

AV Baseball Board Meeting

9.14.20 7pm

Agenda

1. **Call To Order -Brian** **5 Minutes**
 2. **Summer Season Wrap Up** **20 Minutes**
 - a. Positives/Negatives
 - i. Covid Issues you had to deal with?
 - ii. Length of season
 1. Any input from parents both positive/negative?
 - a. Discussions were very positive regarding the summer season. People were happy that we got a season in, felt the # of games we were able to play was positive and were happy to play in a few tournaments the summer
 - iii. 2020 Survey
 1. Specific questions to include?
 - a. Will you be participating in traveling baseball next summer for VAA?
 - b. What age/ level did you participate on?
 - i. Positives/Negatives
 - ii. Were you happy with the job the team coaches did?
 - c. Changes you would like to see in the program
 - d. Add a comment section
 - iv. Any other issues?
3. **Director Updates** **50 Minutes**
 - a. Age Group Coordinators (Mac & Rob)
 - i. Mac – Anything new? Moving to 13-15 age group coordinator?
 1. Mac will be moving to the 13-15 age group coordinator
 - ii. Rob – Need to find a replacement for Rob as he is now off the board
 1. In search of a replacement for Rob, hoping to get someone from the lower age groups that will be in the program for a while
 - iii. Winter Clinics?
 1. Andy has looked into the Savage dome and for \$150 we can rent 1/3 of the dome on Sunday Evenings
 2. We can also rent batting cages for \$33/hr at the savage dome
 - a. Another option is CA Gear in Rosemount
 - b. Possible group rate of \$100/hr
 - c. Maybe put a package together
 - i. 5 Sundays for \$30/per player
 - d. Brian to contact Coach Firpo to see if he will be holding any winter clinics at the high school like previous years
 - iv. Include fall ball under VAA?

1. VAA has not covered Fall Ball in the past
 - a. Jeremy will bring this up to the big board for approval
 2. Leads to issues with not being able to use AV fields unless you want to rent them \$50/hr
- b. Firehawks
- i. This yr obviously didn't work out as planned, but we feel it went smoothly up to the point that we had to pull the plug
 - ii. How big do we want to go next yr?
 1. Briefly spoke with Jordan from Burnsville, I get the feeling he would be on board for across all ages
 2. Do we combine top teams?
 3. Have initial discussions with Burnsville on opening this up to all age groups?
 - a. Board vote
 - i. 8 Yay, 1 Nay
 - ii. Motion Passed
 - iii. Brian and Jeremy will discuss with Jordan Dam, the Burnsville Baseball Commissioner
 - iv. After discussing with Burnsville a decision will be made for which levels per age group we would want this to apply too
- c. Fields (Don)
- i. Groomer Winterization
 1. Don will call to set up an appointment
 - ii. Prior to next season, we need to have the fields re-pegged for bases
 1. Possibly ask for them to put neon colored markers
 - a. A lot of the VMS fields I know are missing either the male or female end in the ground
 - b. Mark every base distance the field can accommodate
 - i. Brian to contact Tom Cardella to line this up with the city
- d. Equipment (Brian/Jeremy) – Replacement?
- i. Not much was purchased this year to keep spending down
 - ii. Things we need before start of season:
 1. Replacement equipment bags
 2. Yellow weighted balls (Other options)
 3. Bownet replacement bags
 - iii. Tee's – Did any of the coaches on the call use one of the new white tee's we got?
 1. Positive feedback on these. Also a cheaper option for next yr
- e. Concessions (Annie)

- i. Any updates? Guessing not, at this time
 - ii. Crown Rental seemed great to work with per Annie
 - f. Web/Volunteers (Katie)
 - 1. Any major issues this year?
 - 2. I know we started out the season on top of things and then when the craziness picked up, we kind of got busy with other things
 - g. Treasurer (Lonnie)
 - i. 2020 Financial Review
 - ii. We will need to get started on the Budget for 2021
 - 1. October/November present 2021 budget to the big board
 - iii. Fall Ball registrations through VAA?
 - 1. Jeremy will be talking to the big board about this
 - iv. 2021 Fundraiser
 - v. 2021 Sponsors
 - 1.
 - h. Tournaments (Andy)
 - i. 2020 Fall Tournament – Hosting
 - 1. Board agreed it was to late for this, but a great option for next year
 - ii. 2021 Tournaments
 - 1. Tournament registration needs to be opened sooner this year
 - 2. Avoid weekends we are competing against the larger tournaments like Rochester, etc
 - 3. Do we want to host?
 - 4. All age levels?
 - i. Uniforms (Katie/Annie/Brian)
 - i. Overall impression of General Sports uniforms?
 - ii. Jim was a pleasure to work with
 - iii. I know Universal Athletics really wants our business along with Rsmt, Lakeville and Farmington
 - iv. My thoughts are we stay with General Sports again for next yr and give our business again to Jim
 - v. Board agreed to stay with General Sports and work with Jim
 - vi. One additional add in is to order a handful of jerseys with no names on the back to avoid issues at the beginning of the season and players joining late, etc
 - 1. Have on hand to use for fill in players
4. Cooperstown 2020 Team Update – Jeremy/Mac **5 Minutes**
 - a. Update on Tournament you selected
 - i. Selected a tournament in Branson
 - ii. Will follow up with more details after the tournament

5. Cooperstown 2021 Team Update – Brian

5 Minutes

- a. Registered, have started fundraising
 - i. Gertens Green House – Mums Sale
 - ii. Papa Murphy cards end of September
 - iii. Setting up a raking fundraiser
 - iv. Chick fil a
 - v. Banners
 - vi. And more...
- 6. Batting Cage Nets**
- a. We will need to take these down prior to the weather turning bad
 - b. Look for further information on this as we will need a team of 2-4 people
- 7. Meeting Adjourn @ 8:32 (Jeremy/Katie)**

Present: Brian Ames, Jeremy Jackson, Lonnie Provencher, Katie Jackson, Sara Ankrom, Mac Noland, Annie Chamberlain, Don Lennartson

Not Present: Andy O'Brien