

FOREST LAKE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - 1/13/08

Members Present: Chris Ross, Dale Hager, Jolene Pitt, Patti Brunjes, Jim Morehead, Mark Raak, Russ Fandel, Rick Degendorfer, Mike Gough, Nannette LaNasa

Visitors: Avery Brunjes(FLAAA rep), Bill Porter, Steve Voss, Duwayne Walton

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hager

Additional Items added to Agenda:

Guest from the Fishapalooza - Jim Woods

Contest is February 16th. D Rock will provide the augers and need to have all the drillers at the lake by 7:00 am(need 80 to 100 people). Goal is to drill 10,000 holes in 3-3.5 hours. Drillers will need to stick around until right before the contest in case extra holes are needed. Amount of money will depend on the number of contestants. Current ice thickness is around 12"- 14". An auger will be given away to one of the volunteer drillers. Hot chocolate and coffee will be provided to everyone.

Possible League change for 15A - Bill Porter - see below

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

Treasurers Report: Mark provided Dec 07 ending balance sheet(approx. -\$5000 YTD). Also, Mark brought up the fact that \$10,000 is given to FLAAA to invest and the interest has never been given back to FLBA. Mark requested we receive this money back. FLAAA is following up. Motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Jim Morehead, seconded by Chris Ross and motioned passed.

FLAAA Report:

Dec 07: Mark verified that Quick Books is set up and ready to go. FLAAA asked for the \$185 for the insurance to cover any frivolous lawsuits. Avery will follow up with Larry. Arena field-house is at \$800,000+ and plan is to start interviewing contractors in April. Background checks are mandatory for head coach and must be done yearly. FLAAA is looking at The McDowell Agency, Inc and \$20 will cover the following items: SS/Address Trace, MN BCA, County Criminal Record Check, National Sex Offender Registry and USA Criminal Index. Avery donated his FLAAA stipend to the FLBA of \$300.

Jan 08: Avery has been re-elected as FLBA FLAAA rep. Discussed portable outhouses(possible new supplier) and newsletter information. Home show is coming up on March 15th and FLAAA is looking for a volunteer to sit there for an hour. FLAAA has requested that each sport have their chair, vice chair, secretary and treasure attend 2-3 meetings per year if possible.

Final Uniform Plan: Three options were presented to the board: 1 - same as last year, 2 - replace the cotton henley with a moisture wicking 2 button henley(maroon), 3 - 2 button moisture wicking henley(maroon) with tackle twill lettering or silk screen and a gold moisture wicking tee shirt silk screen with logo and number. Motioned made to go with gold moisture wicking tee-shirt with silk screen front and back, keep vest and hat made by Chris Ross(no socks or henleys), seconded by Rick Degendorfer and motioned passed. Printing on the vest will be 2 colored FL. Hats will have the same FL as the shirt.

Fundraising plan for 2008: No platinum sponsor has been identified as this time. Pancake breakfast has been scheduled for July 26th. Avery will check with FLAAA if the ticket needs to be approved by them or not. Need 15 volunteers to work at this. 500 tickets will be printed for this event. Chris requested the board to please help getting \$100 sponsors for fund raising. Advertisements for the future baseball field fence has been approved.

Ice Fishing Contest Update: Rumor has it that the VFW will match the \$\$ that the fishing contest provides us. For example, if the Fishapalooza provides us \$3000, then the VFW will give us \$3000. A few of the board members raised the concern about needing to know a minimum of how much will be made. Dale will follow-up with Jim. Dale had a hand-out with general specifics.

Coach Selection: 11 to 12 coach applications have been received and these will be reviewed by the committee on Sat. Feb 2 at 8:00 am at Am. Legion.

Equipment Update: Will come in \$1000 less than budget.

Fields: Jon needs to talk to the city about securing Kulenkamp for 2008.

Registrations: They have been sent out to the FL schools in addition to Dale sending them to Lakes Academy, Montesorri and the International Language Academy.

Try-Outs: Saturday, March 15th try-out date has been changed by 1 hour. Start is 10:00 instead of 9:00. Try-out committee will decide how the try-outs will be completed.

Brian's Coach Clinic: Feb 24th will be held at the American Legion from 7:30 - 9:00. Community Service has also been notified about this. Russ discussed the coaches manual which will be given to the traveling coaches. Russ would like to still review with Brian before finalizing.

Post Season Training Camp: This has been scheduled for July 22 - August 14. Dale provided the basic details (preliminary) and this will be discussed more next month. Plan is to keep it small this year and if successful, open it up to community service next year. Brian has someone that will print tee shirts for \$4 and wants to know if the FLBA will pay for the high school tee shirts (about 50 more). Patti made a motion to spend the money for the additional shirts for the high school, seconded by Jolene and motion passed.

Arm Clinic: Avery has not talked to Dr. Roberts about a possible date and Avery still needs to talk to FLAFA to see if they were interested in co-sponsoring this event with FLBA. Would like to schedule after the coaches selection.

Possible League change for 15A: Forest Lake has played in the 16 year old "A" Mickey Mantle, 2 years ago we went 8-8, last year we went 5-11. Bill feels that the competition is greater at the 16 year old and gives them good practice for the 15 year old tournaments. Board agreed that Brian, Kale, Jim and Bill will make the final decision of where to place the boys for the 2008. Motion was made by Mike Gough to allow Brian, Kale, Jim and Bill to make the final decision of where to place the boys for the 2008. Motion was seconded by Dale and motioned passed.

Other: Chisago Lakes would like to have a word document copy of our manual so they can use it as an outline for their own use. Board agreed this would be ok.

Mike Gough had additional information regarding tournaments via MYAS. Mike asked Tony Groff if he would be interested in coming to a board meeting to provide information on what it takes to run a successful tournament and dates that work well.

Next Meeting is February 10th at 6:30 pm at the American Legion.

Motion to adjourn by Dale Hager, seconded by Patti Brunjes.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Brunjes