

## July Dugout Club Minutes

- 1) Suzanne ran down financials. Our balance as of the meeting was \$7671.66 including \$2000 raised for the proposed BBC1 batting cage project. Eric reminded the board that we had also committed approximately \$2000 to help supplement the new uniforms. This puts us close to in line with where the Dugout Club has been in past years.
- 2) Eric discussed the VFW tournament and noted it ran well with no issues. It was proposed that we include an invitation to the 15AAA team each year as well. Approximate revenue was about \$4500 with the primary expense being about \$2000 for umpires. The format was good this year with a couple of suggestions for possible changes for next year.
- 3) Mark and Wendy discussed the fundraising for signage for the proposed batting cage. \$2200 has come in with commitments for signage. Wendy and Mark have some additional businesses that they will hit to help raise more funding.
- 4) The batting cage proposal was discussed further. Eric will be contacting Jerome Krieger at the City of Blaine to pitch the project and find out where we stand. In addition, he will pursue bids for a several options from low to high on what the cage will entail. Ernie will contact BATBA to solicit funding in the amount of \$2500. Suzanne stated that the youth hockey board is putting a policy in place for donation requests so there may be a possibility of some funding from that source but it would not be a large amount. It was also mentioned that we should hit up the Fusion as they would be a primary user of that facility as well. The Dugout Club has some funds it could kick in but may be a bit limited in knowing what it can do until the new uniforms are finalized. Mike will send out an email looking for parents within our organization that may have connections to both fencing and concrete companies that would be willing to donate some labor and/or materials to complete this project. As we have already banked some money from donations on this project, it was agreed that we must take some action steps to make this project happen.
- 5) Wendy Chudek has secured Good Friday for bagging for players at the Blaine Cub foods. She is working on lining up another date (Thanksgiving Week?) at the Northtown Cub but they were having some changes that was making it hard to get this lined up.
- 6) Eric discussed the large player rosters on both the VFW and Legion squads. This is a difficult situation but in his discussions with other coaches, there does not seem to be a good solution that any of them have come up with.
- 7) Eric would like to get some relief from the Dugout Club in regards to managing summer operations for VFW and Legion. He suggested that we have a BDC board member assigned as a summer baseball operations manager. This person would do

things like handle odds and ends like scheduling for the summer teams. Deanne Miller's name was brought up as a person who may do a good job in this regard.

8) Our next meeting will happen sometime in November and that will also be our annual meeting as well as a player/family meeting. Date TBD.