

Northfield Youth Baseball Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Sunday, April 15, 2018  
7:30 pm  
Service Master Offices

## **Administrative**

Dibs –

Many of the tasks are now loaded and available for people to claim. People should sign up online and sign in at the concession stand when out at the field to work their hours.

Board Positions –

The following board positions will be vacant at the end of the season:

- Coaching coordinator
- Treasurer – Doug will work with Keith Argabright to transition
- Equipment Manager

Tournament team bats –

We will continue to hold off on the purchase of bats for the 10A tournament teams. The responsibility/expectation at this level should be for families to purchase their own bats.

Field Improvements

- First priority for the year will be to cut out a rind of sod along the back of the infield dirt to allow for better drainage
- Other possible needs:
  - New pitching rubber on Post
  - Base anchors are off on Post – reset at multiple distances (65/75/80)- will city do this?

## **Financial**

Overview of 2017 and current financial standing

A net loss is shown for 2017

A few items to note:

- Equipment expense was up due to the purchase of new pitching machines
- Concession expenses were up due to a one time purchase of some new kitchen equipment
- Field supervisor costs were up slightly over 2016, hopefully DIBS will help reduce some costs here in 2018
- Tournament expenses appear high however, this includes some 2017 tournaments as well as all of our 2018 tournaments.
- Tryout fee for 2017 increased due to Carleton not being available. Try out fees for 2018 will be down with Carleton charging us \$800 and the Dundas Dome charging us \$900.

In the future we can look at charging a small tryout fee of each player to help cover the costs of continuing to use the Dome.

## **Travel**

Field Schedule is being created to note open fields that could be used for practice space.

Tournament sponsorships – Is it possible to create a sponsor/welcome packet for teams attending the Classic Tournament in June?

- These could include hotel info, restaurant info/discount coupons, etc.
- Laura Eschen and Megan are working on this

## **In-House**

Rosters are set for Spring Tball/Futures and Rookies, Minors and Majors.

- There are 2 less teams at the Rookies level, otherwise numbers are consistent from last year.
- Jerseys and hats have been ordered

Majors League (South Metro Community Baseball League) –

- 10 total teams, Northfield has 2 teams
- Games 2 nights per week, additional practices scheduled by coaches
- Mid-season and year end tournament
  - Rosters of the non-Tournament kids will be combined for the year end tournament that conflicts with 12A Travel tournament leaving those kids unavailable.

Field Supervisor meeting with Daniel, Rich and Amy Hollerung –

- Season will start with 2 scheduled field supervisors per night. As volunteerism increases and more field set up/take down positions are filled, the number of field supervisors will be lowered to 1 per night with 2 volunteer field staff

Game balls – umpires will be responsible for getting game balls at the start of each game. Used balls will be put into a bucket to be used for practices at the end of each night.

Trusted Coaches – We may need to purchase more certifications to cover all incoming coaches. Kristin will check into numbers and do so if needed.

- If In-House coaches have already taken a similar certification course for another sport we will allow them to send us a copy of their completion info as a substitute to taking the course.

Coaches meeting is set for April 16<sup>th</sup>.