

**Northfield Youth Baseball Association
Board of Directors - Annual Meeting
February 17, 2020, 7:30 pm
Granite Equities Offices**

Members in attendance: Adam Van Sickle, Tom Morrow, John Meilke, Kelli Pithan, Dan Scheffler, Steve Fox, Megan Kraby, Keith Argabright, Kristin Holz, Calvin Sneed, Jeff Smiens, Ross Thompson, Daniel Hollerung, Lance Reisetter

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Financial

Finances off to a good start for 2020.

Discussion had regarding scoreboards for college city, wells fargo and post fields to be wireless. It is possible to keep the current scoreboards and update them to use wireless controllers. Megan plans to sell advertising space on the scoreboards to help fund the cost. We also have funds available from the gift received in 2019 if we choose to use them. Daniel will look into cost information.

TRAVEL

Registration is live and will be closing February 29th. Still a fair amount of registration expected before the closing date.

Eligibility

It is planned for 4th grade players to fill 10U teams and 5th grade players to fill the 11U teams. In the event that there are open roster spots on these teams, it will then that bringing up players from lower age groups to fill the teams will be discussed. There have already been a few 3rd grade families who have expressed interest, if you hear of others please refer them to Daniel.

The players who played up on the 10U team last year will now play with their current grade level at 10U again. If players are needed to play up they can be considered to do so again but will not be grandfathered in as the guaranteed players to move up.

Discussion was had as to tournament subs.

It is the discretion of the coach to determine when a sub is needed. Coaches should be in contact with the travel president and/or director when adding players to their team. Coaches should also communicate with a player's current coach or other level team coach to help determine player availability.

Tournament fee of \$40 per tournament will be determined by the travel committee based on team situation and frequency of play by subbing player.

Raider Classic -

We still have openings at the 11AAA and 14AAA levels. All other tournaments are full.

MBL meeting - held on Tuesday, Feb. 18th.

It has been a busy off season for the MBL with a number of items being revisited and discussed including: season length, scheduling, bat rules, etc.

Umpires

Kelli has started reaching out and confirming interested for 2020

Working on scheduling an umpire clinic with Rich Guggisburg and Chad Butzler.

Equipment -

Balls, etc. have been ordered. Payment will be verified.

Uniform fittings will be scheduled. Lance may also bring items to some of the optional practice sessions to give other opportunities for families.

Coach selection-

We have a good pool of coaches available. Decisions will be made once teams are finalized.

Tryouts

There is a date conflict with the state wrestling meet that Ross is working to find alternate times for those players.

Optional practice days at the Dome and NHS have been sent out and communicated. Ross has reached out to coaches from each age group to enlist help in running the practice sessions.

Ross mentioned having a fundraiser to help fund additional Coach days at the Dome for practices held once teams are formed.

Ross suggested locking in dates for next year to allow for better availability and advanced planning. It was thought that that was a good idea. No payment will be needed in order to make the reservations.

Discussion was had as to board members being present in their child's tryout session.

Discussion included the needs of tryouts, the tryout process and the effect of members and those in certain board roles being present or not present, options for ensuring the integrity of the tryout process and the need to improve transparency and the perception of the tryout process.

It was determined that no board member, regardless of role, will be allowed in the tryout area during their own child's tryout session.

Motion that no board member will be allowed in the tryout area during their own child's tryout session.

Motion: Megan

2nd: Tom

Further discussion was had.

Motion to vote: Kristin

2nd: Steve
In favor: 7
Abstained from vote: 2
Opposed: 0
Motion passed.

IN-HOUSE

Registration is now live. Registrations have been rolling in. We will close registration on March 15 (April 3 for tball and futures).

Fliers were distributed to all elementary schools to be passed out to students. They were also distributed to the middle school to be put on the information table and projected on tv screens throughout the school. The fliers included NYBA registration information as well as Northfield Raider baseball clinic information.

Adam is working with Ross to finalized the Minors evaluation information. Once completed we will share this information and update the webpage.

Pitch, Hit & Run - Adam is working to bring the event to Northfield. The next step is to pick a date. Kristin will reach out to community ed to see if they have anything similar in the works or want to be involved.

Raider In-House spring clinic will be held May 9th

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Sandlot Movie with Northfield Softball Association-

John Mielke will work with Shannon Schulz from the softball association to plan the event
Free popcorn will be provided. The softball association and Jeff Smiens have additional popcorn machines they can provide.

Other concession items can be purchased at the event. Proceeds will be divided ½ to the community action center and the other half divided equally between the NYBA and softball association.