

## February 11, 2016 Softball Board Meeting Minutes

All present EXCEPT Jamie Lovro, Tim Dana, Brian Bestler, and Ryan Schmidt

Meeting begins at 7:41pm

Scott:

- Equipment room down stairs all organized, buying shelves tomorrow (2/12)
- Replacement tubes don't fit into the tees
- New bags came in for coaches in the color Blue, will be for t-ball
- Needs to contact stew to talk about new balls, not sure if they are going to do balls this year.
- Talked with Brad about getting new bases that don't move on turf
- Dave asked about new bat bags being ordered as we need new ones

Chrissy:

- as of today 122 girls have registered for in house, but very few older girls (talk about trying to give the older girls an incentive to sign up early)
- Youth expo on March 24<sup>th</sup>
- Send out reminder about registration every 2 week with note about mandatory face masks for Pee Wee level and up.
- Fix PIP registration page, 2016 info
- Upcoming dates to for softball: All Star games June 18<sup>th</sup>/Minor and Major All Star game on June 25<sup>th</sup>, In House Tournament June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, Picture dates are Monday April 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup> at Cottage Grove Middle School from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.
- On registration page put that season starts late April through the end of June, In House clinics 4/10 from 1pm-5pm and 4/24 from 5pm-9:30om (split into groups)
- Strawberry Fest parade on Father's day weekend, June 18<sup>th</sup>
- Permit for spot (dunk tank, etc.), wants location of booth in parking lot by band/lions club
- Put Dunn Orthodontics on home page/12u green page for sponsoring team

Kayla:

Nothing; don't have minutes from last month

Ozz:

Information from tri county meeting in January:

- No price for balls, might have to go somewhere else
- Brad submitted PIP info into Tri County
- Wants us to log wins/loses on tournament for seating purposes/put on team page
- Score Monster, Tri County is going to start using this over sport ngin) – once you register and submit birth certificate you never have to do it again – trying to do everything online so no hard copies needed \*\*our thoughts-don't go until we are forced\*\*
- ASA softball will be USA Softball as of September this year
- 12u A and 10u B ASA Northern Nationals will be in Rochester (August 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>), depends on tournament births

-August 14<sup>th</sup> Twins doing parade of Champions (winners of state)

NAFA Nationals

12u, July 21<sup>st</sup> through July 24<sup>th</sup>

10u and 14u July 28<sup>th</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>

Tri County Start Dates:

12u – May 2<sup>nd</sup>; 10u – May 5<sup>th</sup>; 14u – May 16<sup>th</sup>; 16u – June 6<sup>th</sup>

May 31<sup>st</sup> is deadline to have online registration completed on Tri County Website

(Use ASA Roster)

Festival Tournament/Qualifier:

10u and 12u – June 24<sup>th</sup> through June 26<sup>th</sup>; 14u – July 15<sup>th</sup> through July 17<sup>th</sup>;

16u – July 16<sup>th</sup> through July 17<sup>th</sup>

\$550.00 Registration for Tri-County State

10u and 12u – July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>; 14u and 16u – July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

Nationals:

10u – Bloomington; 12u – Eagan; 14u – Eden Prairie; 16u – Lakeville

- next meeting for tri-county is March 7<sup>th</sup>, the team registration is due (brad will take care of it)
- Needs to know how many teams for traveling and in house for insurance- number of teams for each level for in house.
- Tomorrow (2/12) will be calling head coaches and getting the level of play they are registering at (suggesting that they play higher level vs. lower).
- Traveling tryouts should go on website now!!
- Originally talked about going back to going back to August with tryouts being 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>

\*Marc motions to make it on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> – Chrissy and Troy second the motion for discussion.

August Tryouts:

Pros:

- August has a two week window where if it needs to be canceled because of rain there are dates to reschedule.
- We told people we're moving tryouts back to August (Association)
- Not a huge gap for the girls coming off of the season (even for in house girls)
- warm weather for girls with longer daylight
- able to have fall ball teams similar to what upcoming season teams will be

Cons:

- New girls coming from In house (especially for 10u level) don't get the extra experience and help during fall ball season (if they play fall ball)

October Tryouts:

Pros:

- some girls try fall ball to see if they want to try out for traveling
- girls coming from in house ball to traveling ball get great experience (growth) from Fall ball

- Help with tryouts (especially pitchers) going from 10u to 12u, with a little experience with the new size of ball.
- Gets two open weekends in August right off of the season to relax!

Cons:

- needs to make sure it does not conflict with Hockey tryouts this year. Too much for one girl expected to do two tryouts. (Amanda)
  - ~Hockey agreed to work with us as long as they know in advance.
- Can be very cold/snow. Cold can affect girl's performance
- gets dark early

-It was mentioned about 10u doing tryouts in October and 12u/14u/16u doing tryouts in August. Questions about how cost effective this would be

\*\*\*Voting/Table – voting at March Meeting\*\*\*

-Was thinking about purchasing Boombah Jersey's for All Star Games to use year after year (the girls would still get the t-shirt for a souvenir).

Discussion: 2-3 East Ridge teams probably not want to wear Wolfpack jerseys, maybe put All Star logo on jerseys vs. Wolfpack logo.

Dave:

- New mounds in Jim's hands
- fridge in batting cages waiting until spring
- Ozz and guys wire up shed ~ Outlets to plug in pitching machines
- Did inventory of the In house skittle jerseys, Advanced asked where order was. \*Jamie needs to figure out what amount is needed.
- Fencing:
  - (Brad and Dave) went to commissions meeting at park and rec, got Approved – Voting at next meeting in March
  - All of grey cloud fenced this year with 200ft fences
- In 2017 field 48 they will be installing straight roof structure, temp fences for 53 & 54, in 2018 funds go dry for softball.
- Our plugs need to be marked before they aerate at Lamar and Firehouse fields.
- Find out from Jim or Zach when first two fields will be fenced.

Marc:

- Andrew from Lifetouch along with Grandma and 3 photographers are locked in for picture days on 4/25 and 4/28, will be there 4pm to 9pm. We have gym A, and the commands area at Cottage Grove Middle School.
- doing raffle tickets early April.

Troy:

Women's League:

- going to Tuesday nights at Lamar

- Lori wants Team Fee to be \$850 instead of the normal \$950 (after broken down with all the fees, jerseys, etc. with the \$950 the association gets \$250, if it goes down to \$850, the association gets \$150.

~decided that 8 teams or less team fee will be \$950, 10 teams plus team fee will be \$850~

Brad:

- Flag football want to use the turf from 4-9 every Sunday night in March and April, which means

We would have to give up 3 to 4 Sundays,

Our turf time: 3/13 5pm-9:30pm

4/3 5pm-9:30pm

3/20 1pm-5pm

4/10 1pm-5pm

4/24 5pm-9:30pm

- found out we do not need to pay the rental fees for the fields for In House tournaments (invitational tournaments we are required to pay fees)

  - \*Amanda, look back to see what has been paid in past for refund

- Went to park and rec about renaming the firehouse fields to The Dan Collins Field

  - he coached in the program for 30 + years, used to run all pitching clinics, even when his own kids being grown

  - firehouse field used to be favorite, since he has passed, his family always goes to firehouse field on anniversary of death and releases balloons

- Have Andrew f/Lifetouch take pictures of all board members for Bio on website

- Get nice shirts with Board member embroidered under logo

- Zach double booked Lamar for In House tourney with baseball

  - concessions will be ran by softball not baseball, baseball offered to help with volunteers, talk about giving them 10% if we use there volunteers

  - Baseball starts noon on Friday, and start bracket play on Saturday, by noon on Saturday they will only need 2 fields

  - for concessions, the teams that are not playing in tournaments have them work this tourney vs. PIP, spread out shifts from 2 hours to 4 hour shifts, also have In House parents there to help.

- Granted waivers for two players to play in No. St. Paul

- make sure coaches are getting fundraiser forms to Ozz and Brad

Amanda:

- There are 7 payments outstanding for 2016
- Sent email to all coaches to send registration for tourneys to her

Discussion item brought up:

- Need to make sure missing board meetings on scheduled Sundays (remake days don't count) are being enforced of how many times you are able to miss.

\*Motion made by Marc to adjourn meeting. Scott second, all approve, meeting adjourned 10:15pm