

**Northfield Youth Baseball Association
Board of Directors Meeting
February 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm
at Granite Equities Offices**

Attendance - Steve Fox, Jon Mielke, Keith Argabright, Scott Paulson, Russ Bauer, Al Stier, Josh Spitzack, Kari Scheurer, Daniel Hollerung

Motions

1. Approve up to \$5k for Lance to finalize the batter's eye for Merchant's (all in favor, none opposed)

2. Approve Raider HS Baseball "HR Club" to 'join' with NYBA for fundraising account - will be kept as separate account that Josh and Keith will be signors on, agreement will expire if Josh is no longer Varsity coach (idea is to revisit new agreement with new coach) (all in favor, none opposed)

3. Agreed to allot \$600 budget to KYMAN and Northfield Live for NYBA advertising (no vote was taken as budget already had \$500 allocated, Lance thinks he can get it down to \$500)

4. Discussed language for NYBA to adopt as a by-law regarding accepting "waivers" from families outside of Northfield public school district to play in NYBA. Example: Family in Faribault wants to waiver into NYBA because Faribault only has 11A, wants to play at higher level (AA or AAA). Historically (per Lance) NYBA has only accepted players in to play on lower team - can't displace Northfield player off top team. Others in room took that to next step saying we shouldn't allow if it displaces a Northfield player off any team (single A). So only accept if numbers allow him to be placed on lowest team without needed to cut a Northfield player to make room. Feels like NYBA will be facing these waiver requests more often going forward, particularly from Faribault families. Was decided STEve would develop cleaner language that and send out to voting members for discussion/approval.

TRAVEL

Raider Classic is full (48 teams) and that we canceled the 12AAA portion due to lack of teams. Also let everyone know that since Nolan's not playing in the tournament Steve will be on vacation and not at the tournament this year; asked that Board members support Aurora that weekend - Al, Scott, Josh all said they would be there for sure. Steve will make sure leading up to that weekend everything is in place and set.

Tryouts - discussed needed from equipment/volunteer standpoint.

Discussed MBL Travel Directors meeting that Scott and Steve attended last week - main talking point was player/coach/spectator behavior towards umpires.

Discussed discipline actions and emphasis from NYBA President to families and coaches during communications/meetings.

Registration update - one thing to note was that so far zero registrations for Community Rec teams. Travel teams are on pace to meet projections.

Field scheduling update with moving Rookies to Mon/Wed (Jon also commented on this).

INHOUSE

Registration is open and email reminders have been sent out and more will be sent.

Jon is taking care of the in-house jerseys as he did last season.