

FOREST LAKE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - 3/9/08

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

Visitors: Avery Brunjes(FLAAA rep), Jim Nielsen

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hager

Additional Items: North Star League.

Motion to approve Feb 10<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting minutes by Mike Gough, seconded by Russ Fandel and motioned passed.

**Treasurers Report:** Activity has been minimal for January and February. Mark received \$400 in donations, paying off some tournaments and office expenses. Mark asked about the request for half fees and it was recalled this is done on an individual basis. Motion to accept treasury report made by Rick Degendorfer, seconded by Jolene Pitt and motion passed.

**FLAAA Report:** Proposed bylaw changes were presented at a special meeting that was held last week. Only change that would be an impact on the FLBA would be the requirement of the FLAAA rep must be a voting member of the board they represent. If voted in, bylaw change would take effect in 2009. It was also stated that the high school coach shall not serve as board member, but this does not impact FLBA. Dale requested that Avery ask FLAAA if he could be grandfathered like they are considering for the high school coach. Motion to vote no to change in bylaw and/or grandfather in made by Nanette Article 7 Section 2A and board agreed.

Ethics committee is going with background checks thru approved group. Cost is \$20/person and FLAAA will pay \$14/person. FLBA will provide head coaches names to FLAAA. Bonding will cover 40 checks, FLAAA need endorsees(Chris, Mark and Dale) and account number. Home Show is March 15<sup>th</sup> at FLHS. Need copy of FLBA bylaws(Dale mentioned they already have these).

Jolene requested that Avery find out about tickets for the pancake breakfast and if they need to approve it before we print them.

**Fishapalooza Report:** 95 volunteers, 8 support people. About 20 high school kids were present and majority was juniors. Still don't know how much \$\$ we will be compensated from tournament. Parking proceeds were \$750. FLBA will do it again next year only if we get compensated and if we can organize/run the drilling ourselves. Expenses for the day were \$300 for the day.

**Fundraising plan for 2008:**

Ice fishing parking - \$750 in proceeds. Mark will write thank-you letter to Stock.

Raffle - Avery got approval for the tickets and ordered 12,000. Prizes are the same/drawing is June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Pancake Breakfast - Motion was made by Patti Brunjes to have age 15+ and older sell 10 tickets/player, seconded by Rick Degendorfer and motion passed. A sign-up list will be at the parent meeting.

Sponsors - 8 sponsors to date. Dale thought it would be nice to have a "Sponsor" board at tryouts and parents meeting. Nanette will make a display.

Signs at Fenway - Still on hold. FLAAA is still negotiating who will run what.

**Uniform Plan:** 10 thru 14 will have 2 tee shirts(gold and maroon), 15 and up will be one two button shirt(maroon). We may have to print VFW on the 16 year old shirts. Pants are for 10 - 14 year old to purchase. Pants will be supplied to older kids. Coaches shirts - go with 2 button shirt similar to older players(3 per team). Socks are only being given to the 10 year team and hats will be given to all players. Socks and belts will be available at Play It Again Sports.

**Registrations:** Numbers are at thru 3/9/08:

45 - 10 and under	36 - 11 year old
41 - 12 year old	38 - 13 year old
40 - 14 year old	23 - 15 year old
2 - 16 year old	

Dale mentioned that most of the 16 years did not realize the registration needed to be in and would like to give them a break on the registration fee. Board agreed to let them still only pay \$15. There will be 3 teams(maybe 4) at 10 year old and 3 teams at 11, 12 and 13 year old. 2 teams(maybe 3) at 14 year old, 2 teams at 15 and 1 team at 16-19 year old. Final decision on # of teams will be made after try-outs. There will also be a VFW and Legion team.

**Try-outs:** Jolene will be at the registration table. Patti, Chris and Nanette will be there for uniforms. 8 Brewer players will be evaluators and the High school players will be there to help out. Scores will be calculated after the try-outs by Jolene and Kale offered to help with this. Rick and committee will call the kids. Rick has had a call or two regarding kids that can not make try-outs due to broken bones. Rick informed them since they were on a traveling team the year before, a spot on a "B" team will be reserved(this has been done previously). Kids that can not make the try-out due to vacation will have one opportunity on Monday but they will be limited to "B" team also. Avery will call Dave/Brian to verify school is available

**Brian's Coaches Clinic:** It went well. 20 - 24 coaches were present.

**Pre-Tryout Clinic:** \$2740 was made. This will go directly to the Dug-out club. Jolene suggested that we change dates due to hockey.

**Post Season Training Camp:** Jon Granger talked to Renee and we can use the fields at Kulenkamp, Tuesday/Thurs from mid July thru August. Cost will be \$40/player and it will be for 10 - 14 year olds of the current year.

**Fields:** Drag will always be available at Kulenkamp and will be prepped twice a week(Tues/Thurs). Some issues last year regarding the maintenance of the fields at Century, need to get contract signed. Jon will follow up with Dave.

**Team Pictures:** Have not had anyone do this for several years. Nanette has been providing the service to the high school basketball team. Dale would like to have the pictures on the website. Nanette has agreed to supply them for FLBA. Motion made by Jolene to have Nanette provide this service for FLBA, seconded by Rick Degendorfer, motion passed.

**Parent Meeting:** April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30. Legion will provide the large room for free. Dale will double check.

**Other:** North Star League - they are looking into developing a 10 - 12 age group(separate groups). Option for "C" level. It may not go thru this year, so don't count on it for sure. They have had a 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grade league for several years and this has worked well.

Manual stated that teams could be in Super Savers(1 day), these have been eliminated and replaced with "Spring Training" tournaments which are 2 days. Can the teams participate in as many as these as they want? FLBA decided against this.

Next Meeting is April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the American Legion.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Gough, seconded by Jon Granger.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Brunjes