

EBA Meeting Minutes 3/10/2019

Present: Jack Esser, Jeff Sellner, Dave Young, Brigitte King, Michael Francis, Sejal Patel, Jim Foley, Tracy Lachemeyer, Matt Lunneborg, Steve Moon, Rob Emerson, Mike Verdejo, Maria Anderson, Bryan Walz, Jeff Thome, Cesar San Jose, Tamara Langeberg

Just completed session 1 of 9 tryout sessions (make up). Tryout schedule discussed. High school kids helping out. Busiest week of season starting out. Looking for smooth process and good experience for all kids. Thanks for effort to this point.

Open position: Business Development. Ron has set up Urgency Room sponsor and will do BWW. Jack has set up Zupas and Chipotle. May have a new recruit for this open position.

Equipment date: Hope to have teams set by Tuesday and need equipment by around that time.

Tryouts: Cesar has Team Genius set up, Jack and Rob have completed coach interviews. Need more volunteers for Savage Dome time (should have 4). May have in house volunteers help.

Team Selection: Will try to do 15 teams that day- Head Coach applicants will pick teams from scores on 3/17/19. 18 teams registered with MBL.

There is one level that may experience cuts. 41 kids trying out. Low numbers at 15.

Head Coach Interviews: Feedback from parents for coaches is very positive. Held 30 interviews. May need more- depending on how they align with teams. Fewer applicants at 13s. Blue sheet for core principles of being a good coach, as well as confidentiality for data. All coaches will sign before being allowed to interact with the tryout data. Parents want kids to have a fair tryout and part of this is not sharing data.

EBA kickoff: Coopers BINGO on Friday night, Saturday is Youth and Alumni day, Sunday is Cooperstown Bowling fundraiser, (Sejal, Brigitte, Jeff will help with BINGO).

Scheduling: Jim Foley reported that we have cage time once a week for each team and gym space once a week. 8 practices for April. Mondays and Saturdays for the most part. Toby will be there for all Cages spring time. Coaches can trade if they need to adjust their schedules. Coaches can add more time on their own. Looking at possible software for scheduling. Cactusware is \$99.00/year - we will try for one season. Jim will pay for and be reimbursed.

Jerseys: Have had to make a jersey change. In house will possibly change the logo on one sleeve.

Tournament update: 161 tournaments coming to Eagan. 151 teams paid, 15-20 short from last year. Will need to market a little more. Matt Carruthers is emailing more associations now. Ready to go for tournaments. Tamara has volunteer sign up set. Buyout is \$300 and deposit is

\$250 (\$100 more than last year). Board members will be asked to volunteer at the tournaments as site leaders. Head coaches will be ambassadors for the tournaments they attend. Tamara has volunteer sign up set for this.

No 16 plus updates.

Calendar: Coaching scheduling meeting 4/6 at Rosemount. Add dates from Jack's sheet.

Facility updates: need snow to melt to complete. April 7 coaches clinic will also talk about field maintenance. How to get on schedule with city for in house fields. (Bridle Ridge and other). Paul Watry has been very helpful.

In house: looking to add a date for preseason in house clinic (meeting with Toby). Either at The Cages or Eagan Community Center.

Cooperstown tryout change. We may change process for who goes to Cooperstown. Looking at doing a fall tryout for 12s. **The board voted to have fall tryouts for 12s this year.**

Discussion regards fall tryouts for other ages; will pilot with 12s and assess how this went. May look at fall tryouts for all ages beginning in 2020.

Financial: Mounds at NV fields for tournaments. Possibly buy 1-2 or borrow a few. Bryan Walz will work this. Jeff Sellner is trying to make room in the shed for the new golf cart. Will get the old ones tuned up and possibly sold in the fall. Steve Butler donated a lot of baseballs. Will look to get rid of old jerseys. Old catcher's equipment needs to be sorted. Will need to get new catchers equipment with new certification for next year (2020). Will work to get by with what we have for this year. Matt Lunneborg can begin working on.