

Minutes from Irondale Girls Fastpitch Association Meeting

Monday, May 5, 2008

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Dooley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jane Norgren	Parent Representatives
<input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Bergman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Pate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Kapelke
<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 7:15 pm

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved

1. Financial Update

- Financial report unchanged since the last meeting.

2. Fundraising

- Meat Raffle: The May 2nd meat raffle at Tri-City Legion was a success and we sold out all boards within 45 minutes. Mary Krummel worked the microphone and Laura Sprague managed the cash. We had a fairly good turnout, but would like to see more parents participating. The next Meat Raffle will be held on June 6th 6pm – 7pm. Melissa and Collette have volunteered to run the raffle.
- New Brighton Eagles- No response received yet, applications will be reviewed. 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; discussion was that if Champps was available that we could easily sell gift cards, without Champps the value is questionable.
 - 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
 - Jane will call again in 1 – 2 weeks, if Champps is not included we will table this idea for now. If Champps were available, we would go forward. Jane will follow-up with the group via email.
- Twins Play Ball- no new information; Chuck will follow-up and check on the potential amount to be earned per program sold and if there is an age limitation

3. Financial Aid

- Two additional players have been granted financial aid for 50% of the registration fee- \$100 each. The total amount of financial aid granted this season is \$362.50
- Suggestion was made that there be a space on the registration form for families to include a contribution towards players in need

4. Equipment Needs

- Two new catcher's helmets were purchased by Bill
- Keys to the Varsity Shed. Communication has occurred with Doug Austin and Lois Kroft (community education). We are promised five keys by Friday, May 9th. During the summer the coaches will have the keys in their position, but during the off-season, the keys will be turned into Lois Kroft. Wayne will follow-up to insure that the coaches have the keys as promised.

- ATV: History for field maintenance. The association had a riding lawn mower that was used to maintain/ drag the fields. This lawn mower broke down beyond repair last season. Dan Olson works for the fire department. They had an ATV that they wished to sell, however a compromise was reached. The fire department would donate the ATV to the association/ high school for use with the provision that should the fire department ever need it again that they could borrow it back.
- We (coaches/ players/ parents) still need to maintain the fields despite now paying hourly rates to use the fields. The game schedule needs to be provided to Lois Kroft so that the fields can be chalked.

Actions:

- Wayne will follow up with varsity shed keys
- Dean will get the schedule to Lois K.
- Bill will get key copies made for the ATV
- Bill will instruct the coaches on the use of the ATV at an upcoming coaches meeting
- Jim will get a thank you card for the fire department for all the girls to sign

5. Tournament Schedule

- The 12U team was unable to register for the Forest Lake tournament as planned for the weekend of May 30th. An alternative was found and they will play in the Champlin Park tournament the weekend of May 17th.

6. Practice Schedules/ Fields and Open Gym

Due to revised practice schedules and releasing the Edgewood fields, our current bill for field use is \$599.00. If there are additional times when the fields are not required, 24 - 48 hours notice should be given to cancel fields.

- Dean will set up a meeting with Nick Tamale, Wayne and Bill to discuss the recent change of the school district charging for field use.

7. 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. This will occur at the upcoming coach's meeting on May 18th.
- Need to have players complete an emergency contact/ medical information form. Members present approved a sample form for use and to be modified with our association information.

8. Website

- All requested changes to the website from last meeting have been made
- Desire was expressed to have a combined calendar on the website; Chuck will check into the feasibility of this.
- Would like to have practice schedules on the website; but coaches need to get info to Mary (see above)

9. Apparel/ Uniforms

Uniforms and apparel have arrived and were distributed to contacts at the meeting. There was an error in ordering the socks; white with gold stripes were ordered instead of solid gold. Collette will work with Paul to get the right socks and get them to the players.

10. Team Formation

- Decided that there would not be an 18U team this year; there were not enough interested girls to field a team.

- Lengthy and emotional discussion about the recent decision of four players leaving the 14U team due to large team size and desire to play. No one faults these families for their decision, and members discussed all the pros and cons of getting to the right size team (tryouts, cutting off registration at a certain point). No immediate solutions were concluded. Members were not in agreement about the decision to refund these players their registration fee. Our current registration form does not address this issue. Mounds View does not refund for any reason except if a player is cut from the team. Decision about refunding players was tables to the next meeting. Collette will reply to emails from families about this issue informing them that a decision has not been reached.

11. Regularly Scheduled Meetings

June 2nd – There is a meeting scheduled for this date; however there is a conflict with the high school softball team banquet, so this will need to be rescheduled.

- Wayne will check into rescheduling the meeting for June 9th
- Dean will check into alternative meeting places

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
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 - Conduct a Saturday clinic for younger players and Varsity players helping
 - 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
- Registration form/process needs to address refunds of registration fees.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm