

# Apple Valley Travel Baseball Board Meeting

October 3rd, 2022 at 7:00

**Board Members Present:** Alli Weaver, Ryan Tauer, Chris Halgren, Jess Hodgson, Brad Willis, Brian Ames, Krystle Avila, Jose Avila, Annie Chamberlain, Mac Noland

**Members Absent :** Luke Ingles

## **New Board Member**

Luke Ingles – 9U coach from last year, and also coaching fall ball, used to work at SportsEngine. Luke was sick and couldn't be here. Let's meet him at the next meeting

Do we want another one as well? Got another 10U parent potentially. Mac will invite him to the next meeting.

Treasurer is open and Tournament Director is open.

## **Uniform Update? Brian Ames**

- Brown on uniforms will be changed to match the color of the new hats
- Brian is still working with Jay at General Sports to make jerseys look like Padres jerseys
- Alli showed samples on computer, "Apple Valley" will be bigger font on the front, add numbers on the front
- How many hats to order? Agreed on 250. 100 xs/s, 100 med, 100 lg/xl

## **2023 Tryouts**

- Need to reserve Savage dome.
- If we are staying with same timeframe as last year, Friday, March 10th would be the date.
- Need to work out what to do if kids can't attend (private school kids, if kids get sick, etc.)
- Independent Evaluators - looking into options and what the costs would be
  - Cages? Zach Hendrickson
  - HTP?
  - Pitch2Pitch out of Chaska \$60 an hour per person. \$60 \* 6 folks (two per station) \* 5 hours = \$1800 / 100 kids = \$18 a kid.
  - Might need to raise registration fee to \$495, which includes new try-out fee of \$20 to help pay for independent evaluators

## **2023 Budget**

Will review at the November meeting. Please send Alli any line item estimates to include in the budget

## [2022 Budget](#)

### **2023 Tournament Proposal**

Review proposal and approve – Approved!

[2023 Proposal](#)

### **2023 Season Planning**

Need to figure what what teams we will be fielding next season

- 9U – 9AA
- 10U – 10A and 10AA possibly
- 11U – 11A and 11AA
- 12U – One Team 12AA
- 13U – 13A
- 14U
  - 14AA
  - 14 Year Olds – Trying out for high school teams?
  - How that would affect VAA season for 14s
  - Will we accommodate HS season or not with our VAA schedule?
  - Feedback from parent of former 8th grader playing high school
  - Feedback from Mac, Ryan? Mac – Great experience for Cam on 9A, Good experience for Leo Tauer on 9B
  - Annie, Alli, and Brian will meet to plan a meeting for 14-year-old families, invite Sam Firpo, and talk out the options for HS and VAA seasons.
- 15U - 14/15A and then Legion for anyone wanting to play above A.
- New VAA waiver policy – Big Board has approved this new policy:
  - *As a matter of general policy, VAA does not grant waivers unless there isn't a team available for the player requesting the waiver.*
  - *A Commissioner will have the ability to grant two waivers at their discretion per season. The Commissioner must confirm that the waiver complies with any applicable rules or regulations of its governing body (i.e. MBL/MBT, MYAS) and confirm that the organization for which the player wishes to play is agreeable and has knowledge of the waiver. Discretionary waivers granted by a Commissioner must be reported to the VAA Board of Directors.*
  - *Any other waiver requests will be submitted to the VAA Board of Directors for review. Waivers will only be granted for good cause.*
  - *Disagreement with team placement or level of play will not be considered good cause.*

- *Any waivers that are granted, including the discretionary waivers issued by a Commissioner, are on an annual basis and would have to be requested and granted in the following year.*
- Should we reach out to Eastview and Rosemount to see if we can get a note off to kids that have been redistricted or were potentially planning to open enroll? Eastview and Rosemount as of right now are not accepting any open enrollment outside of families who have kids already in high school.
  - Have big board take this over. Alli will reach out to big board to do this on behalf of all VAA sports.

### **2023 Waiver Out Policy**

~~Getting word/rumors that at least one family on next year's 12U team is trying to figure out how they can waiver out to play 12AAA.~~

See above

### **2023 Partnership with Burnsville – Mac Noland**

BV has reached out asking us if we want to combine 12U into Firehawks teams next year. They have 19 kids in their forecast. We have 12-14 in our forecast. Together we'd have 31 so enough for three teams. Their goal is to form a AAA, AA, A team at each level.

- Would they be willing to help us at the 13U age group?
- Would we be able to do Firehawks?

**Next Meeting November 7 at 7:00pm**