

Baseball Board Meeting
March 13, 2016
at 7PM

Meeting Called to Order at 7:07 PM

1. Roll call

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

Absent: Patty Preblich

2. Brian Rabbe Clinic- feedback

The clinic went well. A lot of t-ball coaches has questions. Positive feedback was given by many board members and coaches.

3. Tryouts- draft update (each league rep)

National League: went well

American League: draft went well as well.

International League: draft also went well. This level was missing coaches. So other than that the draft went well. There are still a few openings for players

Minor: 2 openings - 8 teams total- draft went well.

4. Updates on late registrations & number of teams

T-ball- 8 teams

Coach Pitch- 14 teams

Minor- 8 teams

International - 8 teams (short 2 coaches at the draft) At the draft this level was short 2 coaches. A team was drafted for each of these teams missing coaches.

Since the draft, coaches have been found for each team. Unfortunately some parents didn't know how the draft worked and were concerned about the two

coachless teams formed. In the future, the league can do a better job of communicating how this happened so this doesn't happen again.

American - 4 teams

National - 4 teams

5. Better Training for New League Reps.

This year we have two new league representatives. Both of them are doing a great job, however, there are many things they don't know. We need to get a process in place to help the league reps learn what is expected and how things work.

6. Discussion on hand-out >> Possible Changes

7. Park clean up discussion

Park clean up is April 9 9:30- 12:00 - Anne went through field assignments with league reps. Information will be given to parents/coaches via the Team Parent. Team Parents will get this information at the team parent meeting.

8. President District report

No meeting occurred since our last board meeting. So there is nothing to report.

9. Discussion about Indoor Practices (Anne)

The gym is not being cleaned up at the end of indoor practices. The league reps are being asked to send an email to all coaches asking to clean up after/before practices. They should also remind the parents to stay outside of the practice area and wait in the meeting area. This is for safety reasons.

10. New Business

Schedules are being worked on at all levels. They will be released when they are finalized. Our goal is the end of March.

The Scott Brainerd Tournament is in the works again. There are teams from Shoreview, Coon Rapids, and Hastings coming to play. We are waiting to hear from Plymouth/New Hope to see if they will be in the tournament.

There are new uniforms in the works for American players. These uniforms look awesome. National League uniforms are the same but they have new hats. The other leagues have new shirts except for t-ball. T-ball will have the same as last year. We hope that everyone is very happy with the new looks. These should be ready soon.

Outdoor equipment will be handed out at the first aid clinic. Along with the Twins ticket distribution.

Standings in National League- the board is considering the idea of keeping standards. Members discussed how to make this reality. We would like to make this a reality for this 2016 season. A point system will be put into place to give coaches an incentive to pitch 11 year olds. John Golden will be communicating this to the coaches.

A handout was distributed with tryout review items. These were based on issues the league faced this year. Members discussed the issues and brainstormed possible solutions.

- teams without coaches
- special player circumstances before draft (health/personal issues)
- help for league reps learning new positions
- spacing out tryouts for National/American/International
- equalizing tryouts to ensure the kids are making the proper team

T-Ball format will change this year. There will be a practice/station format for the first 45 minutes and a 2 inning game the second 45 minutes.

Next Board Meeting- after the baseball season!!!!