

March 6, 2016 Softball Board Meeting Minutes

All present EXCEPT Tim Dana

Meeting begins at 6:04pm

Open Forum:

Bob Loshek (Park High Head Softball Coach), Kristine (Park Softball Booster), and Tony came in to talk about building a relationship between the two boosters.

-Prior to them coming to meeting, a few board members met with Bob to talk about rebuilding the bridge between CGAA and Park High Softball. Talked about coaching clinics/Clinics that Bob runs.

Bob:

-Park plays at the 4AA level, he thinks CGAA should be playing at the top level possible to be able to see the competition they will have at Park.

-Thinks coaches need to be harder and get after it, to force the girls to get better.

- Wants the coaches trained and open minded working with the kids, treating them right (no yelling at the girls, especially at the younger ages) and work with the proactive coaching.

-has everybody practicing every position.

Questions asked to Bob:

-Will you train our coaches? Yes, only if 100% of coaches will be there.

-When can we have coach's clinics? Needs to check into it, depends on the weather and if he has time. Mentioned that his practices are always open practices and anyone is welcome to come watch at any time.

-Will you consider working with our girls at their practices? Will look into it.

Kristine mentioned having the older girls come and help with our girls practices. Having around 3 or 4 girls helping out at each team practices.

*Amanda mentioned having the older girls to look up to will help drive our girls and they will have someone to look up to.

-What about the rumor if you don't play club ball, you won't play for park? Says he never stated that to any of his players/to anyone.

Kristine:

-distributes all high school ball schedules, she can get us anything from practice schedules to game schedules to have the girls come and watch.

-Mention how important two CGAA coaches were to her daughter, and how most of the girls start their softball career playing with CGAA

-Going to take a poll with the older girls (varsity). to get a list of the players that are willing to help out and get their schedules.

-Booster club is on the park website, they meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, would definitely like to work together with any board members or parents.

- Talked about CGAA donating to the booster in the past, but has not donated for the past two year.

*two years ago CGAA Softball donated money for nets, Last year we were never contacted about donating money

Tony:

- Girls are dreaming bigger so they need to expand their horizon and compete bigger. That's why they go to club ball. They are looking for more competition.
- is willing to help out by getting some varsity players to help, or himself working with our girls at helping develop their skills.

All agree that we want to move forward working with Park coaches and booster:

- Mentioned that Bob and Brad need to mend their issues for this to really move forward
- waiting to hear from Kristine about communications
- Minimum of 1 coach to attend Bob's clinics, but all coaches are welcome.
 - Brian working with bob to schedule what days and times he can do coaches clinic.
 - traveling coaches will train in house coaches

Amanda suggested:

- Delegate with the Gophers women's fast pitch team to do a day with them, watching their games to see how they play in person, could help our girls.
- Maybe set something up during the offseason for the girls to enter dome-ball tournaments (10u and up).

Jamie:

- All pants(144 pairs) are in, but not the custom ordered ones, should have all the younger teams ready, older teams in about 2 to 3 weeks.
- talk to advance to drop off pants to be numbered
- jerseys should be arriving in 2 to 3 weeks
- bags have shipped

Scott:

- His team was considering putting hockey sticks with Karels hockey number on team's pants.
 - *we talked about maybe getting stickers made that all girls of CGAA have the option to put on their helmets.

Brian:

- Clinics March 13th and 20th, ran by coaches, board will be there to help run, by grade not teams
- In house at activity center with travel coaches in April
- Pitching clinics – Kelsey (Strike Zone) will be hard to get any of their coaches to help
- Reach out to bob about getting older girls to help with younger girls to help with pitching clinic.
 - *needs girls to commit to a schedule
 - *communicate with Kristine from booster for list of pitchers that can help
- Open up open gym to in house ASAP – Monday 3/7/16

Amanda:

- lots of tourney registrations coming in
- Giving Chrissy a list of all the tourneys and what teams are playing in them and where, to put on the website.
 - *there are many tournaments where more than one team is playing at.
- Base plugs on back order until May (they keep getting pushed back)
- One net coming soon
 - *\$1,100 with shipping

- *it's a returned net (saved \$250.00), check to make sure it meets standards
- *One more net will be purchased next year
- Strawberry fest is \$50.00 to set up dunk tank
 - *need to figure out how to get power to it and water to refill it.
- 14u green and 14u white registered to nationals
 - *check for gate fee given to coaches
- Youth Expo March 24th (Thursday at river oaks), Opening square account to take cards
 - *potentially use the square for concessions this summer

Chrissy: -Contacted coaches about the clinics, needs to correct email asking coaches to be there/coach
 -Send email to make known Armory is open for in house girls only as of Monday
 -Adding to website place to click and add pictures on our website of their teams and tourneys and games, etc.
 *pictures moved to trophy case when more pics are loaded

Ryan: -Nothing

Ozz: -tri county meeting tomorrow, Monday (3/7/16)
 *deposit for 9 teams of \$550 a piece
 *Bring flyers of our tourney
 *talk about state and tri county play offs, pushing to hose whatever we can
 -Rosters need to be in by April 9th (Brad taking care of)
 *each team needs birth certificates and current pictures of each girl

Scott: -Fielding masks to be used at all practices inside and out (using hard balls at arena)
 -talked to brad about training clinics for in house coaches
 -purchasing weighted softballs
 *10per team (9 traveling teams and clinics)
 *Light flights \$40-\$50 a dozen, weighted balls \$10 more for a dozen, Totaling around \$600 more, but these should last longer
 *very low on light flight balls, may need to order more
 -Coaches cannot get hard balls until they turn in their softies
 -down the road may be short on team bats, maybe look into investing in new bats
 *look at new 2015 bats (at \$150 a bat, should be able to get 1 for each team (9)
 *Chrissy has a contact from Miken, with his discount can get bats for around \$100-\$150 per bat

****Scott motioned to approve up to \$3000 to use towards new bats (if money left over, to be used towards bats for in house) – Brian and Dave Second the motion, all approve, motion carries

Kayla:

-Needs to get directions from brad on how to upload minutes

Marc:

-getting proof of raffle tickets, takes 10 days

- Get link form Andrew to pre order pictures online
 - *let Andrew know that we want pictures taken of the board members

Dave:

- Fences going on fields 49 and 50 early spring
- Sent email for to coaches on picks for fields
- any dugout info? Tim has info, should be getting it shortly
- Going to be out fixing and putting up bat racks, home & Away Signs
- Getting batting cages hung on nice day
 - *inquiring for help soon
 - *should run electrical before the nets get hung (Ozz-outlets and lights)
- Sent out indoor practice schedule to coaches
- Contact Steve Rucker about taking pitcher for team banners at PIP Tourney
- Concussion testing on picture day
 - *need to get volunteers to get trained and help administer the test

Troy:

- as of today 166 girls registered for in house
- Talk to Lori f/women's league, said she would talk to everyone if they can do Tuesdays

Brad:

- gambling adding Carbone's, there will be 5 sites now

VOTING FOR TRYOUTS

August	October
<p>PROS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Better weather -Play fall ball with you team -coming off of season (traveling) -Losheck camp? -keeping our word -easier to reschedule for weather -could do on week night, more daylight <p>CONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -family vacation -no time to adjust to age change -reduced numbers at younger age -hot/rain 	<p>PROS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -post fall ball "test" increaser -hockey willing to be flexible -10 to 12 leap (time to adjust to age change) <p>CONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -cold/bad weather -fall ball team structure -hockey -no loshek camp -no reschedule options

*** VOTE *** August Tryouts: 7 people

October Tryouts: 6 people

Brad motion for 12u and up to have tryouts on august 12th-14th and 10u to have tryouts on October 1st and 2nd. Scott seconds motion, all agree, motion carries.

*Motion made by Brad to adjourn meeting. Brian Second, All Approve, Meeting adjourned 9:45pm. **