

Minutes from Irondale Girls Fastpitch Association Meeting

Monday, February 18, 2008

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Dooley | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane Norgren |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Bergman | <input type="checkbox"/> Melissa Pate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wally Eshenaur | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collette Pitzen |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck Hauble | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dean Samuelson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Melinda Johnson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wayne Spiering |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Krummel | Guests: Mary Krummel (website), Brian Weirke, Mark Toupal |

Meeting called to order at 7 pm

1. 10 and Under Team

Brian Weierke and Mark Toupal came to the meeting tonight to talk about the formation of a 10 U team. They are dissatisfied with the Mounds View Association for a couple of different reasons, but most recently in MVA's refusal to allow Brian's eight year old daughter to play according to their traveling team by-laws. Board members were queried prior to this meeting and there were no objections whatsoever in having an 8 year old play on the 10U, in fact was encouraged by all. Wayne and Bill provided background about our association. Mark and Brian currently have six girls who plan to register this week and are in the process of recruiting 3 to 4 more players. Of the 10U team from last year, only two girls are still eligible to play at that level and rumor has it that they signed up with MVA. Hopefully the flyers that went out to the elementary (and middle schools) will generate more interest ... Brian became aware of our organization because of the flyer that came home from school with his daughter. Mark has volunteered to coach this team.

Emails: Mark Toupal at mark.toupal@ci.stpaul.mn.us
Brian Weierke at brweierke@comcast.net

2. Expenses

- o New Brighton Service Center will start charging us \$10 - \$15 dollars per meeting. Dean will check with Irondale High School on the conference room or other meeting room availability for our board meeting
- o Yard Signs- total cost was 253.88 for 50 signs and stakes
- o Suburban League fees are \$430.00 per team if submitted by March 15, we anticipate we will have four teams this year at ~ \$1,720.00
- o Bill will be contacting Three Rivers Umpire Association to secure their services. The contact for this organization is Dave Wisnieski - Cell 612-240-8780, Home 763-262-1776

3. Website

- Up and running and looks fabulous! Mary will add board dates and uniform order form.

4. Apparel & Uniforms

- Decided on mesh baseball caps and gold socks, all other decisions have been made about apparel. Decided to take the youth sizes for uniforms off the order form as is likely that no 12U player will need smaller than Adult- Small uniforms
- Collette will check with Paul about lettering of names on the jacket → are five dollars more. Apparel form will be modified to accompany these last decisions and changes. Collette will email the complete form to Mary for copying

5. Registrations

- ▶ Deadline for registration is Saturday, March 1st

- ▶ Sign-up times scheduled to register in person
- ▶ Thursday, February 21st 7:00 to 9:00 pm @ New Brighton Family Service Center
 - Volunteers: Mary, Jim, Bill, Chuck, Jennifer (Collette- late). Chuck will bring copies of registration forms, Mary will bring copies of the apparel order forms

Things to remember at Registration

- New players and incoming 12U need to order a uniform and be assigned a number. Newly assigned numbers should not "border" that of an existing player and the next higher age bracket. System designed to allow a player to keep her number throughout all years of play regardless of what age bracket they are in
- Keep checks for registration and apparel separate if at all possible (don't refuse if someone is down to their last check ☺)
- Apparel: no orders without payment! One form per player (simpler for lettering of uniforms and optional items, can write one check for apparel for a family.
- ▶ Tuesday, February 26th 7:00 to 9:00 pm @ New Brighton Family Service Center
 - Volunteers: Dean, Bill, Jim, Collette, possibly Wayne
- ▶ Saturday, March 1st 9:00 am to 12 noon at Irondale High School
 - Volunteers: Collette, Wayne, Chuck, possibly Jane

6. Recruitment

- Yard signs were ordered and have arrived. We received 50 two color signs with longer stakes for a total cost of 253.88 (included a rush order charge of \$35.00)
- Flyers were distributed to the elementary and middle schools and went out midweek the first week of February. Details a little sketchy ... Need to fill in for records who all these went out to
- Melissa and Jennifer created a poster Need update as to where the posters were placed
- Emails went out to all known players informing of registration, new website and open gyms
- Email went out to girls hockey players seeking interest in fastpitch
- Melinda held a player meeting at IHS Wednesday Feb 13th, strongly encouraged players to go out for summer league and to attend open gyms

7. Other Items

Jim checked into the possibility of sale of pop, water or bagged food items. The county issues permits. No permit is required to sell bottled water or cans/ bottles of pop, however a permit is required for any type of food item. Permits cost \$60.00 and cover only 3 events within a space of 10 days time. Jim was going to explore what it would take to bring pop/ water to games for sale. We are not going to be pursuing the sale of food at this time.

8. Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Decided to meet Mondays, twice a month until May, open invite to all interested. Mary is going to post all the board meeting dates on the website

March 3 rd	April 21 st
March 24 th	May 5 th
April 7 th	June 2 nd

9. Board Development

Everyone has been doing a fabulous job pitching in for various things needed to keep the association going as Bill is retiring. We need to turn over the checkbook function formally to someone and we do need one person to be in charge. Volunteers are as follows:

Secretary- Collette Pitzen
Treasurer- Dean Samuelson
Association Director- Wayne Spiering

Also, need a parent representative from each team, and this representative cannot be a board member.

10. Still need to do/ Items for Future

- Coaches Meeting for Suburban League is **Monday, April 17th**
- Need a parent representative from each team to come to the board meeting
- Evaluation forms for families to give feedback about the season
- Have a monthly planning document- Jane & Collette will work on this