give us a credit for the rainout as previously reported. We will be collecting all traveling registrations at tryouts and all remaining in-house registrations will be collected when handing out uniforms. Dale indicated a reconciliation report should be done each month to keep the checkbook balanced. Anyone that pays a fee for baseball has the right to see the Treasurer's report and checkbook at any time.

New Business

- We received a handout showing the registration counts for all levels at this point. The numbers are lower from last year at this point but we did see an increase last year at the end of the registration period so we are hopeful the numbers will rise. Our numbers may remain a little lower due to lacrosse starting this year. Jeff Rustom is concerned about the numbers for U9 and U10. If the numbers don't increase dramatically we may not have enough teams to split up the ages like wanted. Others told him it is still too early to tell; we should get higher numbers in the next few weeks and can decide then.

- An email usually goes to all traveling families asking for their help at traveling tryouts. We also send emails to all possible coaches so they hopefully come and help out as well. It also helps for the coaches to be there so they learn the process and can better answer any questions parents might have about it.

- For coaches the process is they fill out an application and a criminal background check form online. They then come in for an interview. It then depends on where their kid places to determine the team they will coach. If their kid places higher on the evaluation list they would coach the A team and if the kid places on the lower end they would be asked to coach the B team.

- A meeting was held on Monday, February 8th with Jim Kiecker and he will have all the equipment ready. We do need to order more pitching machines however.

- We discussed the In-House Volunteer Committee. Jennifer has a few people in mind but wanted to know what the organization would offer them before she approached them.

- Jennifer does have three people set up to work the last walk-in registration night.

- Nick Vetter gave a demonstration on uniforms and apparel. His company is licensed to do apparels and numbering. He wanted the Board to know there are options out there for uniforms and apparel so we could compare apples to apples. He had the numbers we need for in-house and traveling uniforms and gave us some estimates on what it would cost to get the same sort of apparel. Another option would be to use his company apparel as a fund-raiser. An example would be socks can be done at \$3.00 but we could charge \$5.00 and pocket the \$2.00 for the organization. They could do everything from baseball bags to sweatshirts, etc. He could add the AR logo to all of it. The Board then discussed Nick's presentation and the possibilities. The prices are comparable and his company is very creditable. Rob was a little worried about starting this season with uniforms because uniforms need to be ordered in a couple weeks already for the traveling teams. It would be a win-win situation to do a fund-raiser with his company. We could have him set up at the in-house opening weekend and see what the interest is. We could also do a team-by-team fund-raiser to help offset the cost of tournaments. Nick's company does have a great line of accessories as well where Sports Shack has been pretty minimal. It was decided we would use his company for fund-raisers this year and also use his accessories. We will then talk more about switching our uniforms for next year. We will have him list everything on the website so everyone can take advantage of it.

- Jim Hauge asked about ordering long baseball pants for uniforms instead of the calf-sized ones. Rob will look into this.

- We discussed the baseball manual and its polices and procedures. Dale Wippler made a motion to update the manual in a few different ways. First, add all Directors, the Treasurer and the Secretary be given the 100% discount on registrations up to two players, not counting the try-out fee. All Coordinators and other Board Members will be given 50% off registrations up to two players. The Board Members do need to remain in good standing to receive the benefit. Second, update the manual to set out what a full term is for each Board position. A full term will would

entail two years beginning in September - August. The following Board positions will be elected in *odd* years:

- Commissioner
- Assistant Commissioner
- Secretary
- Communications Director
- In-house Director
- Coach/Player Development Director

The positions that will be elected in the *even* years are:

- Treasurer
- Fund-Raiser Director
- Equipment Director
- Volunteer Director
- Traveling Director

Third, the manual needs to set out the requirements for being in “*good standing*” as a Board Member. The requirements are:

- Attend nine out of 12 meetings each year (secretary to track attendance)
- Be up-to-date on all accounts (registrations, tournament fees, tryouts, etc.)
- Serve a full term - however you can switch positions within the Board.

If you fail to meet the requirements of being in good standing you will not receive the registration discount as outlined above.

Dale Wippler made a Motion for these changes to be done and Rob seconded the Motion. It was carried. Trish Olson, as the secretary, will update and revise the manual and will distribute it to everyone at the next meeting. Jim Hague did object to some positions receiving the full discount such as the fund-raiser director if the amount brought in was not up to standards and the secretary if the position only entails taking monthly meeting notes when the age group coordinators do a good amount of work as well. Jay Rumpca mentioned that the standard for any organization includes the secretary along with the president/commissioner, vice president/assistant commissioner, treasurer and secretary. Dale Wippler also explained that the directors take the lead and are mainly responsible for everything getting done. If an age group coordinator doesn't do the work it falls back to the director. It is also sort of an incentive for a age group coordinator to take over the role as a director in the future.

- Mike Whitaker discussed the possibility of doing a pitching clinic for the coaches. It would hopefully take place in mid-April outside. Mike is working with Jeff Satsinger (*spelling?*) and two other local high school guys to get this set up. The other coaches' clinic was then brought up and mentioned again; this sort of pitching clinic would have been added to the other clinic if

we would have ran them ourselves. However, we have the coaches' clinic set up with Extra Innings. It was mentioned a pitching clinic solely focused on pitching may still be worthwhile.

- The dates for the Baseball Extravaganza and the 10U and 12U Tournament were mentioned again, as well as, the opening weekend for in-house teams. The opening weekend begins on May 21st, the Extravaganza will be June 19th and 20th and the 10U and 12U Tournament will be July 23rd-25th. We talked about volunteers running the concessions for these three events. Jennifer is worried about using too many parents for the opening weekend and then not having enough parents to work the end of season tournaments so she is wondering if there is another way we could run the concessions. It was brought up to possibly have traveling players work it and use the money for tournament fees. Nothing was really decided; we will still need to figure this out.