

Northfield Youth Baseball Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, February 10th
7:30 pm

Members in attendance: Rich Cahoon, Mike Glampe, Sean Stanchina, Art Monaghan, Daniel Hollerung, Megan Kraby, Kristin Holz, Mark Auge, Jerry Smith
Others in attendance: Chris Graupmann

Administrative Reports

1) Approval of minutes

January minutes approved and posted to the NYBA website.

2) Financials

None discussed .

3) Other Items

Feedback given regarding proposed new NYBA Board structure and job descriptions

Summer community ed brochure – Jerry will submit an ad. Half page ad will cost \$275.

Travel Report

Open Gym times – bullpen and batting cage

Batting cage sessions are set up for Sunday evenings. Bullpen sessions are set up for Saturday afternoons. They are for all players in 6-8th grade. The cost is \$5 per session. To register go to the Player Development tab and select open gym sessions, pre-registration is encouraged.

Registration update -

47 players currently registered to try out.

Tryouts -

Chris Graupmann – tryout coordinator

Tryouts will be held March 15-17th at Carleton College field house. Tryout schedule is posted on the website.

Parents can stay during their child's tryout times, which is different than last year. There will be a designated seating area.

Tryout volunteers are needed! Sign up is available on the website as a sub-tab under the tryout schedule. There are still a number of spots to fill! Please sign up for a time when your child is not trying out.

Drills and stations from last year worked well. As a change, players will take shorter turns at bat and will go through the order multiple times, instead of one longer turn.

Tryout evaluators will receive \$50/day - \$200 if they are there all 3 days

We will need 7-8 evaluators for travel and 3-5 for in-house evaluations.

In-House Report

Uniforms -

Rich had sample hats for the board to look at. Hats were around \$12.

Jersey estimates for Rookies/Minors/Majors around \$15.50 each and \$11 for t-ball/Futures dry fit shirts.

In-House evaluations – set for April 2, 2016

They will be the same format as last year. Each age group will be given a 1 hour time block. Specific times are posted on the website.

Volunteers will be needed. Please see the sign up form, which is a sub tab under In-House – Evaluations.

May practices/Saturday clinics – more to come

Coaches meeting – April 8, 2016 from 6-8 pm at Northfield High School

The meeting times will be divided by League and will provide a season overview and well as review of changes, new coaching resources

Board will be on the lookout for candidates or interest from those interested in being an in-house coordinator for next year (2017).

Registration update -

20 registered to date.

Aaron Rushing, Carleton College Baseball Head Coach, is creating a website for coaches to get drills and reference videos.

Twins Fields for Kids

Up to the \$5000 in grant money available.

60% of the money is required to go to marketing, recruitment of players and coaches

It will be required that their logo is on our jerseys

Deadline is March 11 – Rich to apply

Matching grant of \$1000 – 10,000

Funds must be used for field renovations.

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Other/New Items

Catcher's Equipment -

Jerry received a couple of estimates.

Universal Athletic was the best price.

\$120 for Mask/Shin guards/Chest protector set – youth size

\$140 for Mask/Shin guards/Chest protector set – intermediate size

We will need to order 18 sets total (13 in-house; 3 travel; 2 spare)

Jerry will get quotes on catcher's mitts and ts as well.

Umpire Coordinator Paul Eddy to step down – NYBA will be looking for someone able to fill this role.

Email re: NYBA promotion of fall baseball -

NYBA Board members received an email from a concerned party regarding their promotion of fall baseball on the NYBA website. The board had discussion regarding this concern and as a result came to the following conclusion:

It is not the intent of the NYBA program or board members to promote or endorse any league or program outside of the NYBA. The NYBA simply provides development information to parents and player who choose, on their own, to continue play when the NYBA is not in season so they are aware that these are trusted leagues and associations based on past player experiences.

Email regarding parent interest in 3rd grade travel/tournament team -

The Board held discussion regarding the addition of a 3rd grade tournament team and came to the conclusion that they are not able to support or facilitate that at this time.

Concessions – Daniel composed a draft proposal for the boards review. Discussion will be help at a later date.