



Chatfield Diamond Club Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/21/2015
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Library @ CSH

Meeting called to order by Janice Barnes.

Please see Chatfield Baseball website at www.chatfieldbaseball.com for the schedule of Diamond Club meetings. Meetings will typically be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Library.

Chatfield Senior High Diamond Club Board Members:

President: Janice Barnes
Treasurer: Doug Faber
Secretary: Deanna Manzanares
Communications: Joni Winkler
Fundraising: Stacey Dickman and Debbi Kopplemaa

Welcome/Introduction of Diamond Club (DC) Officers:

- Meeting Objectives:
 - Janice presented the agenda and reviewed the goals of the Diamond Club. Diamond Club provides support to all levels of Chatfield Baseball providing support to fund raising, materials, equipment and resources.
- Recognition and Thank you:
 - Thank you to previous Board members President Chad Petroschus, Treasurer Tanya Lucero, Secretary Trish Miller, Communications Lori Ross, and Fundraising Chris Blake.
 - Volunteers are critical to our success, we cannot thank all but need to recognize a few significant contributions:
 - Scott LaChance – siding/trim/paint on the snack shack; Jackie Moss – concession stand manager for all seasons; Barry Mason – scaffolding for snack shack repairs; Adam Weller/John Murray/Eric Kopplemaa /Dino Zarlengo/Mike Monroe/John Pray – Field Maintenance Team and Kevin Knoll – concrete work in the dugouts in 2014.

Trivia Winners

Joni Winkler announced the winners of the baseball website trivia challenge Novotny, Kane, Siviski, Rendon, Moss, and Lechance. These winners were able to pick out free vintage baseball gear. She announced additional contests will be on the web in coming months.

Coach Update:

- Matt Johnson – New Year following up on momentum from last season
 - Matt thanked the previous Board members and reiterated the success from Spring season propelled into Summer and Fall.
 - Matt reported that he has worked for years in the youth ranks with 5 years on the Board of South Jeffco Sports Association. He has mentored youth, worked with administration and currently works for a Fortune 300 company. His goal is to empower children in the community and enable the players to learn success on and off the field.
 - Matt “challenged” the Diamond Club to look for ways to increase or provide for compensation for the coaching staff, stating that the budget from the school is \$5000 to be split among all the coaches which is not enough to find and retain coaches. Diamond Club By-laws and 501c3 regulations prohibit such activity so this item was closed.
 - Request for volunteers in the baseball program are needed and include:
 - Recruiting: Building database of colleges, video, workshops to understand process. He will need more volunteers once the Spring season gets closer for other areas that he will define in the future.
- Program Details:
 - Varsity / JV schedule is set on MaxPreps
 - Varsity will travel to Arizona, JV will stay in Colorado and play in a tournament
 - Varsity and JV are the only 2 levels recognized by Chatfield. All other levels will play through RMJR Baseball
 - No Coors field game this year, will re-evaluate for next year
 - Off-Season workout will be finalized soon but will be a structured program with 2 levels to hit upon strength and conditioning
 - Winter workouts begin January 6th with tryouts at the end of February. Approximately 30 spots open in this program, it will be very competitive
 - Matt added that the number of teams at the lower level will be based on the talent of the players at the tryouts. He wants the L3 team to be competitive in league.

Financial Review:

- 2016 Budget and Financial Update:
 - Janice Barnes and Doug Faber handed out the 2016 operating budget and current DC Financial report. Janice reported that it takes approximately \$45k to run the baseball program so fundraising is key to meeting the budget. She stated that we have not yet heard from the Athletics department as to what assistance they will provide so that is not reflected in the budget. During the previous year, there were very few capital expenditures which has allowed for a great starting point this year. The capital

expenditures budget this year is high due to the lack of capital expenditures last year and the needs for this year.

- Janice also stated that the player contributions are calculated by dividing the operating budget by the amount of players. This usually comes out to around \$800 per person but that the DC likes to keep that amount around \$375-\$400 which is why fundraising is so important.
- Safeway Cards will be discontinued due to low usage and King Soopers statements will be sent out before the next DC meeting.
- Trish Miller motioned to approve. The motion was seconded and all in attendance approved the 2016 operating budget.

Articles of Incorporation Amendment:

- Janice Barnes reviewed minor changes to the document to include:
 - Goal of organization to support CSH baseball – not just Spring
 - Change title Vice-President and Second Vice President to Communications/Marketing Chair and Fundraising Chair
- Jackie Moss motioned to approve. The motion was seconded and all in attendance approved the Articles of Incorporation changes. Updated Articles will be filed with the Secretary of State and posted to the website.

Fundraising Update:

- Stacey Dickman and Debbi Kopplemaa discussed new and FUN fund raising ideas. A sign-up sheet was passed around requesting energetic volunteers and a sign-up genius will be created!
 - Dodgeball: Team Tournament including entire school body
 - Bingo Night: Adult only and will include Raffle, Cash Bar and Food
 - Comedy Works: Each player to sell tickets for this event
 - Super Bowl Squares and March Madness
 - Chik-Fil-A Food night
 - SWAG: items to be sold seat cushions, foam fingers, umbrellas
 - King Sooper's re-loadable cards

Communication Items:

- Joni Winkler – Website / Fanwear / Sponsorships:
 - Corporate Sponsorship discussed and volunteers requested to sell banners with various levels of social media and other perks. Flyer was handed out to all in attendance. Chatfield Baseball will thrive when incorporating sponsorship dollars to our program. Last Spring Season generated a lot of excitement and we can continue market our sponsors with banners, shout outs during games and on social media.
 - Website will continue to be a great source for our sponsor logo's as well as coordinating with other groups and committee's within Chatfield for Social Media shout outs.

- Vintage Chatfield baseball gear will be for sale at the Program meeting on November 5th.

Program needed items (donations):

Janice Barnes requested from those present if known items or persons could be donated to the program

Used or new iPads

Contractor to assist with permits in Jefferson County for concession stand stair relocation

Legal Assistance – possibly 30 minutes

Tax Attorney or CPA assistance

Outdoor Speakers

Critical Program Dates:

- All Program Meeting November 5th 7:00 pm in Auditorium
 - All players and parents including incoming 8th graders
 - Vintage clothing sale this night!
- Winter Workouts Start January 6, 2016
- Spring Tryouts held week of February 22, 2016
- Diamond Club Meetings held 3rd Wednesday of each month in Library
 - 10/21, 11/17 (Tuesday), 12/16, 1/20, 2/17

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm