

FOREST LAKE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - 12/09/07

Members Present: Chris Ross, Jon Granger, Dale Hager, Jolene Pitt, Patti Brunjes, Jim Morehead, Mark Raak, Russ Fandel, Rick Degendorf, Jon Granger, Brian Raabe, Mike Gough

Visitors: Avery Brunjes (FLAAA rep)

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hager

Additional Items added to Agenda:

Manuals - All parent received last year since there had been so many changes but usually only coaches. Dale wanted to know if they should be handed out to the 10 year old parents? Chris will make the copies.

Merchandise to sell - jackets, sweatshirts, etc. It will be on the website and information handed out at the parent meeting.

Motion to approve Nov 11th Board Meeting minutes by Jolene Pitt, seconded by Jon Granger and motioned passed.

Treasurers Report: October and November report review. Account has been opened at Mainstreet Bank. Account at Patriot will be closed by the end of the year. Mike Gough made motion to approve both months, Patti Brunjes seconded and motion passed.

FLAAA Report: Trying to get "Cash Value" cards for fundraising. Pull tabs are still down but no big change since smoking ban. FLAAA would like to have a list of all the board members sent to them. Patti will send copy to them. Avery will follow up regarding who needs to be bonded for the checkbook. They also discussed holding play-offs for soccer and requesting help from all the other sports in order to raise money for the field house. This would be very difficult since baseball is still using the Century Fields. FLAAA has requested a "Wants & Needs" from baseball. Dale came up with a tentative estimate to give to FLAAA.

Revised Budget: November revise budget was handed out by Mark. Changes: removed 19 year old tournament and spread the cost of coaches throughout the teams. Includes raffle, pancake and sponsorship. Motion to approve 2008 budget made by Mike Gough, seconded by Mark Raak and motion passed.

Final Uniform Plan: The board preferred the pants from Cunningham's. The cost is higher than the pants from last year but appear to be more durable. Based on the comments from the parents last year this would be an improvement. Chris motioned we go with new company for pants (still need to determine minimum), seconded by Mike Gough and motion passed. Three options for shirts were presented and board was split on what way to go: 2 Henleys or stay with vest, tee-shirt and Henley. \$12,000 is net budget for uniforms. Decision will be made next month and vote will be completed. Socks will no longer be part of the budget. Sell the remaining socks at the parents meeting.

Fundraising plan for 2008: Jolene talked to Applebee's and they are booked until beginning of June. Profit is 100% to organization. Require 10-15 people to volunteer. Select June 28th if available or a date in July. Sponsorship may be difficult, but website adds may be easier at a lower cost. Acknowledgement will be given at the end of the year in the newspaper. Entire board needs to help with this. Motion to pass the fundraising ideas(pancake breakfast, sponsorship) made by Patti Brunjes, seconded by Kale Henry and motion passed.

Late summer league: This is more instructional(working on skills) and designed primarily for the traveling baseball players, ages 9 - 13. This does not replace Fall Ball and will be completed before football starts. Community service will run this for us. Tentative plan is: 2 nights/week, 1.5 to 2 hours each night, and would not last more than 6 weeks. Maximum of 100 players can participate and the fee would be minimal.

Practice manual: Russ and Brian have worked on this. It will be broken down into Offense, Defense and Pitching. Example: Hitting Philosophy: Break it down by ages and expectations for each age level. It will be handed out to the coaches so they have something to look at and can be consistent. The intent of this manual is to improve the overall program.

Communications within the board: For future references, please try to share information with board via email if it is something that needs to be discussed at the next board meetings.

Possible League Change for 15A Team: Bill Porter felt that by playing in the Mickey Mantle league makes the team competitive in tournaments. He did not have a strong opinion about changing leagues. The main thing is to be competitive and try to end about 0.500. We will remain in the Mickey Mantle League.

Ice fishing contest: VFW needs to provide a date of when we will receive payment(which is based on the number of holes that will drilled). This needs to be mentioned at the coaches interviews, that it will be mandatory to be there - Feb 16th.

Next Meeting is January 13th at 6:30 pm at the American Legion.

Motion to adjourn by Dale Hager, seconded by Brian Raabe.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Brunjes