

FOREST LAKE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - 4/13/08

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

Visitors: Avery Brunjes(FLAAA rep), Jim Nielsen

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hager

Additional Items: North Star League.

Motion to approve March 9th Board Meeting minutes by Jolene Pitt, seconded by Mike Gough and motioned passed.

Treasurers Report: Mark provided the new layout of the budget. We are currently at a deficit but that wasn't unexpected due to league fees will be coming in at the end of April. The new checking account has been charged \$5/month and an additional \$250 this past month(business account fees). Mark will be working with the bank since we are a nonprofit and get these charges reversed. FLAAA still owes us approximately \$7400 and there is still a \$10,000 CD. Motion to approve the minutes by Jim Morehead, seconded by Kale Henry and motioned passed.

FLAAA Report:

Meeting 1(Feb): Background check forms are available for all the head coaches and board members that will be involved with the kids. Jim Morehead will had out the forms at the coaches meeting scheduled for April 18th. FLAAA wants to know if we want to put a float in the 4th of July parade or piggy back with the other groups. We will be joining in with others. Groundbreaking is April 19th and they requested two baseball players to be there(Board suggested Avery bring his own kids).

Meeting 2(March): Audit fees need to be sent in, Chris will get this done. FLAAA also said there was \$10,000 in an account and would like us to take it. Chris will follow-up this week to find out the details. Arena field house has an official board. They are looking for volunteers(10 people/10 groups) to help with manual labor help from each sport. It would be 4-5 hours at a time, more details will be coming. Forest Lake Floral will be selling \$50 giftcards(\$15.00 profit - half to FLAAA and half to FLBA). These two items will be brought up at the parents meeting. Portable restrooms will no longer be provided by Jimmy Johnnies. Jon/Avery will follow up. Raffle tickets are all printed.

Try-outs 10-14's: All done and they appeared to go smoothly. This was the first year we used the Forest Lake Brewers as evaluators and coaches agreed with the final outcome. Only thing we might change will be to keep the coaches away from the evaluators so the numbers are kept private. Next year, we will also have to monitor the bats that are being used at 14 year old(minus 5 is required). 10-12 year teams are completed. 13/14 year old "A" teams have been selected, remaining teams will be completed later this week. There will be 3 teams at each level.

After the end of season there will be a discussion on how to break teams down...one A, one B1 and one B2?? Looking into the new league that MYAS is putting together as an option next year.

Coaches: Jim Morehead needs to find two more coaches for the two 13 "B" teams. Hopefully this can be done ASAP since we would like to notify the boys by the end of the week. Jim will remind each of the coaches to have an individual parent meeting.

Uniforms: All uniforms will be ordered as soon as Jolene provides the 13/14 year old information.

Fields: Bases and umpire equipment at all fields. Equipment box needs to be replaced at one of the Century fields. Jon will get this done. Should we have a large map at the Century fields to help direct parents? Bring any ideas to the next board meeting. Rick brought up the question if the pitching rubber could be moved to 54' instead of 52'. Board recommended it stay at 52'.

Fundraising:

Pancake Breakfast: Applebee's is now charging \$1.00/person. Girls Fastpitch charged \$6/ticket. Jolene will follow-up on extra charge and will get the tickets printed up. One

Post Season Training camp: Need to work out the details. Won't start before July 22nd due to church league at Kulenkamp.

Ice Fishing Contest: Will get \$\$ from VFW but the sponsors supposedly lost money and will not be donating any money to FLBA. Next year the VFW will be running the ticket sales.

Sponsorships: There are 10 as of today(thank you Dale for 8 of them!!)

Fan Apparel: Obtained some orders at the try-outs and will have the order sheet available at the parent meeting. We will also try to sell the old apparel that night.

Stock Parking Lot: Will this be available 4th of July. Mark will check if it is rented out already or if we can collect fees for parking.

Parent Meeting: April 22nd @ 6:30 and is at the American Legion. Jim will be the emcee. Dale provided an agenda and if anyone has changes or ideas, please let Jim know.

Other:

Umpires: Need to provide SSN for payment. There was an Umpire Clinic today and there were about 18 boys from Forest Lake.

Hager mentioned that Jim Bourque will be requesting \$1500 as a coach. Discussion tabled until Jim is present to make request.

Mark Raak had a request by a parent on whether league fees could be staggered.

Chris explained the terms of using credit cards(Pay Pal) and there would be a 1.9% charge. Discussion tabled.

Pants - are we going to require each player to have the appropriate pants(not use the old uniform)? This will be discussed in the Fall.

Rick wanted to recognize the special effort that Dave Schultz provided for all the try-outs.

Next Meeting is May 18th at 6:30 pm at the American Legion.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Gough, seconded by Nanette LaNasa .

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Brunjes