

Minutes from Irondale Girls Fastpitch Association Meeting

Monday, March 3, 2008

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Dooley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane Norgren
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Bergman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Pate
<input checked="" 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:

Meeting called to order at 7 pm

1. Open Gyms

Want to switch to a Tuesday/ Thursday schedule. Currently there is an issue with Melinda being able to block off gym time after the high school afternoon practice because baseball comes in right after softball.

Action:

Bill will follow-up about getting additional open gym time on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Also noted later that Dean will check with Doug Austin about getting evening gym time.

2. Coaches

All coaches and first assistants need to have background checks performed and this can be accomplished by contacting the New Brighton Police Department BCA. As of these meeting:

10U	Mark Toupal and 2 assistants
12U	? Offers "to help" include Bill Dooley, Gina Best, Matt Baumann, Randy Kapelke
14U	Wally Eshenaur (would prefer 14Us)
16U	Brad DeKanick ? (would prefer 16Us?)
18U	If there is an 18U team, Wayne could coach with help from Dan Olson

Action:

Wally will work on getting a coaches meeting together

3. Financial Assistance

Discussed the potential for getting funding from businesses like Medtronics. In the past various people have looked into what it takes to get a non-profit status, lots of paperwork and costs ~ 300.00. Dean relates that in the past the Italian-American Club has given IBA \$1,000.00. Currently we have been approached by 3 – 5 players asking if there is financial assistance available.

- Can the high school boosters contribute some money from the can recycling?

Decisions made and voted in favor by all:

- Family should contribute at least 50% of the registration fee
- Family must be in good standing with no prior history of non-payments/ efforts to pay
- Financial assistance would not exceed 50% of the registration fee
- Uniforms, apparel and equipment would not be included for funding
- This year, having no fundraising efforts in place, financial aid offered would need to come from the association account. Estimate that this would be no more than \$400.00 and up to 5 players
- Future funds available would be based on dollars available and be capped by a certain number of players (five?)

Actions:

Jennifer will check into what it takes to get a federal ID for non-profit groups.

Dean will check IBA's current application for financial assistance (believe is based on eligibility for free lunch)

Collette will check into IHS boosters donating some money for scholarships

4. Registrations- Birth Certificate and Photo ID

We do have many birth certificates on file, but very few photo ids. Collette has created binders for each team that has the birth certificates in a protective plastic cover, and also made a second copy of each birth certificate and will keep on file with the registration form.

Action:

Collette will determine for each team the players who have needed identification on file and will email each group/ team asking for the gaps to be filled, sending documents either scanned and emailed or mailed to the PO box.

5. Other Items

- Working with the pitchers after spring break
 - Wayne will check with Melinda
 - Bill will check with Syree (sp?)
- Getting a coaches clinic together

6. 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 24th

April 7th

April 21st

May 5th

June 2nd

7. 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
- Coaches Meeting
- Coaches Clinic
- Pitching/ Hitting Clinics