

Blaine High School Baseball

Dugout Club Meeting

October 28, 2015

Board Attendees:

Ernie Johnson - President
Mark Sonaglia - Vice President
Suzanne Slawson - Treasurer
Mike Laciskey - Secretary
Scott Wuertz - Junior - At Large
Wendy Chudek - Sophomore - At Large
Deanne Miller - Freshman - At Large
Eric Feigum - Head Coach

Board Absent:

Dawn Rustad - Senior - At Large

Other Attendees:

Joe Monnins
Don Hallaway
Stacie Hallaway
Kenny Bryant
Diane Mullins
Greg Smith
Deidre Fish
Eric Pardo
Kyle Haring

Agenda

Fall Organizational Meeting

The parent/player meeting will take place Nov. 10 or Nov. 17 depending on availability of the auditorium. Players will meet for the first 30 minutes to vote for captains. Returning letter winners and seniors vote for captains. Coach Feigum will give a program overview to all players and parents. There will also be a Dugout club overview and elections for open seats. Two board seats are up for re-election (President and Treasurer) and 4 At Large seats (one for each grade) are open. The Dugout Club will set the December to July meeting schedule at this meeting.

Summer Ball

Coach Feigum requested a volunteer to help with summer baseball. This role would help the coaches with field scheduling and tournament registrations. Deanne Miller

volunteered to take on this role.

Cub Foods Bagging Fundraiser

We have two Cub Foods bagging fundraisers scheduled. Wednesday Nov. 25 at the Cub Foods at Northtown and Good Friday at the Cub Foods on Hwy 65. The Board suggested assigning time slots by grade and making sure that there is not too many/few kids signed up for any one session. Deanne Miller volunteered to manage the player sign ups.

Open Gym

Open Gym (also known as captain's practice) is available for all 9-12 graders on Sunday evenings and Thursday mornings. Player attendance is optional. There will be 10 sessions in the BHS Field House starting Feb. 4. The schedule is posted on the website. The 9th grade coaches will supervise on Thursday mornings. Scott Wuertz and Mark Sonaglia volunteered to supervise on the Sunday dates. There are no lockers available during open gym so the players will need to store their baseball gear in their cars or lockers after open gym on Thursdays.

Youth Clinic

In prior years this has been offered to 3rd – 8th graders. In 2014 clinic attendance was low, approximately 30 players. The board decided to offer the youth clinic to 8th – 9th graders. The Board will notify baseball players within BHS, BALL, SBAA and Traveling BB. We will follow up with the BATBA Traveling Director, Jim Conlee, to confirm that the clinic dates do not conflict with traveling BB clinics. This clinic is a fundraiser for Blaine HS baseball. The Blaine coaches will instruct the clinic. The clinic is planned for 3 Sundays Feb. 28, March 6, March 13. We will provide online registration and charge \$65. This is a \$5 increase to offset the cost of online registration. Walk-up registration will also be accepted and can pay by cash or check. A few parent volunteers will be needed for player check-in and walk-up registrations.

Batting Cage

Ernie communicated that a new batting cage is being planned for BBC1 field near the left field line. This will be a dual (side by side) batting cage with an artificial turf surface, 2 new L screens and vinyl backdrops. We have received financial commitments of \$3K from BATBA, \$2K from Town Ball Fusion and \$2K from BYHA. We do not have a commitment from SBAA yet but we are doing a bulk order with SBAA which will save approx. \$1K. We are also planning to purchase the vertical poles locally which will save shipping. We are not sure of ground prep costs. Ernie will attend the City of Blaine council meeting to get approval for this project and determine if the City is willing to prep the site in the spring. Ernie made a motion for a \$6K commitment from Dugout Club to cover the remaining expenses. Mike seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

Signs

Coach Feigum asked for a status of field signs. These are signs sponsored by local

businesses that are hung on the outfield walls of BBC1. Fast Signs is our supplier for these signs. Mark and Wendy have approached a lot of businesses in the community but not much luck. Many businesses asked us to come back closer to baseball season. Wendy has a spreadsheet of all the businesses that they contacted. Two signs are currently in production and are planned to be hung on the new batting cage. The City will manage the scoreboard signs going forward.

Meeting Minutes

We have not been very good at publishing meeting minutes on the website. Mike will route the meeting minutes for approval and publish to the website no later than one week after the meeting.

Budget Planning

Suzanne summarized the financials. September is our fiscal year end. We spent more than we brought in last year. We currently have a \$5,500 balance which is on track to prior years. We still owe \$300 to the City of Blaine for VFW tournament field usage fees. Coach Feigum ordered new uniform for Varsity and JV. The old uniforms will be passed down to B Squad and 9th grade teams.

Banquet

Coach Feigum mentioned that we are playing in a new section this year therefore the schedule is not firm yet. We will be able to start discussing the Banquet date in a few weeks. All agreed that Majestic Oaks worked out well last year. Julie Laciskey will lead the banquet committee this year. Many parent volunteers will be needed.

Registration

Baseball registration is not available yet. We need to make sure we communicate the requirement for sports physicals every 3 years.