

NW Diamonds Fastpitch Association Meeting Minutes
9/17/07
Little Theater, Elk River High School

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Brian Lindquist.

Members present: Brian Lindquist, Steve Baker, Al Germscheid, Jerry Bruns, Julie Messer, Stephanie Anderson and Mary Reak.

Several parents of players were present, as this was our open board meeting.

Minutes were approved from last month's meeting.

Jerry and Brian reported that all improvements were made to the Now Then fields at a total cost of \$172. This was well below what we had previously approved.

Approx. 10% of the parent/player surveys were returned. Board members briefly reviewed the surveys, but decided our time would be better spent tonight addressing the questions/concerns of parents in the audience (we will review the surveys in detail at our next meeting).

Questions From the Audience:

Q: What training is provided to coaches?

A: There is a mandatory coaching clinic in the spring which touches on several aspects of coaching. Background checks are also performed at this time.

Something which is being developed for next season is a code of conduct for coaches, parents and players.

Q: Is there a process in place to insure that there are pitchers and catchers on each fall team?

A: Fall ball teams have historically been formed by coach submitted rosters. No specific guidelines have been in place regarding pitchers and catchers. This is an area that the board will visit when reviewing the formation of fall ball teams in the future to ensure an adequate number of pitchers and catchers are on all teams.

As a board we will work to bring off season, affordable pitching clinics to Elk River. Mike Klein will be setting up a 15 week pitching clinic starting in late Nov./early Dec. As an association we will cover gym fees for these clinics. We will also look at offering a discount on summer registration fees to participants.

Potential New Board Members:

As a board, we asked if anyone in the audience was interested in becoming a member of the board, or knew of anyone who may be interested.

Deann Antolak will consider becoming a member. Julie and Stephanie know of two potential members who they will contact.

Update on Obtaining Non-Profit Status and Name Change

Michelle Backlund is interested in helping us obtain non-profit tax status.

We will need to change the name on our bank account.

Our new website address will be : NWDiamonds.org Our web host fees are paid through February. Domain fees will be \$6.00/month.

Our next meeting will be Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Broadway Pizza.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.