



Chatfield Diamond Club Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/20/2016
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Library

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 Debi Kopplemaa

Motion to Approve Minutes of 12/16/2015 Meeting:

- Joni Winkler motion to approve the minutes and Cindy Monroe seconded. Minutes approved.

Financial Review:

- Proceeds are beginning to come in with fundraising events and expenses will begin to pick up with various equipment that is needed to kick off the season
- Raffle is reflected in the budget figures
- School finances update – no money to speak of from the school. This will be completely self-funded organization.
- Capital Budget for the large items like wind screens etc. This does not include uniforms as the team will not be purchasing new uniforms this year. This is a savings of about 5k.
 - Diamond Club received a 5k from a donor for the batting cages if matched by another donor and 5k from the Diamond Club. All agree DC will continue to discuss this matter to replace the existing dangerous cages. Current bid is 14k which is for 70 ft. cages with turf and nets. It is same module as the Arapaho HS outdoor cages.
- Finances still look fairly normal with not a lot of changes
 - Question posed with regard to \$7k in summer account. As you may recall from previous minutes the Diamond Club had to redo the taxes for the summer funds and these funds may or may not be added back to our general fund. This is pending determination by our Accountant.

Coach Update:

- Matt Johnson
 - Raffle tickets were directed by coach to be sold by each player. This was communicated as their responsibility not the parents, siblings, grandparents etc. 100 tickets were turned back in unsold and this is disappointing as it shows some athletes did not take the ownership of this fundraising.
 - Coach Matt has shared with the kids the story of “Little Engine that Could” trying to related to the kids in current generation explaining kids don’t even try to get up the hill! It is important for our athletes to put their nose down, persevere and make it up the hill. This is why coaches communicate with the athlete and not the parents. It is essential they learn this at a young age. It will be harder for the freshman but by the time they are seniors it is absolutely expected. Players need to understand how long it takes them to get warmed up so that when the bell rings and practice starts they are ready as that is GO TIME.
 - Accountability is on the kids. Coaches are teaching how to grow and learn. This will relate to College as well as when they get a job.
 - Workouts are 100% voluntary and do not make a difference on who will or will not make a team. These workouts are offered to prepare the athlete for baseball tryouts.
 - Strength & Conditioning – this is the most well-rounded program Chatfield has had in many years. This is to prepare the athletes to be faster, stronger, and more flexible. This program was created in the fall and runs through tryouts in February. Workouts are led by Coach Watson and are conducted after school.
 - If athletes do not choose to workout at the school, 3rd party vendors are available like Push Performance which is a premier leader with top level pitchers and minor league players working out. Of course if athletes want to work out completely on their own, Coach Johnson will provide workouts.
 - Off season skills camp is to prepare for tryouts. Pitchers/Catchers and hitting scheduled in the Chatfield gym. Athletes need to check website to ensure practice times as this can change with availability of the gym.
 - Parent mentioned more communication on what the \$100.00 fee would be used for would help in understanding as new parents were not aware this is a typical fee that has been charged in the past. This was not charged in Spring 2015 at the direction of the previous coach. Matt explained the fees are used for the screens and mats that were bought as well as balls and other equipment.
 - February 29th is official 1st day of spring season. This is the first day of tryouts and will run through March 2nd. Coach will meet with players and announce roles on the squads on March 3rd, followed by a team announcement and pictures at the Ice Cream Social on March 4th.
 - March 5th is the first Varsity / JV scrimmage. Athletes who can contribute and play in this scrimmage MUST have attended 4 practices prior to this date. Tryouts do constitute practice.
 - Uniform deposit will be required this year when the teams are determined. \$100.00 will be held as deposit and upon return of clean uniforms the deposit will be returned to the family.
 - 20 games in about 8 weeks and consider weather re-schedules it can get very busy. Level 3 sometimes will not get all make up games due to weather but Varsity and JV generally will play all games. Varsity depends on these games for the seeding purpose.

- Parent asked when games generally are held. JV and V are generally on Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday. Level 3 creates own schedule and many games will be played on Sunday. Most games start at 4:00 pm during the week.
- Coach Matt is targeting 4 teams and is currently looking for another coach to coach the 4th level 3 team.

OLD BUSINESS UPDATE:

Fundraising Update:

- Stacey Dickman and Debi Koppelmaa provided update on “FUN” raising
 - BINGO – never too late to sign up, walk ins welcome! Terrace Gardens 7pm-10pm additional appetizers are appreciated if you are interested. Raffle will be held between 8-9 and unsold raffle tickets will be for sale at the event prior to the drawing. Raffle fundraiser has cleared over 5k with 5 people still needing to turn in their tickets!
 - Question asked why on a weeknight rather than weekend. It was determined that weekends are so full of commitments for parents we thought a weeknight might bring in more people. 84 people registered so far and we are aware of walk-ins that will add to this count. Already this is more popular than the Poker had been in recent years.
 - Dodgeball Tournament – players can still sign up! It will be great if we can form 1 more team. If team is struggling to find girls to add modifications can possibly be made due to number of actual players on the court. Must be registered before tournament deadline is 26th as T-shirts must be ordered. Event is 2/6 at Lily Gulch from 6-10pm. No food available, only vending machines on property. Fans welcome to come cheer on teams so if you did not get registered come check it out. \$2.00 admission for all fans.
 - Chik-Fil-A night was a success bringing in \$180.09!
 - Comedy Works: Continues to be negotiated date TBD.
 - King Sooper’s re-loadable cards were available for purchase
 - King Sooper Cards is a community fundraiser. If/when an athlete graduates or does not make the team the funds remain in the general account. No King Sooper money is refunded at any time to the athlete.

Communication Items:

- Joni Winkler –
 - Fan wear site will be launched this weekend January 23rd.
 - Vendors will be Eastbay or Lids still working out final details. Link will be on website.
 - Turnaround time for purchased items is 10-14 days.
- Deanna Manzanares –
 - Updated needed volunteers – Most all spots have been accounted for except a Bricks Chairperson.
 - Chairpersons will be contacted shortly to begin working with various committees for future events coming up!

Sponsorship:

- Tonya Semmler
 - Sponsorship committee has over 4k committed from community sponsors! This is double what was estimated on our budget! Great job and continued success as we gain community involvement in our program!

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 ** Remember tax deductible!

NEW BUSINESS:

Batting Cages – Donors

- Discussed in Coaches update
- Denise Chamberlain Scholarship
 - Denise was a huge fan and supporter of Chatfield Baseball as well as a member of the board for many years. She passed in March, 2015 and her husband Coach Larry Chamberlain has started a scholarship to be awarded to graduating seniors. The criteria will be available March 1st
 - This scholarship will be an annual \$1000.00 scholarship in addition to the Diamond Club scholarship.
- Championship Banners
 - Parent asked about status. The banners have not been ordered yet and final decision on “what” and “how” these are to be displayed are being worked out.
- Scoreboard Update
 - Parent asked about status of the scoreboard operation. It is not in the budget to purchase a new one (wireless antenna system). The current one is working but due to the wireless component it is not as reliable as we would like. There is only one vendor that we are aware of that supports this unit. The DC will continue to monitor.

Critical Program Dates:

- Bingo and Raffle – 1/21/16 at Terrace Gardens
- Super Bowl Squares – Starts January 21st (at Bingo)
 - This will be a class competition
 - Rules will be sent out - \$10.00 a square
 - WINNING CLASS gets a BRICK!
- Dodgeball – February 6th
- Youth Camp – 2/27
 - Communication will be going out, spread the word
- Tryouts – week of February 29th – March 2nd
- Ice Cream Social – March 4th
- Comedy Works – TBD reschedule to April
- Diamond Club – Third Wednesday of each month – Library
 - 2/17, 3/15 (Tues), 4/20

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm