

Traveling Eagles
Board Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2009
Beef O'Brady's in Bluewater Bay
5:30pm

Subject: Executive Board Members Only Meeting

Members Present: Brian Cromwell, Mike Wells, Kim Brooks, Mike McDorman and BJ Gruwell

Members Absent: Don Collins and Joe Nedoroscik

Call to order – meeting called to order by Brian Cromwell at 5:40pm

I. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- A. Brian Cromwell made a motion to waive the reading of the previous minutes. Kim Brooks seconded the motion. All were in favor. Reading of previous minutes waived.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Spring Season/Pay-n-Play Status:

1. Brian Cromwell stated the majority votes were to go to the pay-as-you play option. Individual teams will still have the option to do team fund raisers to cut down on the cost of out-of-pocket money if they chose. The fund raiser would have to be approved by the executive board and it would be that teams sole responsibility to handle all details of the fund raiser.
2. There was some discussion about having one (1) host tournament and the Golf Tournament for the Spring Season. If the league hosted one tournament it's possible that ASP would be totally responsible for the entire tournament or ASP would be responsible for part of the tournament and other duties such as concession duties would be covered by volunteers (parents or organizations within the community). The Golf Tournament would be the responsibility of the 12U (as always), and parents would still have the option to pay out. Possible date change (Feb) of when the tournament would be hosted, so that it does conflict with Spring Break.
3. Kim Brooks suggested looking into having/paying a teenager/high school student handle the webpage sponsors because it has become very time consuming.
4. Kim Brooks suggested another way to handle the host tournament. For example, a family would sign-up to support a fund raiser and if they worked that fund raiser they would earn a \$100 credit as long as the fund raiser was profitable. If the family doesn't want to participate in working the fund raiser than that family would have to pay the \$100. – No decision was made on this option or if it would be implemented.

B. Status of By-laws:

1. Brian Cromwell asked about the status of the by-laws. BJ Gruwell informed him that it was sent to him when he last requested a copy. Since he was unable to find the copy Kim Brooks will send him a new copy. The modification of the new by-laws should be released soon. Major change in how the by-laws will read:

Two (2) out-of-area players will be allowed on a team. More than two out of area players will require Executive Board approval". It will no longer read "if there are an insufficient number of defined area players available to try out".

III. **FINANCIALS:**

Reviewed - ~\$2k estimated to remain after all Spring 2009 expenses.

IV. **VICE-PRESIDENT'S AREAS:**

V. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Banquet/Camp Status: Mike Well briefed the status of the Annual Banquet:

1. Saturday, August 8, 2009 at 5:00pm at First United Methodist Church Community Center. Awards, recognition, special guest and special guest speakers are being arranged.
2. Special Guests: **UWF Coach, Dax Norris, New OWC Coach**
3. Jim-n-Nicks will be providing the food again this year.
4. Saturday, August 8th - morning and afternoon baseball camp (split in two sessions by age groups). Instruction will include former Major League Baseball Players Chuck Cary, Dennis Rasmussen, Rick Wilkins, Greg Litton and we are working on a fifth former player as we speak. Also included in the instruction will be Joe Nedoroscik, Kevin Berry, Greg Dunning, Gerry McDermott and we are lining up several college coaches as well.
5. Kim Brooks will handle the Academic Awards for all players and validate the report cards for this year's banquet.
6. All players and guest will be required to sign-in at this year's banquet. This will ensure accountability that only paid guest is participating.
7. An extended invitation will be sent to the Daily News and Bay Beacon.

B. Discussion of Managers: BJ Gruwell asked if a paid manager had been assigned for the U11 Spring Team. Mike Wells informed everyone that he has a few candidates in mind but nothing has been finalized.

C. Fall Budget: Given the demand we had last fall and anticipate this fall, the NAYB Executive Board has decided to provide a new format this fall. We will provide two baseball options: travel and intramurals. Summaries of each option:

Traveling Eagles: **August 16 - August 29 will be tryouts for the Fall 2009 Traveling Eagles teams (8U-14U).** There will be one Traveling Eagles team per age group. The season will be from August 16 - October 31. The fee for the 8U will be \$130 and for the 9U to 14U will be \$260. Uniforms, insurance, and instruction are included. Two travel tournaments per age group are guaranteed except the 8U age group. The 8U travel tournaments will be funded directly by the players on a pay-as-you-go basis.

NAYB Intramural Baseball League (NIBL): NAYB now has a good alternative for those players who are not selected to play on one of the fall 2009 Traveling Eagles teams or who would prefer not to play competitive travel baseball in the fall. A local intramural league will be formed under our NAYB organization named the NAYB Intramural Baseball League (NIBL). The league will contain three age groups: 8U,

10U, and 12U. The 7U will be combined with the 8U, the 9U with the 10U, and the 11U with the 12U. The fee for 7U/8U will be \$90 and the fee for age groups 9U to 12U will be \$130. Uniforms, insurance, and instruction are included.

The goal of the fall NIBL is to provide a lower-cost alternative to competitive travel baseball that focuses on the development of fundamental baseball skills and provides game play experience without the need to travel outside of the Niceville area.

The plan is to pool all players within their age group on Wednesday evenings for structured practice under experienced instructors and then divide into teams to play round-robin intramural tournaments (2 to 3 games) on Sundays. The organization will supply umpires for the Sunday intramural tournaments. The kids will have fun, receive excellent training, and be better prepared for the spring 2010 baseball season.

VI. **ROUNDTABLE:**

A. Brian Cromwell – N/A

B. Mike Wells – N/A

C. Kim Brooks – N/A

D. Mike McDorman – N/A

E. BJ Gruwell – N/A

VII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Brian Cromwell made a motion to adjourn. Kim Brooks seconded. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15pm.