

St. Croix Valley Girls Fastpitch Softball
Approved Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 13, 2008

1. Approval of February 13, 2008 Minutes

February 13, 2008 minutes approved as revised.

2. Treasurers Report

All softball registration checks were cashed. Some tournament registrations have been sent in and checks were cashed. Coach Beedle turned over the Dome Ball checks to Tom Potter and the association has been reimbursed. All equipment charges have not all been submitted, they will be by next month. The Treasurers Report was approved as submitted.

3. Fundraising Report

Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser netted \$629.45 we should be receiving the check in the next week or two. Patty Rhode worked hard with the Legion and got \$1,000.00. Bayport Legion is sending \$100.00 and has offered their facility when we would like to use it. Maybe an end of the year fundraiser can be planned and held at the Bayport Legion. 15 parents and 7 girls have volunteered to work the pancake breakfast so far more volunteers are needed. 67 tickets have been distributed so far. John Schultz has tickets if anyone would like to purchase them. T-shirts have been added to spirit wear line long and short sleeve.

4. Tri County Report

Mike Meyer attended the last meeting and paid for 9 teams to be registered and received booklets to distribute to coaches. In mid April we will need to finalize how many teams and at what level they will be playing. Tri-County voted to allow River Falls and New Richmond in. St. Paul ASA, USSSA and NAFA are sanctioned thru Tri-County the commissioner was at the meeting and we are sanctioning with them. If you want to participate in post season play and haven't qualified for a national tournament Pony or AFA are out there if you are willing to pay. The By-Laws need to be checked to see if the association will pay if the team has not qualified for ASA, USSSA or NAFA. If we need to cut players they should be given options for other opportunities if they would still like to play.

5. Field Coordinator Report

Reed Park is secured on Thursdays and Bonse Lily Lake is secured. Tablyn Park is being used by a slow pitch organization and they are open to working things out with our association maybe giving us 4:30-6:00 pm to practice. June will be when there is a high demand for fields. Older age teams get first pick of fields. 16U will practice 3:00-5:00 pm. Grant field has gotten a lot of pressure from Mahtomedi to share and we were late submitting our request to use it. VAA has reserved the fields on the nights that Mahtomedi is not using the fields. Fields will need to be secured in mid December. 10U will practice on Sunday night.

6. Registrar Report

14U-35

12U-32

If players want to pitch they need to go to pitching tryouts. John will talk to girls that don't want to tryout for pitching and tell them that the only way they can pitch during season is to attend pitching

tryouts. The only exception to this is if during the season there are injuries and more pitchers are needed.

10U-17

If a 10U player is brought up, they would have to go on to the third team on 12U if 12U is not full by the tri-county declaration date. If a tryout is needed it would be determined by the age level coordinators.

7. Pony Picnic Funding

The Pony Picnic will be on May 1 the younger girls are invited to come watch the varsity game. All people watching, playing and opposing team are invited to have hot dogs and chips. \$500 is already budgeted. John Schultz will contact the VAA to post the picnic on their web site.

8. Equipment Committee Report

The rest of equipment should be in on Monday. Chalking machine has been purchased and the association will purchase the chalk. Hitting sticks, new gear bags, catchers gear and bats have also been purchased so far. A donation was made to the varsity team. Thank you to the association from the Varsity Team. Fred Falk will purchase chalk, first aide items and athletic tape. A small cooler of ice with zip lock bags is much more effective than the ice packs.

9. Winter Clinics

Winter clinic broke even and clinics went very well. The pitching clinic is set for next year the Gramenzs will be back on Monday and Dylan Bell will come on Tuesday. The varsity girls came and helped with hitting that went very well. Joe McQuillan will be the winter clinic coordinator for 2009. The junior high school net is not in the best shape sooner or later it will need to be replaced. This will be addressed in the fall.

10. Spring Clinics

The Light Flights are working well players are happy with them. 1 more machine could be purchased that would help out they are about \$325.00. Attendance has not been great.

11. Age Level Coordinators

Evaluators-there should be 20 for each level. When crunching numbers at each age level, another age level coordinator should be present. John will work with 14U and Tom 12U. The forms and programs are on the web. Pitching evaluators have been secured.

12. Open Forum

- a. A volunteer is needed to coordinate birth certificates contact Peter Skweres. Tom will coordinate 10U birth certificates.
- b. The AFA is having 1 or 2 national tournaments in Minnesota this year. As an association all teams will also be sanctioned with the AFA. The will give more options for post season play. Mike Meyer will handle the paperwork and payment.
- c. Mike Burton came to thank the board for the donation to the Cancer Society on behalf of his mother.
- d. Budget for Varsity team through the high school is \$200.00 for equipment and \$250.00 for Cub. Coach Beedle will come back to the board with an itemized list of the teams needs at the next meeting. The \$629.45 from the Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser will be donated to the Varsity Team. High school registration fees go to busing, coach's salaries, equipment and umpires.

- e. Outside batting cage-Mike and Harry will put up the nets.
- f. Tom Potter and Coach Beedle will pursue remodeling of the high school outdoor batting cage with turf and adding batting cage closer to varsity field.

13. Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Minutes Submitted by Stacy Hanson