

St. Croix Valley Girls Fastpitch Softball
Approved Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 11, 2009

- 1. Review and Approval February Meeting Minutes**
Minutes approved as submitted.
- 2. Recognition of Volunteers**
Thank you to Peter Skweres and Karen McQuillian for all their hard work with the program. They were presented with a plaque and gift card.
- 3. Treasurers Report**
A deposit has been made for 10U to 14U registrations. Many tournaments have already been scheduled. Money should be moved back into the money market account now. Domeball money will be paid back to the association the last domeball game was on Sunday, March 8, 2009. A 10U team will need to be added for a total of 4 teams at the B level.
- 4. Fundraising Report**
The new Fundraising Coordinator will be Jody Livingood. The pancake breakfast planning is going well and donations are starting to come in. Tickets will be brought to the clinics and given to the coaches. Some 10U parents want to look into hosting a tournament next year and the information was presented. This will need to be researched some more.
- 5. Webmaster Report**
Betty Lindahl is testing Mystifier Web. If things look good we will switch over to the new site in about a month. Betty has noticed that there are a lot of duplicate forms on the web site and by eliminating them it will get the cost down. We would look into trying registration for fall ball on line.
- 6. League Report**
March 2 a tri-county meeting was held. The change is there will be no triple sanctioned the USSSA agreement fell thru. Tri-county voted to not sanction with USSSA. We are one of the few programs that are still a community program. Tri-county will always be sanctioned AFA. Post season can be purchased for a small fee. We will have to start being flexible as the game changes and we need to stay competitive. USSA sanction meeting will be held and you can attend and pay for \$50.00 to be sanctioned. Next MFFL meeting we will need final team count and check will be needed in April.
- 7. Registrar Report**
The registration report is the same with the addition of 2-10Us and 5-16Us. Scholarships requested will need to be reviewed and approved by the president, registrar and level coordinator there needs to be more dialogue with the board. The fall ball coordinator will be Tom Houle.
- 8. Coordinator Reports**
Tryouts are all scheduled and 12U and 14U are ready to go.
 - 10U-has had 3 spring clinics at the dome so far and things are going great. Some more 10Us want to sign-up and will have to pay the late fee.
 - 12U-26 players have registered there will be an A and B team and there will be plenty of pitchers. Catching clinics need to be held and have catching tryouts. Coach Beedle, Tom Houle and Fred Falk will come up with something.
 - 14U-27 girls have signed-up and cuts may have to be made. There will be 2-A teams. The first clinic went well. All practices are at Oakland Junior High School and none at Rutherford.
 - 16U-registration has not closed yet 2 tournaments have been scheduled. It has not yet been determined if there will be a second 16U team. South St. Paul has 3 players and is looking to join a team.

9. Coach Approvals

A discussion took place on having coaches go through a background check. A motion was made to required background checks for all head coaches and assistant coaches with the association paying the background check fee and if a coach already has a background check they will provide a copy of the existing background check. The motion was seconded and motion was approved the board. Stillwater School District will process the background checks.

10. Equipment Committee Report

Equipment is in good shape. 10U stuff needs to be ordered. Coaches shirts will be ordered for 3 coaches per team and Fred Falk will see about getting them free. New bags with rollers, bat bags and bats have been received. Some of our old gear was given to the junior high schools. Fred will look into getting wind jackets for the coaches. There will be a credit at Heritage which will be used for fall ball t-shirts.

Open Forum

a. Former Players Umpiring

Former players are interested in becoming umpires and being trained for 10U and 12U games by our current umpires. Former players that are interested in umpiring should talk to Frank and let him know that they want to umpire Stillwater games. It costs the girls about \$125.00. Umpires are needed for 16U games and they need to be reserved early because there is a shortage of them.

b. Field Care

Fields have not been dragged yet. Portable mounds are available for 10U games. The batting cage needs to have a bar added. We will have to schedule the fields at Stillwater this year for fall ball games. A vision needs to be made of future field and softball needs.

c. Coaches Clinic for Association

The clinic will be held on April 11 from 10:00-12:30 pm at the high school varsity field. Varsity players and coaching staff will be available for 10U and 12U. Coaches should show up and it is strongly recommended. Parents and players of younger girls are always welcome to stop at varsity practices which are held from 2:30-5:15 pm and the varsity field.

d. Get to Know the Varsity Players

There is information on the web site about getting to now the varsity players. We are waiting for our new web site to be launched before adding this feature. Pony Picnic PR needs to get out and have some interaction with varsity players and 10U and 12U players.

Next meeting will be on April 15, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the teachers lounge.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 am

Meeting Minutes submitted by Stacy Hanson