

BASEBALL MEETING NOTES
November 8, 2009

Those in Attendance

Jeff Rustom
Nick Vetter
J. Rumpca
Jim Kiecker
Mike Hierlinger
Mike Whitaker
Jennifer Geiselhart
Tricia Olson
Rob Germinaro
Scott Leffler
Jeff Lathrop
Brian Jachymowski
Shane Pribyl
Dale Wippler - came later

Old Business

- Vacant Board Positions. Rob has spoken to someone about the Fundraiser Director and hopefully that person will make a decision about it soon.

Jeff Lathrop and Mike Hierlinger met for about an hour and a half and went over Demoshere. Jeff is willing to take the Demoshere Coordinator position and Mike will continue to help him when needed.

Mike Hobbner is going to be the Field and Facilities Coordinator.

Nick Vetter committed to doing the Communications Director position and will work with Jeff Lathrop on demosphere communications.

Scott Leffler will be the U10 Coordinator as well as the U9 Coordinator.

Brian Jachymowski is thinking about taking the U13/U15 Coordinator position. He will decide for certain next month.

Chuck Day is talking with someone about the Traveling Director position. We will follow up with him on further information.

- Jennifer Geiselhart would like a few more people to help her with the In-House Volunteer duties. Rob suggested creating a committee instead. It was discussed to add 3-4 additional positions to create this committee. Jennifer will lead the committee and have someone in charge of scheduling volunteers, someone in charge of tracking volunteer checks, etc. Rob made a Motion to create this committee and it was passed

- ARAA wants more information on the Nowthen fields before they make a decision on whether to take them up on possibly using them. So far the Board does not think it is worth jumping into the possible political nightmare with the City and the Park and Rec Board. Additionally the Pioneers may still use the main field and we may run into problems with getting enough practice time in, etc. At this point we are thinking we will pass on this proposal.

- In-House Tournaments - Gopher State is going to be opening a new "C" level tournament so they can hopefully get some In-House champion teams involved. There would be a \$500 fee to play in this State tournament; qualifying isn't necessary for this bracket. We discussed having our All-Stars join this tournament instead of creating a U10 tournament team. The fee would go up to \$110 to play in the All-Stars league and it would include this tournament. We made a Motion to include this tournament into our regular All-Stars season and it was passed. We decided not to create a U10B tournament team. Gopher State do not have a location yet to play the "C" level and we discussed offering to host it. We had a discussion about fences for the fields. They cost \$2,000 each to buy; we discussed temporary fences but if the Park Board sees the temporary fences they may want us to continue using those instead of getting permanent fences. We will discuss this more in the future.

- Player Evaluations for 13's and 15's are all done and ready to be given to new coaches.

New Business

- It was brought up to start a "draft" process for our U10 In-House teams. They would have four practices for the draft process. Each kid would be assigned a number. The coaches' kids would be non-draftable, as well as the assistant coaches' kids. The coaches would obviously lose a draft spot for their son's spot. A Motion was brought to create a draft for the U10 league this year and it was passed. The specific criteria for the draft will be discussed more and finalized later.

- It was brought up to extend our season so we aren't rushing things, especially with the weather and getting games started. It was brought up to start the In-House League a couple weeks later with games and then go into July by a couple weeks. Some felt there may be complaints from families but most felt it was worth trying. We put it up for a Motion and it was passed.

- Try outs for traveling baseball will be February 28, 2010 and March 7, 2010. They will be held at the Anoka High School. The school charges \$27 an hour for a janitor fee and in the past we have made a donation of \$2,000 to the Booster Club for the school letting us use the gym and providing the evaluators. We will do this again this year.

- There will be three baseball clinics before try-outs. The dates are January 17, January 31 and February 21, 2010.. The clinics will be \$10 a kid this year.