

BASEBALL MEETING NOTES

June 14, 2009

Those in Attendance

Dale Wippler
Jeff Voltin
Jennifer Geiselhart
Jim Hauge
Mike Whitaker
Rich Sjodin
Rob Germinaro
Shelly Sieben
Tricia Olson
Wayne MacFarlane
Jeff Rustom
Randy Barker
Harold Harris

A couple additional people not from the Board - I could not read their signatures

T-Ball/Coaches' Pitch Extravaganza

-The event this year will be on June 20, 2009. Harold Harris and his wife will again run this tournament. We are having the color guard ceremony from the VFW again like last year. We are starting at 9:00 a.m. and will go through 3:00 p.m. Each team will play two games through the day. We also have little games set up for the kids to play for tickets. (Dizzy Bases, Throw to Home Plate, Team-Oriented Relay, etc) They will earn tickets when doing these games for prizes. Shannon has gotten free prizes from merchants, we do have gray kids' t-shirts sitting at George Green we can also hand out. Last year the budget for this tournament was around \$500 although we only spent about \$200 as most things were donated. Rob is checking to see what the budget is for this year and will let them know. Concessions will be open. Shannon will be opening and helping run it. Dominos Pizza will be brought in again like last year in every half-hour intervals to keep the pizza fresh and hot. A place has donated signs to us that we can use for highlighting the little games, showing everyone where each of them are located. We can keep these signs for future use as well. All volunteers will check in with Jennifer and also check out once their job is completed and they will then get their volunteer check back. We need to finalize the schedule so Jennifer has a better idea of when to schedule families for their slots. Steve Hansen said fields will be dragged Friday night but not on Saturday. Parents will need to rake and re-chalk lines if needed. Harold will pick up medals and trophies for this tournament.

10U - 12U Tournament

- Starting Friday night. Once standings are done we will get the schedules finalized. Send a copy of the schedule to Jennifer as early as possible so she can finalize volunteer schedules. Standing weren't working in demosphere; Rich will call coaches that Tuesday night to get all scores so he can update the standings. Umpires will have to check in with Jennifer to get the game ball, etc. Tournament Rule for Pitching, 3, 6, 9 pitching innings for all teams. Pitching Tuesday has no bearing on the tournament. Shelley Sieben will give Rich the trophies for this tournament.

Volunteer Coordinator

- One idea for next year for the volunteer hours is to ask people if they will not be available to volunteer and just take their check. We could then use that money to pay kids/people to work our concession stand during the tournaments. People who absolutely don't want to volunteer or just know their schedule is too hectic we can take their checks right away and don't have to mess with monitoring their hours/duties.
- Another good idea for next year regarding the volunteer hours/checks - have two initial coaches' meetings in the beginning of the season; the first meeting we will hand out the equipment, the volunteer forms and information to the coaches, direct them to have their team meetings and get all the volunteer stuff signed up and taken care of within the next week to week and a half and then have a second meeting about two weeks later to hand out uniforms to the coaches and collect the volunteer forms and checks. If a coach has a family that did not sign up for a job or didn't give the \$50 then the age group coordinator can chase down that family right from the beginning.

New Information

- For next meeting Rob would like to go over what we can do to improve next year. If everyone could go over their job and make a list of what could be done differently to help next year and we can discuss it at the meeting. We are looking to create four new board positions: Field Coordinator, Registration Person, Uniform Person and we desperately need a software/website guru to be the new Demosphere Person. We will be sending out an email to all parents of baseball kids outlining these needed positions.
- 10U Prep League- We do have two dozen eight year olds who have signed up for the extended 10U Prep Season that Jim Hauge has created. The season will be three weeks long starting in mid-July. The season was \$40 for the umpire fee, shirts and help with dragging the field. We are also thinking of getting together with Coon Rapids for the last two games to end the season.
- All Star League- Jay has spoken to Elk River, St. Michael, Champlin and Andover now. St. Michael is out, Champlin is in and Andover still had to talk with their board. We are still hoping to get this off the ground this year but Jeff has tried to set up meetings and hasn't gotten much response. He is kind of concerned but will keep trying. Anoka Football Camp is during the week of July 20-24 which is when the season would start so we would need to figure that conflict out.
- We had a discussion about Fall Ball. Demosphere has been set up that it can now take sign-ups for other seasons. In the past it has really just been volunteers and coaches getting a couple teams together and doing it. If we want the association to officially start a fall league it would require a board position to get it running and to run it. We do run into conflicts with football so we are not sure there would be enough kids. We would need to do some investigating to see what interest there would be.
- It was asked where we are at with In-House Player Evaluations - we are hoping coaches are filling these out.

- Fences should be going up at Alpine 1 and 4 before baseball ends. We have requested the city to cut the sod and put in mounds (because they said we could not do it ourselves) and we are still waiting.

- We had a question about U10 stealing. Games are lasting too long and it was brought up to maybe change rules to no stealing in May and start stealing in June. It was discussed instead of that just put a two hour limit on the games and say no new innings can start after the two hour limit. Also maybe put a limit on pitcher warm-ups to cut down the time.

Treasurer Report

- We are at \$48,000+ (and some rough dollars). We still need to pay for the umpires and the fences. We are right in line with where we should be however for the end of season. We should have about \$8,000 left going into next year and that is right on track.