

**FOREST LAKE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - 6/08/08**

Members Present: Dale Hager, Patti Brunjes, Mark Raak, Rick Degendorfer, Jon Granger, Kale Henry, Chris Ross, Jolene Pitt, Mike Gough, Russ Fandel

Visitors: Avery Brunjes(FLAAA rep), Brian Raabe, Lynette Bye, Kathy Hamernick

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hager

Additional Items: Payment request for coaches hotel at tournament

Motion to approve May 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting minutes by Jon Granger, seconded by Jolene Pitt and motioned passed with the following correction: Rick Degendorfer will not be returning to the board next year.

**Treasurers Report:** Mark handed out a balance sheet. Cash on hand ~ \$58,000 at end of May. \$16,000 income is a mixture of items(\$10,000 from FLAAA, baseball clinic and apparel). Tournament and league fees are in good shape. Mark expects more uniform costs and tournament costs. Additional money going out will be to the high school. A bill was received from the school district for the use of Century for try-outs(moved inside due to the rain) for \$290.79. Mark just received another request for a full fee reduction(14B) and Mark recommends we approve. Motion to approve Treasurer' report made by Jolene, seconded by Kale Henry and motion approved. This includes paying the bill to Century and fee reduction.

**FLAAA Report:** No new information. City has informed Larry Porter that the fields will not be ready until 2010 due to contractor being behind. A&L Sod(Dan Robinson) will talk with Larry to see what can be done to see if this process can be accelerated. If this is delayed, signs will not be needed until 2010.

**Coach Report:** Board members and Brian Raabe have received a number of calls regarding coaches. Brian made a proposal that he be the chair of the coaches selection committee which will still involve the FLBA board members. This proposal will be discussed at the Fall Retreat. How will this change make a difference? Brian provided a few ideas that will be discussed in detail if the proposal is agreed on. Brian also suggested that we change the try-outs to 2 days for each age group and we should try booking the gym time now. Russ wanted to know what type of negative feedback has been received: conduct, coach doesn't really want to be there, coach isn't teaching the kids anything, playing time isn't fair, etc. We as a board, we can not do anything unless there is a written grievance submitted to the board(Dale, Kale and Mike)

**16's and 19's and under:** Mike will be rostering 17 players this season. Practice will be Sunday nights and Mike has also scheduled a number of exhibitions. Mike is asking the board that he be able to keep the remaining kids as "exhibition" players and allow them to practice and play in the exhibition games. He would only charge them \$75 for the season(includes the cost of pancake breakfast). Mike would like to get one umpire for the 3-4 home games and have FLBA pay for this. Chris made the motion to approve the addition of "exhibition" players at a cost of \$75 for the season and to have FLBA pay for one umpire for 3-4 home games, motion was seconded by Kale Henry and motioned passed. Possibly need to have waiver for players that are age 19. Avery will need to ask FLAAA how to deal with this.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Jolene has the tickets and will be making copies and ages 15-19 will be selling them. Each player will get 8 tickets to sell(\$5 each) - must pay for them upfront. A suggestion was made to contact each manager to see if anyone from the younger teams would be interested in purchasing some.

**Post Season training camp:** This is a go. Russ and Brian have worked out the details. Tal Gravalle, Greg Evgen, Carl Parker, Mike Zentzis will get 4 other coaches that will help them(plus an additional back-up for each one). The coaches will work with different age groups then what they are currently working with and rotate around. Brian Raabe will be a floater. Target audience is ages 10 thru 14 and goal is to have 80 players(could

take up to 100). The \$\$ will go to FLBA this year and if successful, the money will go towards the high school program. Each player will get a tee-shirt. It runs July 22<sup>nd</sup> thru August 14<sup>th</sup> on Tuesday and Thursdays and will last approximately 1.5 to 2 hours. Program will work on infield, outfield, base running, pitching and hitting.

**Signs at Fenway:** Tim Garry expressed an interest in coordinating the sales of the signs. Jon Granger obtained some initial pricing for a 4' x 4" - \$400, 8' x 8' - \$800. Need to discuss at the fall agenda

**Evaluation Forms:** Need to be handed out to the team managers.

**Board member search:** Application form is on the website. Please pass the word out. Would like to have parents that are familiar with the program and would be willing to work and put time into the program.

**Additional items:**

An email was sent to a board member from a non parent coach asking whether or not his hotel will be paid for at the out town tournament. The by-laws state that a coach can approach a board member and request a coaches incentive.

Carl Parker had 3 pre-season games and is requesting payment for the umpiring. This request has not been brought up to the board in previous years. The FLBA bylaws does not address and will policy will be discussed in the fall. Motion made to pay for the 3 games made by Jon Granger, seconded by Kale Henry and motion passed.

Next Meeting is July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the American Legion, however this may be cancelled. Dale will send out a note to let us know.

Motion to adjourn by Chris Ross, seconded by Russ Fandel.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Brunjes