

Minutes from Irondale Girls Fastpitch Association Meeting

Monday, March 24, 2008

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Dooley | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane Norgren |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Bergman | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Pate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wally Eshenaur | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collette Pitzen |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck Hauble | <input type="checkbox"/> Dean Samuelson |
| <input checked="" 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. Team Registration/ Formation

- Melissa spoke with Madison Brauer's parents about the possibility of her playing at the 12U team. They are willing to do this, it would bring the 12U team up to 11 players and the 10U team would be at 15 players. Melissa offered to drop off a uniform order form at their home tonight
- Late Registration request from AJ Schmidt 14U, board ok'd the late request. This brings the 14U up to 17 players.
- Collette will create the rosters and distribute to the board by March 30.

Actions:

Melissa will get a uniform order form to Madison Brauer's parents.

2. Finances

Dean is now the "official" signer for the association checking account, he and Bill completed this transfer last week. Dean would like to have another person be a signer on the account. There were no volunteers.

Actions:

Need someone to be an additional name/ signer to the checking account

3. Fundraising

Jim, Jane & Chuck looked into a couple of fundraising ideas:

- New Brighton Eagles Club- Need to write a letter/ proposal asking for a donation, need to provide the organization's tax ID. Wayne gave Jim a document that has the organization's tax ID
- Tri-City Legion- we are on their waiting list for a meat raffle. Will need volunteers from parent to work at the meat raffle on the designated evenings. Suggestion was made that parents from a particular team could cover one night, then rotating among the teams.
- Champps/ Timber Lodge gift cards. Jane was found out about a new fundraiser that Highview is doing. There are three types of \$10 gift cards, two of the choices were Champps (New Brighton, Woodbury & Maplewood) and Timber Lodge, can't remember the third choice. Organization purchases cards in sets of 50 (50 all from one place like Champps) for \$3 dollars each, the cards are sold for \$10 and the organization receives \$7 per card sold. For example for 50 cards, cost to the association would be \$150, total sales would be \$500 and profit back to the association would be \$350.
- Minnesota Twins have a program called Playball Minnesota. Groups can sign up to sell programs at a Twins game. The group earns 50 cents for each program sold. Chuck has already signed up our association and is waiting to hear about the details

Actions:

Jim will compose a proposal to New Brighton Eagles asking for a donation.

Jim will follow-up with group about dates for meat raffles at Tri-City Legion.
Jane will check into the contacts for the restaurant gift card fundraiser.
Chuck will follow-up about details for selling programs at Twins games

4. Open Gyms

Securing additional open gym times is not going well, per discussion that Bill had today. The gyms are booked during the weekdays and there is now a problem with additional Sunday evenings. Lois at Community Ed was upset to find out that we have been holding open gyms without having a custodian on site and paying the appropriate fees to have a custodian on site.

5. Coaches

- Still issue with no coach for the 12U team, several people have offered to "help"
 - Possibility that the assistant varsity coach Heather Hyatt could coach this team
 - Invite those interested in helping to the initial coaches planning meeting
- Three coaches meetings are planned
 - Planning meeting **Monday March 31st 7pm** at Wally Eshenaur's
 - Coaches Clinic/ Meeting with Melinda Johnson is planned for **Tuesday, April 1st from 6 to 7 pm** at Irondale High School, prior to the mandatory chemical awareness meeting at 7pm. Melinda would like to meet with coaches to talk about her philosophies and technical skills that the girls need to work on. Desirably, the volunteer association coaches would be teaching the same techniques as Melinda. Specifically, Melissa has noticed in the past week techniques that need correction are throwing and hitting. Melissa also has drills that she can share with coaches and she will email these to Collette.
 - **Monday, April 7th** Coaches Meeting for Suburban League at Hopkins VFW, 100 Shady Oak Road Hopkins MN 55343 Phone 952-938-9916. For the 10's and 12's the meeting starts at 6pm, for 14's, 16's & 18's the meeting starts at 8pm
 - Teams were registered by Wayne on March 15th
 - Dean sent a check to pay for 4 teams 3/24/2008
 - All teams were entered as "B"
 - Suburban League teams were named as follows for the login: Iron U10, Iron U12, Iron U14, Iron U16. The password is knights.
 - Chuck will make sure that the league tracker is updated during the March 31st coaches planning meeting.
 - Wayne will follow up with Suburban League in terms of the rules surrounding Tri-county/ MSF/ ASA/ MMFL
 - League qualifiers are June 27 – 29 for 10U, 12U, & 14U
 - League qualifiers are July 12 – 13 for 16U, & 18U

Actions:

Melinda will check with Heather Hyatt about the possibility of coaching the 12U team.

Melinda will email drill examples to Collette who will in turn email the coaches.

Bill Dooley also volunteered to talk with Heather as he will be at IHS 3/25/2008.

Coaches Planning Meeting → Monday March 31st 7pm at Wally Eshenaur's house

Communication about the above two meetings:

Bill Dooley will call Mark Toupal (10U), Wally Eshenaur (14U) Brad DeKanick (16U) and inform them about upcoming meetings and ask that they contact their assistants.

Melissa will call all the parents interested in helping with the 12U. "Coaching by committee is better than no coach at all" Will contact Jennifer Bergman, Rick Brauer, Gina Best, Randy Kapelke and Matt Baumann about attending the planning meeting

6. Practice Fields

The school district is moving towards charging for field use for games and practices. Historically this has been a free resource for our organization. Early in the year team obtained permits for 2 fields at Irondale and one at Edgewood Monday through Friday 5:30 – 8:30 from May 1st – July 11th. School district is now charging \$4.00 per hour for the varsity field and \$6.00 per hour for the Edgewood and Irondale softball field. Our current bill would be about \$2,000 and we are over-booked. Practice and game schedules needed to be determined so we can cancel any un-needed days/ times. May not need the Edgewood field now that we have 4 teams instead of 5.

Actions:

Chuck will make sure that the coaches address efficient use of fields this at the March 31st meeting. Wayne, Bill & Dean (need to communicate to Dean) will work with the appropriate parties (Bill used to deal with Nick Tamale, but it is now Lois with community ed) to try to get free use of the fields because the fields were built by the boosters.

Jim will check into getting permits in 2009 for Rice Creek fields

7. Apparel

- Bill will check to see how many T-Shirts are left for the 10U team and how many pairs of black shorts. The shorts are returned to the association each year, but the T-shirts are kept by the players. Tahoe Sports was the retailer who created the T-shirts for us and they have our silk screen print. These shirts take 10 days to 2 weeks to order
- Bill will also check on the number of adult T- shirts he has for coaches, but regardless of this we decided to order three shirts and three baseball caps for each team for the coaches.
 - 6 XL T-shirts
 - 6 XXL T-Shirts
 - 12 baseball caps

will be added to the apparel order at the association's expense. The only things that are holding up the submission of the order is one additional uniform order for Madison Brauer and we will work on getting this asap and one additional outstanding payment due.

- Collette will get the apparel order to Paul by the week of April 1st.

8. Regularly Scheduled Meetings

April 7th **Cancelled due to Suburban League Meeting**

April 21st

May 5th

June 2nd

9. Still need to do/ Items for Future

- Need a parent representative from each team to come to the board meeting
- Need an additional signer/ name on the checking account
- 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

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm