

# ***Valley Athletic Association***

## Traveling Baseball Board Meeting

11.4.19 @ 7:00pm

Board Members Present: Brian Ames, Jeremy Jackson, Lonnie Provencher, Sara Ankrom, Mac Noland, Rob Gentz, Any O'Brien, Annie Chamberlain, Don Lennartson

Board Members Absent: Mike LaFave, Katie Jackson

Meeting brought to order at 7:05pm by Brian Ames

Updates from Members-

Age group Director updates (Rob & Mac):

- Sign up for tournaments will start in early December
- Post AV tourney as early as possible to increase chances of filling
- Discussion on allowing 8 yr old's to sign up for traveling baseball
  - Board Vote
    - 9 Yes
    - 0 No
    - Motion Passed
- Discussion on level of play for 8 yr old's
  - Board Vote
    - 8 yr old's can only play at the 9 yr old level
      - 9 Yes
      - 0 No
      - Motion Passed

Field Director (Don):

- Field Groomer is back in shed
  - Maintenance completed on it
  - Gas line needed to be fixed
- Check on wagon over at Middle school shed
  - See if equipment is needed or worth keeping

Uniforms (Brian and Annie):

- Coach Firpo was present to confirm HS hats and uniform colors
- Discussion on using HS jersey look or create a unique traveling baseball uniform
  - Board Vote
    - 9 Yes to match H.S. uniforms
    - 0 No

- Motion passed
- Uniforms sub committee will now look for vendor to use (Update in Dec)
- Sell old pants, batting gloves, hats, etc. at tryouts

Tournaments (Andy & Jeremy):

- Try to make tournaments more efficient/less tournaments
  - Tournament 100-120 teams
- Only host tournaments that we have teams/Cap at 8 teams per tournament
- Possibility of hosting less tournaments, fundraising
- Nov 22nd/MBT deadline bid
- Fees cheaper for younger teams(tournaments)

Budget (Lonnie & Jeremy):

- Discussed current financial picture
- Board Vote
  - Raise registration fee to \$425 per player
    - 9 Yes
    - 0 No
  - Motion Passed
- Discussed the need for a traveling baseball fundraiser
- Lonnie and Brian will present budget to VAA board on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>

Agenda topics for December Meeting:

- Fundraiser/uniform follow-up/extra money option
- Survey out sooner than later (by December meeting)
  - Changes in survey (send to Mac and Brian)
- Investing in DeLong Batting Cages

Motion to Adjourn:

- First by Rob Gentz
- Second by Mac Noland
- Motion Carried
- Meeting adjourned by Brian Ames at 8:50pm