

BASEBALL MEETING NOTES
July 12, 2009

Those in Attendance

Dale Wippler
J. Rumpca
Jim Kiecker
Mike Hierlinger
Mike Whitaker
Tricia Olson
Wayne MacFarlane
Jeff Ruston
Jeff Voltin
Jennifer Geiselhart
Nick Vetter
Rich Sjodin
Shelly Sieben
Steve Geiselhart
Brian Jachymowski

Equipment Director

- Coaches Pitch has handed in all of their equipment already. We really haven't set up equipment turn in times yet as we will need to go through all of them and figure out what is needed for next year. We will save three volunteers that still want to help from this season to help with this equipment day.

Fund-Raiser Director

- We made \$189 from the Twins game this year. It was a \$3.00 per ticket profit and tickets were down this year. We are not sure of the numbers yet from the golf event. In the past years we have made about \$2500 and we had more golfers this year so should be a little higher.

All-Stars

- They have drafted their players. We have one team for 10 year olds and two teams for 12 year olds
- We have two teams from Champlin and two from Andover. All three cities will each host a couple games and then the season-end tournament will be in Andover.
- The first games are on July 28th and 30th.
- Jeff still needs to order uniforms. Has been waiting to hear back from Rob. He needs to know the player's sizes.
- Jeff still needs to get the players officially registered; had been waiting to hear from Rob but will go ahead and do manual registrations and collect checks. We will skip using Demosphere for this year. It is getting too late.
- Jeff will be contacting Jim for umpires and Steve Hansen for fields. Probably Tuesdays and Thursday. He wanted lights so they may play at Central but he will find out.

Vacant Board Positions

- We really need to full the positions during the next few months so we are ready for next year. The following positions are still open:

In-House Director

Field Coordinator

Software/Website/Demosphere Expert

Communications/PR Director

Registration Coordinator

Uniform Coordinator

**Should we add a Tournament Director for In-House?

**Should we add a position that handles the Policy Book and any new rules, requirements, changes, etc.??

Baseball Extravaganza

- From what we have heard from people this tournament went well. The little games were great especially for the siblings. We were short on donations this year so we used most of the budget. Tahoe and Anoka Sports Shack met us half-way on prize costs

U10/U12 Tournament

- There were a lot of issues with this tournament. Bad coaching behavior and bad parenting behavior is part of the concern. We will discuss some of the issues at the next meeting.

- 10's were short a few medals.

- Rob was going to try and recycle some of the medals

- 12's didn't have an umpire for the first game.

Volunteer Coordinator

- T-Ball and Coaches' Pitch was not real smooth for volunteer hours and checks. But since this was the first year we have done this for this age bracket we will give them a free year and return the checks. Next year we will cash them.

- 10U and 12U had volunteers who did not show up for their shifts. We really need to show these people we are serious about this commitment so this year we are going to cash the checks of those individuals who did not honor their service hours. We have 23 checks still from U10s and 13 checks still from U12s. We discussed it and it was decided to deposit this money into the general baseball account.

- It was discussed to maybe not collect checks from the 13-15 year olds next year. They don't have an end-of-season tournament for the parents to work at so their volunteer opportunities are not that many. Parents for this age bracket usually know the jobs that need to be covered and just do them anyway. They have been involved in baseball long enough to know when they are needed.

- From the 10 traveling teams we had this year we only had three teams turn in their checks/hours. Most of the coaches must have held onto them. There are only a handful of people that are actually in question however; most traveling parents help at one thing or another.

New Business

- We started to talk about changes for next year for In-House U12s. The bases and rubbers should probably be changed. We decided this was a big enough topic that we should schedule a committee meeting just for this purpose. Rob should schedule a committee meeting for all In-House rules and have it held in September or October. We should send an email out to all In-House parents so those that are interested in the rules can attend and voice their opinion.
- We had a lot of parents this year wanting their child to move up to U10. We are thinking of making it a policy if you want your child to move up to a different bracket than their age indicates they need to attend Try-Outs and obtain a certain score. We should say, “these are the steps if you want to move up”.
- We discussed having coaches be required to attend a few meetings next year. Make it a requirement, not an offer, so we can have their input for rule changes, etc.
- We should put together a Try-Out committee and schedule a special meeting to go over procedures, etc.
- For the Communications/PR Director Nick Vetter felt he could fill this role. He is willing to do a lot more communication on the website but needs some direction on what to put up. He is not interested in doing the Demosphere role however.
- Wayne MacFarlane knows a guy that would be perfect for the demosphere position and he has a kid starting ball so we may be able to get him lined up.
- Next month do a review of season. If anyone has ideas for next year, get them to Rob so eh can add to the meeting agenda.
- It was brought up whether we would like to play ball at the Nowandthen field. No one is using it right now and we could probably get it reserved if we wanted to. We discussed that we would to have it four nights a week but we would even take two if we can. We will put the 16's up there on Tuesday and Thursday nights.
- Nick Vetter brought a flyer from Bat to Bases 2009. It is a wood bat sandlot baseball event. They are doing an event on August 1, 2009 in Coon Rapids from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for both boys and girls ages 8 to 12 years old. It is individual registration and the fee is \$15. There will be a progressive sandlot game, Nintendo Wii Home run Derby, three unique baseball clinics, silent auction, baseball art contest, Minnesota Twins Mascot “TC” will be appearing, etc.
- We had a discussion that there are concerns only one person on the board has the treasurer information and access to the account. We need to get a updated report and Rachel, the treasurer, needs to be given the required information. Dale will talk to Rob about this.

Review of 13-15

- Mike Hierlinger will not be at the next meeting so he wanted to give his end of season review at this meeting. We had three 13 year old teams and three 15 year old teams. We played Rogers, Coon Rapids, Andover. We didn't have any playoffs but there is a Gopher State Tournament they could do if they wanted to. The competition was at the right level with all teams being pretty close. The umpires always showed up, etc. The season went real well.

Things To Do:

1. Schedule a community meeting for In-House Rules for September or October.
2. Form a Try Out committee and schedule a meeting to go over procedures.
3. Try and fill Board Positions