

Valley Athletic Association

Traveling Baseball Board Meeting

12.3.19 @ 7:00pm

Board Members Present: Brian Ames, Jeremy Jackson, Sara Ankrom, Rob Gentz, Andy O'Brien, Don Lennartson; Katie Jackson; Mike LaFave

Board Members Absent: Lonnie Provencher, Mac Noland, Annie Chamberlain

Meeting brought to order at 7:06pm by Brian Ames

Updates from Members-

Equipment Director updates (Mike & Brian)

- Baseballs have been ordered (50 Dozen game balls and 10 Dozen practice balls)
 - 2020 order, saving \$8 per dozen
- Still need to order L-Screen nets, possibly batting tee's and fungo bats

Age group Director updates (Rob & Mac):

- Working on getting registered for tournaments
- Confirmed how many teams we are expecting at each age group

Field Director (Don):

- No new updates on fields

Tournaments (Andy)

- We received our MBT bids for our AV tournaments
- Andy is working on the Gopher State bids, early January we should know
- Registration up on website this week

Sub Committee Follow Up

Uniforms (Brian and Katie):

- Vendor has been chosen – General Sports
 - Vendor chosen based on best quality product for best possible pricing
 - Jerseys and pants have been confirmed
- Katie presented our review of each vendor we spoke with along with the pricing
- Sample of what we are going with was passed around

- General sports will need roughly a 4wk time frame to complete uniform's so fitting will need to take place on or before tryouts

Try-Outs (Rob, Don and Brian)

- Discussed what will be done at tryouts (Batting, fielding and Outfield)
 - Also discussed including catching and pitching
- Working to confirm what the scoring breakdown will be between each. We will also be including coach's evaluations from 2019 season
- Discussed sending a communication out describing what tryouts will consist of and how scoring will be completed
- Striving for more consistency with tryouts

Tournaments (Andy & Jeremy):

- No updates, just confirmed dates of the AV tournaments and discussed leaving those weekends open from any other tournaments to allow ample volunteer participation
- Tournament weekends are May 8-10, May 15-17 and June 12-14

AV/BAC Merge (13A level)

- Jeremy and Mike met with Burnsville coaches and board members to discuss options
- Both sides agree this would be a positive step for our 13 yr old A/AA teams
- Do we want to move forward with discussions on merging our 13yr AA/A levels with Burnsville?
 - Board Vote
 - 8 Yes
 - 0 No
 - Motion Passed
- Jeremy and Mike will continue with discussions and provide updates

Fundraising (Katie)

- 2020 mandatory fundraiser will likely be necessary to supplement the AVTB budget
- We discussed selling Papa Murphy's pizza cards
 - Best return out of any fundraiser out there, easy logistics (no delivery post-sale)
- Purchase cards from Papa Murphy for \$5, Sell for \$20
 - Each family would need to sell 10 (\$200 check upfront)
 - \$50 would cover cost of 10 cards, \$150 would go to organization
 - Sell all 10, get your full amount back
 - \$150 buyout to not sell anything
- Board looking to confirm option in January

Budget (Jeremy & Brian):

- Discussed current financial picture and what was going to be presented to main board
 - Small savings on uniforms
 - Small savings on baseballs
 - Area of focus for savings next yr would be umpire costs

- Ending balance to double after 2020 season
- Hoping for main board sign-off on 12/4 so we have the go ahead for registrations

Survey (Jeremy)

- Reviewed questions on Survey
- Made minimal changes
- Ready to be sent out when decided

Parent Information Night

- Will probably be held in early February
- Discuss the need for fundraiser
 - Tournament refund
 - Smaller than expected registration
 - Equipment
- Transparency being the main-focus

Motion to Adjourn:

-First by Rob Gentz

-Second by Katie Jackson

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned by Brian Ames at 8:57pm