

Northfield Youth Baseball Association
Board of Directors Meeting
January 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm
at Granite Equities Offices

Members in Attendance: Steve Fox, John Mielke, Tom Morrow, Megan Kraby, Daniel Hollerung, Scott Paulson, Lance Reisetter, Russ Bauer, Kristin Holz, Keith Argabright, Al Stier, Brittany Davis

FINANCIALS

This is a slow time of year for financial transactions.

Net Income for 2021 of \$421

Financial standing right now is just slightly ahead of where we were at this time last year

W9s - Keith is working on sending out W9s to contact employees

The 2022 Budget was passed via email in December.

DIBS

DIBs checks were shredded for 2021.

Steve will check with Alison to see if she will continue to coordinate DIBs for 2022

Discussion of the DIBS requirements was had. It was decided to offer a buyout option as well as adjust the DIBS requirements for 2022 to better reflect the needs of the program.

- \$300 DIBs check per family
- 5 hours of required hours per FAMILY
 - Rostered coaches completing Trusted coaches certifications, Board members and Travel team managers are exempt from other DIBs hour requirements
- \$200 Buyout check to be collected at the same times as usual DIBs checks, but will be cashed upon receipt prior to the season to help cover the cost of additional field staff or other expenses incurred to cover the unfilled roles
- Review of DIBs hours will be done
 - Suggestion to remove the field set up/tear done as field staff are there, this is a lesser filled position and sometimes is already done or not enough for the volunteer to do when they arrive. Also hard to communicate real time weather changes, etc to those who are planning to come for this task.
 - Give more credit hours to tournament roles to encourage help with those events

We will send an update to all members with a reminder after the Travel tournament that there is a month left to fulfill DIBs requirements

Vote for this update to the DIBs program

All in favor, None opposed

TRAVEL

Raider Classic will be June 17-19

- Same age groups as previous years
- Registrations are coming in quicker than in the past

Tryouts

Chris Graupmann will be coming on as the Lead Evaluator. He has filled this role in the past. Tryouts will be March 16, 18 and 19, 2022 for the 12u-14u teams and March 20, 2022 for the 10u and 11u teams. Age group times TBD.

The tryout app looked at last year will be used this season. This will allow for all score to be input online by the evaluators. Training is planned. We have purchase the package which includes training for 150 participants. We will need to purchase an additional package if participants are over that 150, which they likely will be.

Al has completed most registrations for our team's away tournaments. Looking for a few more for one age group.

Umpire Coordinator Role still needs to be filled.

Registration to open this week. Kristin will send out members email when both registrations are up and running.

IN-HOUSE

Registration is open.

In-House committee meeting will be held to discuss planning for 2022 season and review website navigation with coordinators.

Minors Coordinator Role is open.

Discussion of the Minors program

- Proposal was given for the Minors program In-House only players to join the SMCBL league and have the Tournament teams at 10u and 11u become full travel teams
- Concerns with the current program were expressed in regards to range of skill level, safety, development of players at their skill level, and player interest
- Concerns were expressed for the SMBCL program in regards to travel, membership buy in and making such a large change at this point in time with COVID causing unreliable program numbers in last couple seasons, transitions on the Board and minimal communications with members of this change prior to registration opening
- Jon will put together a survey regarding member thoughts on the Minors program. Board will review and discuss at the February meeting. This survey will be intended to gauge satisfaction with the current program and if a change is needed.
- All members in attendance at the meeting see pros to the SMCBL program and are willing to continue investigation to see if this would be a good fit for our program.

- Survey completion and continued discussions on this change will resume in July to allow for the off-season to iron out any adjustments decided upon and provide membership with notice of any changes