

BASEBALL MEETING NOTES
December 13, 2009

Those in Attendance

Jeff Rustom
Mike Hierlinger
Tricia Olson
Rob Germinaro
Scott Leffler
Jeff Lathrop
Brian Jachymowski
Shelley Sieben
Dale Brumbaugh
Mike Haubner
Jim Hauge
Dale Wippler - came later
Nick Vetter

Old Business

- Vacant Board Positions: U13-U15 Age Group Coordinator - Brian Jachymowski is ready to commit to being the coordinator for this age group. We did a Motion to name Brian the U13-U15 Age Group Coordinator officially and it was carried.
- Dale Brumbaugh is interested in filling the Traveling Director position. Dale Wippler and Chuck Day have spoken to him about this before and filled him in on the requirements. Dale has coached several times in the past and is acquainted with our organization. Chuck is willing to help him out when necessary as well. Dale Wippler put a Motion up to name Dale Brumbaugh as our Traveling Director and it was passed.
- We still have the Fundraiser Director position open but Rob has been speaking with someone about filling it.

New Business

- We should send out an email blast about the four committees we have to see if there is interest in new people getting involved. We have the Try-Out Committee, the Coach Selection Committee, the Team Selection Committee and now also the In-House Volunteer Coordinator Committee. We will need to get the Try-Out Committee set up right away.
- Traveling Coaches will have to be at the try-outs this year for their age level, it is mandatory.
- Pete Walbot is stepping away from the organization. His son is older and he doesn't really want to stay involved. He is willing to help us run the try-outs however as basically a consultant. Pete does have all the equipment but this could cost us \$500-\$600. Jay, Dale Wippler and Dale Brumbaugh will need to meet with Pete soon to see if his system could be portable to put on a laptop. They will need to get a price quote from him for his time and then look into what it will cost for us to get the software and equipment needed. The main issue isn't really what we use, it is more the time constraints on us for this year. They will also need to put together an equipment list so we know exactly what we will need. Some of what Pete has used in the past is the organization's.
- Jeff Lathrop, Nick Vetter and Mike Hierlinger should set up a time to get together and show

Jeff how to do email-blasts. This should be done in the near future.

- Rob would like to sit down with Dale Wippler and Dale Brumbaugh and put together some information explaining the differences between an A traveling team, a B Traveling Team and the In-House teams so kids and their parents get a better idea of what each is like.

- Rob will be getting dates for walk-in registrations from the Board; a bunch of dates are being thrown around but nothing official; it will probably be mid-February and the end of February.

- We had a discussion about raising fees this year. It was first brought up to raise the fees for In-House teams only; they will have 2-3 more games this year and we will need money for the umpires and field maintenance. It was also mentioned that we will need six more machines for the U9 level so that brings us to basically needing 13 more machines. However we don't raise fees for equipment purchases since the use of the machines will take place for several years. It was then brought up to raise the fees across the board because we are still lower than most, if not all, other local organizations. Dale Wippler brought a Motion to raise the fees by \$5.00 and Jim Hauge did a Motion to raise the fees by \$10.00. The Motion to raise the fees by \$10.00 across the board was voted on and the Motion was carried.

- We did ask the Treasurer how much money we had currently and we have basically \$26,000 in the account right now. However \$22,000 of it was set aside for fences at Alpine so we have approximately \$4,000 floating. The \$22,000 should be spent this year; the fences were suppose to be done last year but weren't.

- Baseball Anoka Clinics are going to be at two different times this year; 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. for ages Kindergarten - Fourth Grade and 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. for Fifth Grade - Ninth Grade. The fee for each clinic is \$10.00.

- We had a discussion about Coaches Clinics. Jim Hauge was wondering if we could get \$500 from the budget and get a few people with good experience to conduct a clinic for coaches. We could have several guys come and pay them \$100 each for their time, just as a thank you. Nick Vetter also brought up the Twins Clinic in April that is pretty good and maybe use that as a coaches' clinic. Have it be mandatory for the coaches to go to and budget it in. The high school coach is also willing to help if he can. Rob said for anyone interested in putting a clinic together they should get all the details and the cost together and then present the clinic idea to the Board. We could put a clinic idea up for a vote via email if necessary due to time restraints; needing to be set up for the next Board meeting.

- Dale Wippler spoke a little bit about the Bylaws and wanting to change some things. For example, if you are a Board Member for two years your volunteer requirements are filled for good, you never will be required to fill a volunteer job/duty; to be considered in "good standing" with the Board you will have to attend 10 meetings per year; for registration fees we would say free for Voting Board Members and half-price for Age Group Coordinators., etc.

- It was also brought up that we should alert In-House parents and kids that we are doing a May Kick-Off this year and playing on Friday and Saturday for the first games of the season. We will either add it to an email blast or will add it to the flyers that go home.

TO DO'S:

- 1. Jay, Dale Wippler, Dale Brumbaugh and Rob(?) need to get together with Pete Walbot to get a price quote on renting him for the try-out process vs. getting the software needed. Need to find out if his system could be portable and put on a laptop. Need also to put a list of needed equipment together - some of which Pete has used that the organization owns.**
- 2. Jeff Lathrop needs to be trained in regarding email blasts.**
- 3. Rob, Dale and Dale need to sit down and put information together explaining the A Traveling Team, B Traveling Team and In-House Team for parents and kids so they get a better idea of each.**
- 4. Dale Wippler continue to work on changing the Bylaws - with Rob?**