



Baseball Board Meeting
August 28, 2016
at 8 PM

Meeting Called to Order at 8:06 PM

1. Roll call

Present: Pat Mahr, Mike Marso, Jen Wenzel, Heidi Hansen, Chris Summerfield, Steve Klebba, Tony Dagostino, Tom Sax, Patty Preblich, Chris Reff, John Golden

Absent: Dan Whelan, Anne Thomas

2. End of year review (recap of each League Level)

Tball - Tom Sax

Tball went well. The program changed this year. Five stations went well. Positive feedback was given to the station work. No complaints were received about the new format. The kids were much more active than in the past when the kids only did a game. This year there was station work first then the game. Tom was at opening day and closing day. That was appreciated by Pat. Chris Reff asked for Tom to give out an end of the season questionnaire to the coaches to verify the format worked best. Tom did a great job as a first year league rep.

CPBB - Tony Dagostino

Tony shared a written report. There was a lot of discussion about team size. It was recommended that we cap teams at 10 players. He had several recommendations for the league to consider. The board will have further discussion on these recommendations from Tony:

- 60 minute game max
- extra kids in in outfield so no one is sitting on the bench
- outfielders have to throw to a base to get an out instead of running to the base
- training aid for batter's box to assist where to stand
- no draft (league and league rep would form teams)
- establish specific skills to be taught at this level

- move umpire to the bases and use a parent behind home plate
- league schedules practices

Minor - Dan Whelan

Dan was not present, but sent comments about the season. The recommendation is to eliminate stealing. There were some issues during the season on players not getting 2 innings in the infield if the game was shortened. We will add to our rule book that players should get their 2 innings in before the 4th inning.

International/American- Steve Klebba

Both levels ran well during the season. There were some issues during the playoffs. The voting board is meeting on this issue and making recommendations to eliminate this in the future.

National League- John Golden

The season went well over all. This year the teams played fewer games. It was recommended that we schedule a practice 1 time a week. Not all teams scheduled a weekly practice. We should build these into the schedule for next year.

3. All-Stars/State Tournament/Metro Classic

We hosted the American League all star tournament. There will be changes for this next year. We will be giving this tournament a new name. One of our 10 year old all star teams did well. There was a lot of discussion about how many all star teams we should have for next year. Many members recommended 1 all star team at each level. Tournaments were well attended and went well.

4. Fall Baseball Numbers -Tony Dagostino

We had about 40-45 kids. Some kids wanted to be able to play up and we didn't let them. Tony is working hard to make this work for the kids.

5. Equipment return (Chris Summerfield)

Most of the equipment has been returned. There are some teams still playing. Chris is working on the bee issue at Eck/Lions.

6. Board members that are returning for the 2017 Season

Tom Sax - yes

Tony Dagostino.- yes

Dan Whelan - yes

Steve Klebba - no

John Golden - yes

Chris Reff -yes

Mike Marso -yes

Patty Preblich -no

Heidi Hansen- yes

Chris Summerfield - yes

Pat Mahr - yes

Jen Wenzel - yes

The voting board will seek a replacement for Steve and Patty's vacancies.

7. New Business

Coach Evaluations - we would like to increase participation in evaluations. These will be reviewed at the September meeting.

Next Meeting: ~~September 18, 2016~~ September 19, 2016

Meeting Adjourned: 9:25 PM