

# Inver Grove Heights Baseball Association

## Meeting Agenda

October 1, 2017

6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Jeff, Jon, Jamie, Jesse, Jessica, Mikko,  
Judy, Coach Zach, Chad Langton

- I. Call to order 6:01pm by Jesse
- II. Approval of IGHBA minutes from 9/10/17 meeting Motion- Jeff,  
2<sup>nd</sup>- Jon
- III. Introduction Zach Hendrikson- Simley head coach, introduce  
everyone present. Try to get all organizations on the same page, be  
a cohesive group and hear Zach's vision and what he needs. There  
was a "mishap" in 2017 with the VFW/Legion program and teams  
were not signed up.
- IV. Discussion of IGHBA & Simley Booster Club working together
  - a. IGHBA handling admin duties for summer VFW/Legion  
IGHBA handle registrations on website and work with Zach.  
Zach would do team placements and find and work with  
coaches. (Zach is currently head coach for SSP Legion. He is  
ready to cut ties with SSP and strictly be in IGH. He has an  
assistant coach and can find another head and assistant coach  
for the 2 teams.) There would be a possibility of SSP kids  
coming and playing for IGH. IGH kids would have priority over  
any SSP kids, no matter their skill level. Ideally, 13-14 on a  
team. If there are a lot of kids, we can apply for a 1A team. As  
far as ages, VFW is 15-16 and Legion is 17-18. Exceptional  
players can be moved up to play VFW or Legion. The last 3  
years, IGHBA has had a lot of 15-year olds holding out to play  
VFW and some have ended up not playing at all due to not  
signing up for IGHBA and not making VFW.

The consensus among IGHBA and Boosters is that we can take  
the registrations and help with any other support that Zach  
needs. Zach would like to handle and schedule games and  
umpires. IGHBA will take player registrations online. VFW

and Legion registrations need to be submitted by March 15. Have all potential Legion and VFW kids go through tryouts on Feb 24, 2018 at Hamline (with IGHBA). \$400 registration for Legion and VFW (no volunteer hours required-tournaments are away). A coach shirt and tournament fees come out of their registration fees.

- b. Fundraising/Volunteering In the past Boosters have had to raise \$5000-8000/year. Come up with new fundraising ideas. Taco feeds have declined over the years. Outback will host a fundraiser. \$25/person, players are the servers and Outback donates the food(?). Can have a silent auction as well. Would like March around the beginning of the season (March 10 or 17). Boosters also sell flowers from Gertens (or gift cards).
- c. Website(s)
  - i. Have everything go through IGHBA site Would be easier to have 1 website for both teams. Have a specific page for Simley baseball. Zach and Chad both think this would be good.
- d. How duties will be handled between organizations
- e. Other suggestions/topics Briefly talk about Winter Clinic Dec 27-28 and Coaches clinic March 10.

Coaches for 2018? All coaches except one said yes. The no was because the players need someone new to take them farther and be another voice. Jesse would like to have a paid coach for 14/15 and maybe even 13's for 2018. Zach suggested sending an email to MYAC coaches for the summer of 2018 (paid). College kids with baseball knowledge and skills. For a quality candidate, pay \$1500-2000. Zach would sit in on "interviews" if we need him. Need to get the info to the colleges ASAP while they are still playing fall ball and get them to commit now.

Discuss tryout time slots at the November meeting. Zach suggested having the VFW/Legion kids at 7am or 8am.

- V. Open Floor/Announcements . 1-Waiver was sent to the 12A parents- have not heard anything back. 2-Possible board members- Pietsch-equipment? Jesse will talk to him. 3-Registration refund for 2017 coaches (Kueffler)- Judy will check into it. 4-Equipment turn in date- this week. 5-Meat raffles- every Saturday in November

11:30-2:30pm. 6- Boosters are looking for someone to announce at all Varsity home games. 7-Jeff talked to Matt last week about a softball tournament. Possibly the weekend after our June tourney. 16 teams at RV. He's going to look into it more.

-Simley's new jerseys will be \$3450 to outfit 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> (70 jerseys). In the past the school has paid for jerseys, but are not paying this year due to budget cuts. The Christmas Clinic is a fundraiser for this, but we are unsure of the numbers (hopefully \$1500??). Would IGHBA pay for the jerseys and then the varsity players work the May tournaments? Chad thinks the players need to WORK for the uniforms. Sunday clinics would be another time that Varsity students could "work off" the uniform costs.

-What do we pay the 13A coach from 2017? He was aware that the pay was \$1500-2000. One option- split the \$1500 between the head and assistant. Or \$500 to the head (missed 4 games) and \$750 to the assistant. Motion \$500 to head, \$750 to assistant. Motion-Jon, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Jamie

- VI. Next meeting November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 6pm
- VII. Adjournment 7:47pm Motion-Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Jon