

Minutes from Irondale Girls Fastpitch Association Meeting

Monday, April 21, 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 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 7:15 pm

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved

1. Financial Update

- o Dean provided a financial report to the group
- o Jane Norgren agreed to be an additional signer on the association account
- o Members present agreed and voted that all purchases for an amount of greater than \$500.00 requires the check to be signed by both signers.
- o One scholarship awarded to a family with two players who demonstrate financial need (free school lunches). Amount awarded equals ½ of the expected registration fee (\$162.50). IGFA board will request that this amount be donated by the IHS Fastpitch Boosters. Collette will follow-up on this. Need to find some kind of form that can be used to apply for financial assistance; IBA does not have/ use a form.

Post Meeting Note: Funds to cover the above scholarship were obtained courtesy of the high school booster club. Future use of this as a source of funding needs to be determined by the athletic director, Doug Austin, to make sure that this is in accordance with the MN State High School League.

2. Equipment Needs

No current equipment needs noted, softballs ordered.

- o New bats were purchased last year, 3 – 4 per team
- o Have enough helmets for six teams
- o No need for catcher's gear

3. Team Formation

Current Team Player Count and Coaches are as follows:

Team	Players	Coach	Coach Email	Coach Cell Phone
10U	15	Mark Toupal	mark.toupal@ci.stpaul.mn.us	651-247-2761
12U	11	Rick Brauer	rbrauer@capella.edu	651-470-1034
14U	16	Wally Eshenaur	walteresh@comcast.net	651-334-4854
16U	11	Brad DeKanick	Brad_DeKanick@rdale.k12.mn.us	651-338-5647
18U	8 *	Wayne Spiering	spieringw@msn.com	763-234-8123
* 18U team is not yet registered/ paid				

4. Practice Schedules/ Fields and Open Gym

Early in the year Dean requested permits for the JV, Varsity and Edgewood fields, Monday through Friday from 5:30 – 8pm. In years past we were able to book these fields at no charge. This year

the school district has decided to start charging hourly rates for each field. Current permits booked would cost the association over \$2,000. Decisions made to save money include:

- Discontinue all of the Edgewood permits
- Discontinue all Fridays (all fields)
- Change the time to 6pm to 8pm

It is estimated that these changes will decrease our costs by half.

Currently the plan is for starting May 1st the permits for the JV and Varsity fields will be Monday through Thursday from 6 – 8 pm.

Dean will contact the coaches with the schedule and together they will determine what days will not be used. Dean feels that 1-2 weeks notice will be sufficient to community ed to discontinue a permit for a time that will not be used.

It was suggested that IGFA board members attend an upcoming school board meeting to voice a complaint about increased costs, history of booster funds building the varsity field and the fact that MVA has free access to the Rice Creek Fields. It is noted however that these fields do not exist on school property and are not under the same district/ community ed rules.

Tournament Schedule

Team/s	Location	Dates (tentative; play may or may not include Friday)
10U 12U 14U	Forest Lake	May 30, May 31 & June 1
14U	Red Wing	June 8 (1 day)
16U	Bloomington	June 6, 7, and 8
10U	Shakopee	June 13, 14, 15
12U	Coon Rapids	June 13, 14, 15
14U	Winona	June 14 and 15
16U	Becker	June 20, 21, 22

Tournament schedules to be posted on the association website

5. Coaches

- Need to contact Mary Krummel to get their practice schedules out on the website
- Need to do state background checks for the head coach and one assistant. Dean will print forms and follow-up with coaches and notarize forms.

6. Website

- Players names need to come off the website
- Secure roster information so that it can only be accessed by coaches

7. Apparel/ Uniforms

10 and under team uniforms (purchased by the association):

Bill Dooley purchased uniforms for the 10U team and some additional coaches shirts. 16 player T-shirts were purchased. Bill assures us that there are enough black shorts for all the current players. 8 extra t-shirts were purchased for the coaches as it is less expense to buy these shirts by the lot. Bill also purchased additional visors.

Uniforms and Apparel (purchased by players):

Paul has much of this order already in at Steichens (T-shirts, tanks, hats, visors and socks). Paul is waiting for a ship date from Dynamic for the uniforms.

8. Player Development

- Decided that the listing of each girl's name (first name, initial of last name) should come off the website. Concern was expressed about potential misuse of information and overall value when there is only one team at an age level was questioned.
- Possibility of team pictures was raised

9. Board Development

10. Fundraising

- Meat Raffle at Tri-City Legion May 2nd 6pm – 7pm
- Meat Raffle at Tri-City Legion June 6th 6pm – 7pm
- New Brighton Eagles- Mary Krummel turned in paperwork requesting a donation of \$500.00 to be used towards scholarships, equipment or fields
- Restaurant Gift Cards
 - For Majors and TimberLodge
 - Kits cost 598.00 and include 200 gift cards and hotel stay raffle tickets (raffle is for the people we sell to, not a larger group)
 - Buy 2 kits and get one free, so for the cost of \$1,196 could earn \$4,000 profit. (each \$10 gift card cost is a cost of 2\$ and profit of \$8

11. Regularly Scheduled Meetings

May 5th
June 2nd

12. Still need to do/ Items for Future

- Pitching/ Hitting Clinics
- Need a parent representative from each team to come to the board meeting
- Items for follow-up with Coach Johnson
 - Pitching/ Hitting Clinics
 - Conduct a Saturday clinic for younger players and Varsity players helping
 - Association Night at a High School Varsity Game --> May 8th?
 - Written drills for coaches
- Team Pictures ??
- Evaluation forms for families to give feedback about the season
- Additional form for medical waiver and emergency contact
- Application for Financial Assistance that can be forwarded to IHS boosters
- Have a monthly planning document
- Purchase school mailing lists for recruiting players
- Mission statement
- History of organization
- Make sure all contacts changed for community ed resource books
- Make sure contacts changed for suburban league, FastSports, etc
- Federal Tax ID for non-profits

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm