

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 7, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:10.
The minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report: \$46,220 in bank as of 1/31. YTD revenues - \$36,468.

Equipment: Will need 10 sports bags in lieu of the Dick's bags from last year. Rec. league balls, also, will need to be purchased. Ice packs, first aid kits, scorebooks from Slammers.

Deposit checks worked well last year, and we had 100% of our equipment returned. We will again require a \$100 deposit check for equipment pick up which will not be cashed unless equipment is not returned at the end of the season.

Distribution dates – March 1 for 8-13 from 9-11 am; 14 year olds will be February 16, 9 am. Play for 14 year olds will start 3/8. 8 through 13 start 3/31.

League Report: There will be a home school league with a few teams playing in JCJBL. They are also discussing going back to levels 0,1,2,3 instead of “majors, AAA, AA, A” Bracketing: initial bracketing due Sunday – coach's name, record last year, intention of level of play this year. Final bracketing is 2/27. Rosters need to be in to coordinators by 2/15 to get them to Vicki in time to turn them around to JCJBL by 2/29.

Database Status: The database is a bit of a mess, in that there are many duplicates / triplicates, etc. Nancy, Vicki and Amy are going to work on cleaning up this data.

Team Formation: Teams are formed except two 9-year old teams are not fully formed. One team is at 8 and the other is at 8 or 9 kids. It was suggested that we contact 8RC kids who did not get picked for the team to see if they'd like to play 9 year old.

Insurance: We have paid for the insurance for the 8RC-14 year old teams. The new insurance certificate is on the website, available for download.

Clinics / Coaches: We are tracking who we have applications from and who we don't.

- The coaches clinic is this Saturday at 9:00 at Evergreen High School in the batting cages. We will get a list of who attended. We may then try to organize a secondary coaches clinic, perhaps during an evening session. Assistant coaches are encouraged to attend as well.

- First Aid clinic will be on 3/8 from 9-12 at Evergreen Fire and Rescue on Bergen Parkway. Coaches are required to go to a first aid clinic at least once every 2 years. Assistant coaches are strongly encouraged to attend this as well.
- Mandatory JCJBL coaches meeting for those who are new to competitive on 3/15, time and place to be determined.
- At our March 13 Board meeting, 7pm, Evergreen Rec Center, we will have a mandatory coaches meeting at which they will receive their shirts, hats, instructional cards, etc. – head and assistant coaches for 8RC and above.

5-8 Year old program: Kristen, Sheri and Dan will talk to Jana about a registration date on 3/16.

Scheduling Report from EPRD: Marshdale field will now be part of our field mix for 5-14 from 5/19 through the summer. 5-8 year old practices and games can be scheduled there, as well as Stagecoach. 8RC – 13 could practice at Marshdale as well. We believe we could have 3-4 teams at a time for practice on the Marshdale field. Bergen Meadow will be out of the mix while the field is being redone. If we need more availability as the season progresses, we could look into the Clear Creek field, but it will cost us money. Or, teams could go directly to them independently.

Coaches should get their preferred practice dates to Renee as soon as possible. Related, we are going to do a presentation at the 3/13 coaches meeting to explain to coaches how limited the fields are for games and practices, and encourage them to be as flexible as possible so that we can have more games on the weekends, which has been a problem.

There was much discussion about how to let coaches get their practice dates – letting coaches pick their dates themselves, etc. We decided there would be a presentation at the 3/13 meeting to help explain the problem of field choices to the coaches as a first step to making the process more transparent.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.