

Meeting Notes 12/7/2011

In attendance: Leslie Germundson, Melissa Fisher, Garilyn Ehde, Glenda Houle, Lee Eisenberg, Danny Chang, Dan McKay, Tom Clark, Duane Livingood, John Schultz, Mike Meyer, Joe McQuillan, Bob Beedle, Dylan Bell, Betty Lindahl, Kara Bell, Dan Hall, Neil Fisher, Jeff Byle, Deb LeRoux, Chuck LeRoux, Tom Houle, David Jordan, Dawn Ecker, Tina Kindschy, Dan Delander and Kim Craft

November Meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report is online.

Winter Clinic Update

12.50/player/hour – 87.50/player for clinic. There will be a 1:4 instructor/player ratio. There will be no more than 16-20 kids per session. As it stands the open slots are as follows:

Tuesday – 10U – 7 left, 12U – 4 left, 14/16/18U – 6 left

Thursday – 10U – 18 left, 12U – 10 left, 14/16/18U - 0

Betty will talk to coordinators to try and target kids to sign up. Youth advantage will support clinics if people apply for the help, however, there is a cap for what they will help out with.

Pitching Clinic Update

Jessica currently has 4 girls signed up. Bob's clinics will start in January and he will work with Betty to get them online.

Domeball Update

Joe – 12 to 14 girls show up consistently. The girls are doing well and getting ready for tryouts.

Tom – Things are going well. The 14's were good competition for the 12's.

Bob – 14's are going well. They rotate by week. He has it set up so that they practice first and then play two games. He is seeing good progression. He is also offering hitting clinics two nights a week and has seen some good improvements. He is looking at this level to start to narrow down the field of play and stated that he will inform kids what they will need to position play.

High School Domeball – The first session is completed. Chuck Downs is coaching the team. They have told the girls that they have to pay for the first session before they can sign up for the second session. They will then pay for the second session at the end of the second session. There was a request made for the association to pay for their t-shirts. This request was declined.

Birth Certificate Update

Lee would like to change how we do this. As the girls show up for tryouts, she would like the girls to bring a copy of their birth certificate and a picture. She will then separate them once teams are made and forward them to the team managers. It is easier to keep them at the team level. It was suggested that every year they should bring a new copy of the birth certificate and a picture and that we would offer three opportunities for the girls to get them in: the registration, the tryout, or before the first game. It was motioned and seconded that Lee would try her

process this year and we could revisit next year if needed. Dylan also suggested that we would add verbiage to the tryout procedure that states that the birth certificate is needed as a reminder.

Parent Night

Is set for February 2, 2012 at the Stillwater Junior High Media Room. Kara will take care of reserving the room from 6-9pm. The 10's will be from 6-7pm. 12's will be from 7-8pm and 14's will be from 8-9pm. The coordinators will convey their philosophy for the year at this meeting.

Pony Picnic

The Pony Picnic is currently set for the last Thursday in April. It was reiterated that we will not schedule practices during this event. Bob also mentioned that the Varsity will play a few games on Saturdays and we could possibly use those as backup dates in the case of rain. They are trying to get this scheduled prior to the 10/12's play schedule which begins in May.

Tri-County Meetings

Dates are set for 1/9, 2/6, 3/5 and 4/2. Bob can't make the first date and John or Mike will attend for him.

2012 Season Costs/Volunteer Fee

Tryout fees will remain the same. The fees with the volunteer fee will stay the same for the 2012 season. 10's – 295, 12's – 350 and 14's - 350. The volunteer opt out fee is \$50 or you must fulfill a volunteer job. The multi-family fee will still apply to summer ball payments only. Betty will request that the system will be able to accommodate this. Betty will also check to see if multi-payments can be automated and verbiage will be added to the website adding an additional non-refundable \$5 fee for the processing of multiple payments. Payments will be broken up so that all payments will be received prior to the start of winter clinics. Uniforms will be added to the next agenda.

Open Positions for Next Year

Secretary

Treasurer

10UCoordinator

Volunteer Coordinator

Fall Ball Coordinator

Domeball Coordinator

Bob did ask that participation in Lumberjack Days be required that 6 people from each team participate. This will be added as a bullet point to the registration letter. It may/may not be tied to their volunteer opportunity, but would be required that at the team level there be better participation across the board.

Competition Committee Update

Fall ball and Dome ball were discussed. It discussed that 10U fall ball would remain introductory and we would do the most recruiting for this level. 12U/14U would also be a more laid back setting with the opportunity for development. We will vote next meeting on whether or not to let summer kids continue to play together on fall ball teams with the association. Bob suggested that Dome ball be more competitive and that kids signing up to play should know they could be divided differently based on their level of play. It was also felt that moving forward we should attempt to get more teams involved in dome ball and possibly distinguish between A and B levels.

Open forum

John Schultz stated that he is on a committee to determine how district cuts will be made. He did state that there was no discussion of high school sports being cut, but that Jr High sports may be cut. He also felt that high school fees may raise and team budgets could be cut. Bob did not think that softball would be largely affected.

LWB – Currently the St Croix Soccer club runs this and they only are looking for us to rent, not run the fields. VAA will continue to take precedence. They will get back to us after the first of the year with field availability. It was suggested that we may need to go directly through LWB.

Pancake breakfast committee head needed, we will address this with the next meeting. Lee Eisenberg voiced an interest in helping out with this.

Volunteer Coordinator will need to be decided by next meeting and volunteer lists should get out to coaches sooner so they can help distribute jobs.

The Community Ed packets will need to get out – Holly Corbid will handle this.

The varsity facilities were discussed. They are currently drawing up plans and then will get some bids to get a shed and batting cages added. Bob will determine when the time is right to ask for district help with this.

Concussion training needs to be done by all coaches – it is online and a certificate can be printed out and turned in.

Next meeting is set for January 11, 2012, 6:30pm

Agenda items:

\$2500 Varsity donation

Vote on Structure for Domeball/Fall Ball

Open positions and new nominations/voting