

BASEBALL MEETING NOTES
October 11, 2009

Those in Attendance

Jim Hauge
Jeff Rustom
J. Rumpca
Mike Hierlinger
Mike Whitaker
Jennifer Geiselhart
Shelly Sieben
Tricia Olson
Rob Germinaro
Dale Wippler
Shane Pribyl
Jeff Lathrop
Dan Williams

Treasurer Report

Dale Wippler is taking over the Treasurer's position. We now have a balance of \$37,280.45. Dale has deposited all the volunteers' checks. We still have some U16B team registration checks to deposit. The U11B team has some players that didn't pay; someone canceled their registration check but their child still played, another didn't pay for the tournaments.

Old Business

- Vacant Board Positions; we had the following people step up to fill some of our vacant board positions; the Board voted on their appointments and they were passed:

Treasurer -	Dale Wippler
In-House Director -	Jeff Rustom
Fields/Facilities Director -	J. Rumpca volunteered but we also heard Mike Hobbner is willing to take this position. We are checking with him
Uniform/Registration Coordinator -	Jeff Lathrop
Communications Director -	Nick Vetter
T-Ball Age Group Coordinator -	Tricia Olson
U9 Age Group Coordinator -	Scott Leffler

Jeff Lathrop may also be willing to be our demosphere expert. He is willing to look into the system and with Mike's help this year give it a try.

We have a tip that Brian Jachymowski may be willing to take the U13/U15 Age Group Coordinator position and we will find out for certain. Also we have asked Randy Sieben to think about the Traveling Director position.

Mike Whitaker unfortunately needs to step down from his position. We will need to find a new U10 In-House Coordinator.

To Recap, we still need the following positions filled and/or confirmed:

U13/U15 Age Group Coordinator

Traveling Director

Fundraiser Director

U10 In-House Coordinator

Fields/Facilities Director – Mike Hobbner or J. Rumpca?

New Business

- Dan Williams, with the Park and Rec Board of Now and Then, came to the meeting and made a presentation to the Board regarding available fields. Now and Then has three fields they would like to offer us for use next Spring, one baseball field and two softball fields They would like to get some youth on the fields and they don't have enough kids to create a league. There is a conflict within the city at the moment; the city council wants to give their baseball field back to an adult team that is currently playing in Elk River. The Park and Rec would like to see youth use the field. Dan would like us to go through the proper channels and go in front of the city council and the Park and Rec would support us. After Dan left the Board discussed it and we would like to use the one baseball field for the 15s and 16s, if possible. We need to put together a proposal for Dan to bring in front of the city council. We think the other two fields in Twin Lakes is a little too far.

- We discussed making a policy of a two-hour time limit for all In-House games, from T-Ball through U12. We put this up for a vote and it was passed.

- U9 League - we would like to create this league to start this Spring. We put it up for a vote and it was passed. Jeff and Scott will get together and decide how they would like it to run, details to be determined.

- In-House U10 Team for B Tournaments - It was brought up by Jeff Rustom to possibly create an In-House U10 team that would participate in a couple B Tournaments to give the kids a better idea what it is like. It was discussed how would we determine what kids make this team, what the cost would be for each kid, what tournaments to enter as registrations begin before the season starts. It was mentioned we could really have issues with this as it will run concurrent with the regular In-House season and their will be kids not chosen for this team playing on teams with kids chosen, etc. It was decided this idea needed more thought and discussion and we tabled it for the Board again later.

- We purchased a software called Survey Monkey that can help us with multiple surveys throughout the year. The coaches surveys are completed. Unfortunately we cannot sort by coaches' name or age; it is more generalized- T-ball and Coaches Pitch, U10-U15 and Traveling. But in demosphere we can switch it to have coaches' names so it was discussed to then maybe give the Directors the password and log-in for demosphere so they can see this surveyed information.

- Players Assessments - All 13-15 assessments have been turned in. Mike H. will enter this info into Excel. All traveling assessments are completed as well. Demosphere can allow a grade to be entered for each kid. We could use this in the future to create more equal In-House teams.

- Sunday Clinics for January-February are up in the air. We may not have the gym for try-outs this year either. We will find out more information in the near future.