

BASEBALL MEETING NOTES
September 13, 2009

Those in Attendance

Jim Hauge
Don Gawreluk
Jeff Rustom
Nick Vetter
J. Rumpca
Jim Kiecker
Mike Hierlinger
Mike Whitaker
Wayne MacFarlane
Jennifer Geiselhart
Rich Sjodin
Shelly Sieben
Randy Sieben
Steve Geiselhart
Brian Jachymowski
Tricia Olson
Rob Germinaro

Treasurer Report

I missed the treasurer report but there are financial worksheets attached to the meeting notes.

Equipment Director

- By the end of November we need to submit to the ARAA Board a printout accounting of all equipment. Even the equipment in bad shape so they can depreciate the value for tax reasons.

Vacant Board Positions

- We have the following vacant board positions:

!	In-House Director
!	Facilities/Field Coordinator
!	Uniform/Registration Coordinator
!	Communications Director
!	13-15 Age Level Coordinator
!	Demosphere Systems Administrator
!	T-Ball Coordinator
!	Treasurer

Jeff Rustom is interested in taking the In-House Director position; Nick Vetter is willing to take the Communications Director position and we have a proposal of Heather Johnson taking the Uniform/Registration Coordinator position. We will be sending out an E-Mail Blast about these vacant positions to everyone in the baseball organization and hopefully will have individuals step up so all the positions may be filled. Nick will type up a short job description for each open position. We will vote on all positions next month and make the appointments official.

New Business

- Jeff Rustom, Jim Hauge and Don Gawreluk are looking into creating a new U9 In-House League. This league would be for those nine year olds that are just not ready to be at the U10 level yet. This league would use slingshot pitching machines for the first four weeks of the season and slowly move into the kids pitching themselves. They would have an outside skills evaluation of all the kids moving from the Coaches Pitch level to ensure the ones that are ready for U10 are moved up and the ones that could really use some more time are put into the U9 league. This evaluation would mainly stress pitching, throwing and hitting. This should help the U10 games move more smoothly and quickly and allow kids the really need some extra help to get it. They think they should have enough kids for six to eight teams at this U9 level. This would reduce the U10 teams basically in half. We would purchase six machines for this new league. They will have a mandatory coaches' meeting to stress that the U9 coaches need to work on their pitchers.

- Each In-House coach will receive an ARAA Coaching Manual. We will also have two coaches' clinics this year. Split them up by age levels to make it more relevant to their teams.

- They are really going to try and find their coaches a head of time this year to get everything in place sooner.

- For coaches' pitch –up we are going to extend the week day to three nights a week instead of two. This will allow a night of practice each week regardless of the game schedule.

- We would like to get a volunteer to put together the ARAA Baseball Manual. Someone that has experience in graphics would be a plus. This would be a one-time commitment.