

PWYSA Board Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2011
Lunds Plymouth

Attendees: Dennis Spindler, Mike Carter, Terri Schifferle, Brian Ingeman, Tom Mertens, Mark Anderson, Mike Rod, Don Frank, Joe Waalk, Sue Edblom

Guests: Charlie Thomas, Jim Helseth, Chris Wesberg, and Kevin Werstein

Meeting called to order at 0711pm.

Financial update

Some money came in this month from final Vortex expenses.

September is \$4800 negative, however, this will be off-set with additional Vortex expense collections and clinic fees.

Cash on hand is in a solid position going in to Winter.

First dome payment is due in December, then again in January and April.

Motion made to accept the financials. It was seconded and passed.

Winter clinics

Fees will remain the same as last year. Clinicians are beginning to be lined up. There will be 3 pitching and 3 hitting clinicians. We will also be adding Jessica Merchant, assistant coach at the University of MN on Tuesday's for hitting. There will also be some high school and college volunteers.

We will continue to watch registration numbers and adjust clinicians as needed. Maple Grove has just opened a new dome this fall. They will be doing clinics and dome ball also. We will need to promote our clinics to keep interest levels up. We need about 70 kids signed up, with about 100 sessions to break even. Winter Clinics are not a money maker for PWYSA. We work hard to break even. Our goal is to promote softball for our organization.

We are committed to 100 hours in the dome. Fees are \$130-150 per hour. This is based on a contract that was signed several years ago. It will end in about 3 years. We will look at renewing our contract at that time.

To date over 600 emails have been sent highlighting the clinics.

Joe and Mike C are working on getting the clinicians signed up. Pitching will include Lynn, Piper, Nicky, and Brianna. Hitting will include Amber, Missy, Kia, and Jessica. Catching clinics will be set up separately. Pitching and skills will be Sundays 1130-230pm and pitching and hitting will be Tuesdays from 730-10pm. Clinics start November 27th.

Guest, Charlie wonders if coaches are required to attend? Unfortunately coaches are not in place by then. Brian suggests asking Missy if she will help with a coach clinic sometime in March or April to identify things to work on.

Travel update

Some girls who tried travel fall this fall were surprised by the schedule and travel. Most played 10u.

Guests, Jim and Chris raise a question about the gate fee collected prior to tournaments. They are wondering if it could be added into the fees already paid by participants. This creates several issues such as check preparation and reimbursement. It is decided that this will be the coaches or team parents responsibility to collect.

Guest, Charlie provided feedback related to the 16u experience this fall. There was discussion about how to improve the experience for the girls in the fall season. It is suggested and determined

that some sort of evaluation must be done prior to forming teams in the fall. As always, the association is looking for coaching at all levels

It is decided that there were many lessons learned from this past fall. We need to make adjustments. Will need to look at an evaluation system for pitchers, catchers, and coaches. Also look at surveys to get additional feedback from parents in the program.

Mike C will form a committee to make the experience better for next year.

Sue suggests that we make a better effort to reach out to the girls. Try to encourage pitchers to take clinics over the winter. Get girls in to other clinics. This is help develop our girls and strengthen our program.

We need to identify coaches earlier. We need to communicate to players and parents what it means or is expected to play at the A level. We need to develop and strengthen girls coming up in the program.

Questions raised about 14u players who do not play Vortex or another elite team. Mark A suggests tryouts in the fall as most elite teams are already formed or tryouts are over.

14u/travel committee will be composed of Dennis, Mike C., Mark, Brian, and Mike R. Agenda items to include players-what we have and what we need, coaching concerns, tryout process, and player development.

Brian suggest end of year player punch lists for the girls before they leave each level. Example bunting, running, throwing, etc.

Rec update

We need to get the word out to all about the winter clinics. It is decided that mass email should come from Jeff France as most rec parents identify with him.

Mound softball approached the organization about adding 1-2 teams to our program with the understanding that they would travel 90% of the time. Jeff will update us at the next meeting.

Dome ball update

Interest is at the 14u and 16u level. No Sunday am's this year. We will hopefully have this back next year. This is the time slot that the high school level played at. Times are Saturdays 6-10pm or 7-10pm. 55 minute games with umpires provided. Team 1 vs team 2, team 1 vs team 3, and team 2 vs team 3. Dates to include 12/31, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21-these are 6-10pm. 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, and 2/18-these are 7-10pm. You play everyother Saturday on a rotational basis.

Operations

All equipment should have now been returned. Kent is working on this. We will need to take inventory before winter clinics start. We need to make sure that we are getting everything back that we have given out.

Communications

Mark will look into prior surveys that were used. He will then send out to all involved.

Mark states that for all winter clinics he designed separate information sheets for each skill-pitching, hitting, and skills. There is a registration option at the bottom of each sheet.

Registration for winter clinics will remain open until the week prior to the start date.

Question raised regarding scholarships. Will they be available for clinics? This will be based on a need to need situation and brought to the board for vote.

Soft goods

Mark and Dennis will look into an online store for the holiday season. Igin will charge a fee for items that are sold. We can pick the items we want to sell on it. Mark will look at other organizations to see how they do it. He will bring this back to the next board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 0930pm.

**PWYSA AGENDA
November 14, 2011
7pm Lunds Plymouth**

Presentation from Ted Schmitz-SportsStar Photography 0715pm.

Financial update

Travel update

Committee update

Tryouts-14u

Player development

Player punch lists-what's needed for each level, esp A level

Coaching

Coaching clinics

Coaching and player evaluations

Rec update

Mound rec teams

Dome ball update

Communications

Survey update

Online store update

Winter clinic update

Registration numbers

Clinicians

Fundraiser

Operations/equipment update