

January 12, 2012 Board Meeting

Presidents Update

- Stephanie attended BAC meeting on Jan. 11. - Should have 10-15% reserve at year end for our club. BAC enrollment is down 9% due to decrease in 191 enrollments and an increase in free and reduced lunches. BAC allows \$50,000 per year for field improvements. Fields TBD.
- 14U scholarship team approval should be known soon.
- A Spanish emersion team opportunity was brought to the attention of the club.
- Everyone involved in the program needs a background check completed every two years.

Treasurers Report

- First night of clinics we collected \$1100 in pre-paid \$100 payments plus \$190 in same night payments. Attendance at the first clinic was 30 plus 9 first timers.
- Fieldhouse closing doesn't affect costs.

Secretary Report

- First night clinic registration went smooth.
- Flyers were delivered to St. John's school.
- Carbonless, three part registration forms being printed.
- Preliminary investigation into this season's tournaments is underway.

Burnsville Field house closing - impact and alternatives

- The sale of the Burnsville Fieldhouse made five clinic dates unavailable. **Voted on and approved the following:** Rosemount Fieldhouse will be used for tryouts March 11 and 18. Clinics to be held at Strike 3 in Bloomington on March 4, 25, and April 1.

Fireball Tournament handbook review (discussion & voting)

- Looking into possibility for fencing being installed on two fields at Savage Community Park rather than splitting sites for the tournament.
- The Burnsville tournament is a qualifier tournament.
- Committee looking for volunteer to take on Concessions Coordinator role

Equipment updates (discussion)

- **Voted on and approved** that all infielders need a face mask, including all pitchers.

Registration update

- Need to push for more online rather than in-person registrations.
- Registrations close March 1.
- Will have coupon books at the March 8th parent meeting to be given out with the uniforms.
- Uniform sizes are needed to register on line so samples will be brought to clinics when available.

Fundraising update

- Will have coupon books at the March 8th parent meeting to be given out with the uniforms.
- Coupon books will include three \$10 coupons to local restaurants. Brief discussion of club kick-off dinner. Possibly at Prime Time or Buffalo Tap. TBD.

Coaching recruitment update

- Deadline at the end of January.
- 6 coach interviews have been held to date.
- Coach notifications to take place at the end of January.
- # of teams – potentially looking at the following numbers of teams: 2-8U, 1-10U, 2 to 3-12U, 2-14U, 1-16U and/or 18U

Apparel & Uniform update

- Uniform samples to be received soon.
- Neon sweatshirts need to be redesigned.
- Coach's shirts will be ordered.
- Gold t-shirts being sold at clinics for \$10 each. Our cost is \$6.50 each.

Recruitment of players & teams for tournament

- We are competing with 7 local tournaments the same weekend. Not all of those are BNC tournaments and not all are qualifier tournaments. Goal is to have 8 teams at each level. We are going to invite an in-house all star slow-pitch team to the tournament.

Update from High School Varsity Softball Coach Hillary Hansen

- First team meeting is coming up.
- F190 at High School is available for open hitting. 7th-12th graders. Dates are on the school website. No coaches, but adult supervision.
- High School program starts mid-March and ends mid-April. Older players play through June.
- Cost is #150 per player plus \$100 for Booster Club.
- High school teams consist of varsity, Jr. Varsity, b squad and 9th grade teams.
- Hillary expecting a baby March 9th and season starts March 12th.
- Face masks at the high school level are a family decision.
- Pitching distance moving back to 43 feet starting this year. Could result in an increase in batting averages. Additional issues might be a problem for younger players.

8U League

- Not currently supported by tri-county leagues.
- Mike from the Bloomington board is interested in creating an 8U league to include Bloomington, Apple Valley, Edina, Shakopee and Burnsville. We'd avoid \$425 suburban league fee. BAC fastpitch is interested and committed to "new" league. Cost could be \$0 dollars.