

Apple Valley Travel Baseball Board Meeting

December 6th, 2021 at 6:00

Board Members Present: Brian Ames, Ann Chamberlain, Chris Halgren, Jess Hodgson, Jeremy Jackson, Mac Noland, Ryan Tauer, Alli Weaver

Board Members Absent: Lonnie Provencher, Brad Willis

Guest Speaker - Zach Hendrickson from The Cages will not be available until January

Board Updates

- Katie is retiring from the board. Her departure leaves an opening in website and communications.
- Does anyone want to take the website/communications role?
 - Are we looking to fill a need or should these responsibilities fall under Secretary?
 - Alli Weaver has offered to take on responsibilities and combine the duties of website/Communication with the Secretary position.
- Board discussed the idea of adding 2-3 new people to the board to begin shadowing current board members in hopes of extra support and filling role as board members leave
- List of potential new members. Current board members will reach out and gauge interest.
 - Nathan Smock
 - Fundraising
 - Dion Wiggins
 - Volunteer Coordinator
 - Chad Fitterer
 - Basketball board.
 - Tony Lott
 - Alli to ask him
 - Taylor Mundahl
 - New born
 - Joe will
 - Concessions
 - Justin Crowther
 - Ask him on what he wants to do.
 - Concessions

Updates from last meeting

- Budget review update - Mac/Lonnie
 - Mac will process 2021 admin fees
- Twin's coaches/parent camp - application has been submitted but haven't heard anything back. We do need to discuss a location and ideal time. I entered March 12th and 19th. I'm in communication with Irish Dome and Cages.
 - Athletic Director = cory.hanson@district196.org

- Stickers - Joe
 - Joe looked into 3 different options (4x4 decal)
 - Carstickers.com
 - Image 360 - 200 decals for \$220
 - Alpha Graphics - 200 decals or \$281.21
 - This company does the AV Hockey decals
 - Board decided to go with this company and Joe will provide them with a logo and provide a mock for board to approve at next meeting
- [12U plans](#) - Mac/Jess/Chris
 - Burnsville is open to having AV 12U players waiver out and tryout with Burnsville
 - They are forecasting Burnsville will have 24 players at 12U
 - Apple Valley 12U is estimating 8 players to return.
 - This will not be branded as a Firehawks team. Players will under Burnsville Blaze and follow Burnsville rules
 - Apple Valley will only offer 12A program
 - Current 12U players can play 13A or 11AA
 - Possibility or recruiting some community players to register for travel after Baseball Town Hall Zoom
 - Suggested to offer community families a discount at this age level

Community Baseball Outreach

- Mac still planning on a community baseball outreach week of the 6th
 - ["Introduction to Apple Valley baseball Townhall"](#)
 - Tuesday 7PM
 - Wednesday 9PM

Finalize Hat plans

- White Hats - We will go with white hats.
- Gold Hats

Consider multiple week Summer Camp

- Do we want to run something on the week of the 20th?
 - Diane has a full W2 process to pay folks.

Open Registrations

- Will open 3 registrations at the same time
 - Summer
 - Summer Camp Dates June 13-17
 - Fall
 - Process
 - Andy Weaver will get it ready and push the open button
 - Chris, Jess and Mac will communicate with 12U families
 - Communications director sends out a newsletter with registration link and tryout info

Readouts

- Age Group Coordinator
 - Registering for tournaments.
 - 10A, 10AA, 11AA and 13AA are registered for Burnsville
 - Looked into Rochester tournament A and AA offered on opposite weekends
 - Board decided to send the AA teams
- Treasurer
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- Secretary
 - Alli will get a newsletter ready to send out by Friday, December 10th
- Concessions
 - Jeremy has renewal docs to give to Anne
 - Need to look into a MDH permit for VMS
 - Three locations.
 - Need to figure out freezers. Burgers, freezy's, etc.
 - Buy a second freezer.
- Tournaments
 - Should be getting our MBT bids on December 8th.
 - Gopher State bids awarded in early January
 - Permit Updates
 - Contacted the city and district to reserve fields
 - Received city estimates and will work with Nick to work out the details
 - District putting together a draft permit
 - Working out which platform to use for tournament registration (Sports Engine or Tourney Machine)
 - Are we ok with the proposed fees or should we adjust?
 - When to open registrations?
 - UPDATE POST MEETING: registrations open and posted to AV and MBT website
- Website
 - 2022 Season Updates Needed
 - Alli will look through website and make any changes
 - Post tournament registration once set up
- Equipment
 - Steve Hanson (AVHS alum 1984 - lives in Farmington) National Rep for Portolite, he suggests the 6inch and 10 inch - suggest we vote/decide as a board what to purchase. The Cages use this product. 10 year warranty and he has offered free shipping as they are based near Hutchinson, MN)
6inch - 10-12 yo
mound: <https://www.portolite.com/store/p/qpnfsfesq8dw2em5dqwc05jsulm0fj-a6agy-xwy4n>
10-inch mound 13-15 yo: <https://www.portolite.com/store/game-mounds/10-game-mound>
He said that if we offer him an advertisement, he'd give us 50% off on a mound if we buy 2.
Booth at the tournament in May?

Promound: (less expensive):

<http://www.promounds.com/ProMounds-Major-League-Game-Pitchers-Mound-Clay>

Proper pitch: (also offer a 6 and 10 inch):

https://beaconathletics.com/store/game-practice/portable-mounds/game-mounds/proper-pitch-portable-game-mounds/?attribute_size=10%22+senior?utm_source=feed&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=googleshopping&utm_campaign=google_shopping&gclid=Cj0KCOiA-qGNBhD3ARIsAO_o7ykA8idCEijJ2ScGiaGsyhacs4Qg1nsopMJZBpUMsNq9PVOVyoAC7KQaAtlyEALw_wcB

Also, Steve Hansen said he has been traveling nationally for Portolite and he's learning a lot about youth baseball nationally, he said he'd be open to joining one of our board meetings as well. He feels like MN is behind what's happening elsewhere.

- Ryan will work with Steve Hanson on ordering 2 mounds and work on getting a deal
 - Need to make sure what type a footwear can be used and warranty info
- Working on getting the equipment order with Universal Athletic as soon as possible.

- Tryouts - will discuss more at next meeting
 - Team Genius
 - Use the application again
 - Updates needed?
 - Availability of Board Members at Try-outs?
 - Transport Equipment
 - Check-in Players
 - Etc.
- Volunteer
 - Chris to chat with Katie
 - Alli will provide field locations and schedule to determine amount of volunteers needed at each site
- Uniforms
 - Hat Decision-Same as HS or different?
 - Same
 - Uniforms-Stay consistent or redesign?
 - Same
- Fundraisers - Will discuss at next meeting
 - Option to eliminate individual fundraiser by filling with potential sponsors? Could create banners to display at all home games, logos on AVTB website, etc.
 - 20 sponsors @ \$1000 = \$20,000 (what is the fundraising budget?)

Next meeting is January 3rd.

Motion to Adjourn- Jess

2nd- Jeremy

Adjourned at 8:00