

Stillwater Fastpitch

Board Meeting Minutes – 10/5/2011, 7pm

Attendees: Leslie Germundson, Mike Meyer, Betty Lindahl, Joe McQuillan, Jeff Anderson, John Schultz, Dan McKay, Bob Beedle, Garilyn Ehde, Tom Houle

Called to order – 7:02pm

September notes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Tom reported there was a small change to the P & L sheet for fall ball. The background checks paid out was actually \$80, not \$20. The report does balance. All reports are listed on line.

Fall Ball Report – Dan McKay reported 3- 10's, 4- 12's, 3- 14's, and 1- 16 team were fielded. Dan felt the rankings and system used for placing teams in the fall ball system went well. Some club teams are still carrying over their summer teams into fall. Our association has chosen not to do that and yet still had many of our teams finish with 500 seasons.

There was an issue with Lucy Winton Bell. Dan did receive some complaints about fields not being dragged, no open concessions, fields not being in best condition, etc. He did indicate that a few had indicated that they planned to file a complaint with the MMFL. Dan was not sure if they had followed through with that.

Based on this information, it was discussed if we should talk to St Croix baseball and with them try to come up with some kind of a maintenance schedule for those fields as they are nice to use. It was decided that John Shultz would talk with St Croix soccer/baseball and see if we can put together some kind of ball group to help maintain that facility.

***As a side note to the fall ball discussion, we talked about how to create teams in the future- which led to a discussion about how we would like to philosophically move forward as an association. It was decided that we need to make some decisions that should be fed by an association discussion.

A committee was formed that will include Bob Beedle as the committee head. Committee members are Joe McQuillan, Mike Meyer, Tom Houle, Leslie Germundson, Betty Lindahl, Dylan Bell and Dan McKay. It will be called the **Structure and Competition committee** and will discuss how to move forward to meet the needs of the association.

The first step will be to provide an open forum meeting for the members at large to get together and discuss our vision. This will be advertised through mass email and on the website. Bob will set the meeting date/time and send to Leslie and she will add online and send email. It was also suggested that we open up a comments section on the website for feedback on this issue (Betty??). After meeting and compiling comments, the committee will reconvene to discuss the recommendations for the association

moving forward and will present them at a future meeting for a vote. Included in the discussion will be field availability vs. number of teams, player recruitment, team structuring/selection for summer/fall and domeball and how the association will handle domeball in the future along with any other questions or concerns that come up. ***

Fall Ball Parent Survey Report – Dylan reported that there were 36 fall ball surveys completed. It was felt that the comments section was a great improvement over the last form. Dylan briefly reviewed and summarized some of the comments made. It was suggested and he agreed to forward comments to coaches anonymously.

Fall Catching Clinic – was cancelled due to a lack of interest. We will attempt to reschedule it for spring. There was a suggestion to try and make it a longer and more involved clinic. Lisa Bernstein has run these clinics in the past and they have been great. We will continue to use her for these clinics.

Winter Clinic Update - Dylan indicated that that he had met with Kevin Johnston regarding scheduling the gym for our winter clinics and he indicated that we may have some issues getting all the gym space we have gotten in the past. Bob asked that he be C: on future correspondence and indicated he would get involved in that conversation if needed.

There will be a hitting clinic. It will be run by Julie Standerling again and we will offer 3 groups of 40. It will run from 6-9pm on T/TH from 1/10/12 – 3/1/12 with three groups of 20 girls in each session per evening. This program will not be subsidized by the association this year.

There will also be free coaches clinics that will run the weeks of 3/26 and 4/2 run by Bob Beedle and Julie Standerling. Further details will follow.

We are also planning on pitching clinics for the 10/12/14 levels. Bob will talk with Jessica Niebuhr and find out what times she needs use of the gym. It was suggested that he run his pitching clinics from the third week in January for a 2 month period leading up to tryouts. He will look at dates and get something posted. He will also still provide some open gym time to pitchers who would like to come in and throw. More detailed information will be reported later.

Dome Ball Update – We currently have 3 -12 (SW, SW, WBL), 3 -14 (Hudson, SW and S & C) and 4 – 16 (Vipers, Outsiders, S&C and Hudson) teams. Structure will be one hour practice and 2 games, which will rotate. 12's and 14's will run from 10-1 and 16's will be from 1 to 4. There is no one before our morning session, so girls may enter and begin warm-up at 9:30 if needed. Tom will clear this with Doug Brady.

Dome Ball Committee/By Laws Review Committee - It was decided that we would further discuss the needs of these committees for this year based on the outcome of information received from the **Structure and Competition Committee's** report. (See *** above)

Open Forum -

It was voted on and passed that any additional fall ball shirts be distributed to the Domeball teams for uniform use. They will be used by Joe McQuillan and Bob Beedle's teams. Dan McKay will contact Kari Bartingale and coordinate with Tom Houle the delivery of the shirts to the Dome on Saturday.

Bob Beedle also talked about the need to look at doing some improvements to the fields which may include: repair of the bullpens on the varsity fields, adding drain tiles to the varsity dugouts, the potential purchase of a cover for the varsity field and the proposal of building a shed to be used for softball. This will be added to the next agenda and discussed further.

Next meeting agenda items to add:

Field Improvements

Birth Certificates

Volunteer Appreciation Night

Structure/Competition Committee Report??

Next meeting - November 9, 2011 7pm

Adjourned at 8:45pm