

# Apple Valley Travel Baseball Board Meeting

## September 13, 2021 at 8:00

Board Members Present: Brian Ames, Ann Chamberlain, Jess Hodgson, Jeremy Jackson, Mac Noland, Ryan Tauer, Alli Weaver, Brad Willis, Chris Halgren

Board Members Absent: Lonnie Provencher, Katie Jackson

### 1. Board Member Nominations and Positions

- a. Commissioner- Brian Ames is stepping down as Commissioner. Mac Noland was nominated and approved by the baseball board to become the new Commissioner.
  - i. Commissioner is a 2 year term; will present our nomination the to VAA Board for approval
- b. New Board Members
  - i. Brad Willis and Chris Halgren
    1. Board voted in favor to add both to our board
- c. Board Member Positions
  - i. The Age Group Director position was combined into one position. We also created a Tryout Coordinator position and combined it with the Fields Coordinator.
    1. 2021/2022 Board Members

Role	Name
Commissioner	Mac Noland
Asst. Commissioner	Jeremy Jackson
Age Group Director	Jess Hodgson
Treasurer	Lonnie Provencher
Secretary	Alli Weaver
Concessions Director	Annie Chamberlain
Tournament Director	Alli Weaver
Website/Communications Coordinator	Katie Jackson
Equipment Coordinator	Ryan Tauer
Tryouts/Fields Coordinator	Brad Willis
Uniform Coordinator	Brian Ames
Volunteer Coordinator	Chris Halgren
Fundraiser/Sponsorship.Coordinator	OPEN

### 2. Cooperstown \$4000 - Brian and Jess

- a. The 2022 team has decided to go to Cooperstown next year. They have begun fundraising.

- i. Board suggested that 2022 team ask each player to pay a \$100 deposit to confirm their intention of going to Cooperstown
- ii. Cooperstown has \$4000 left by the 2021 team which needs to get repaid to those families.
- iii. 2022 team wants to know if there is a deadline to pay that money back to the 2021 team?
  - 1. Decision was made for Travel Baseball to transfer \$4000 from our account to the 2021 team so those families have the money to complete their reimbursements.
  - 2. 2022 team will then have time to fundraise and pay the \$4000 back to Travel Baseball.
  - 3. Will need to talk to Diane and Sessi about proper procedure

### **3. Future of Apple Valley Travel Baseball - Mac**

- a. Mac presented a powerpoint about the future of AVTB and possible options for the board to consider
  - i. Declining Numbers - hard to place players and field teams at certain age levels
    - 1. Teams being made up of different talent levels (A-AAA)
    - 2. No room for housing development: no turn over
    - 3. School district is no realignment
    - 4. Diversity
    - 5. Club offers a similar product
  - ii. Actions Taken - still not helping grow program
    - 1. Scholarships
    - 2. Dual rostering - VAA and Club team
    - 3. Active recruiting from VAA Community Baseball
    - 4. Co-op with Burnville at 12A and 13A
  - iii. Future Options to consider
    - 1. Option 1 - stay the status quo
      - a. Field a team and play AA
      - b. Get player cuts from other association
      - c. Have players play up if necessary
    - 2. Option 2 - Co-op with Burnsville and/or Eastview
      - a. "BEV" baseball (OMG of the south Metro)
      - b. Goal to field 3 or 4 teams at each age level
      - c. Models for this option exist: Osseo-Maple Grove, Mankato, and Rochester
    - 3. Option 3 - Combine grade levels like hockey
  - iv. Mac seeking board approval to approach Burnsville and Eastview to gauge their interest in forming a co-op. The co-op can be either all 3 communities or just one of two. Mac

would like to approach them soon and get a final decision from both associations by Nov. 1.

1. Baseball board voted and approved a motion for MAc to approach Burnsville and Eastview pending his approval from the VAA Board.

#### **4. Coaches Rankings - Mac, Jeremy, Brian**

- a. Going to use the Team Genius App (same app use to score tryouts)
  - i. Head coaches will score their players and the scores will taken into consideration with next years tryout scores
    1. Coaches evaluations from previous season beneficial in case a player misses tryouts
  - ii. Coaches will receive an email soon with instructions on how to use app and scoring criteria

#### **5. 2021 Budget Recap**

- a. Net Income = \$50,000
  - i. All umpires paid
  - ii. Waiting on a late invoice from City of Apple Valley approximately \$15,000
- b. \$35,000 in our account once all invoices paid

#### **6. 2022 Budget Planning**

- a. Need to finalize our budget at October meeting so it can be presented and VAA Board Meeting in November
- b. Capital Expenditures
  - i. Mounds - can range in cost between \$1,000 to \$5,000 per mound
    1. Ryan will work on getting quotes and bring to October meeting
  - ii. Equipment
    1. Fungo bats, Bow Net bags, Equipment Bags, and catcher's gear
  - iii. Hosting Tournaments - should we continue to host?
    1. Alli will conduct a cost analysis of tournaments and present at October meeting
  - iv. Fundraiser - should we keep fundraiser a part of our program
    1. Board decided to keep fundraiser but offer buy out option
  - v. Summer Camp Partnership with AVHS/HS Booster Club
    1. Sam Firpo is interested in partnering with AVTB in offering a summer baseball camp
      - a. Summer 2021 - Since camp was run on the high school varsity field, all registration fees went to the high school.

- b. Looking forward - we could run the registrations through VAA and use Valley Middle fields (would have to adjust our rental agreement for camp week) and then split the funds between AVTB and AVHS Baseball Booster Club
2. Discussed the possibility of splitting into different age groups to allow for different levels of instruction

**7. Tournament Director Docs and Processes - Alli**

- a. Alli is going to review documents from outgoing tournament director Andy O'Brien and present tournament options at next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 10:00

Next meeting October 18th at 7:00 at the VAA Fieldhouse