

Northwest Diamonds Meeting Minutes

October 29, 2007

Present: Brian, Al, Jerry, Deann, Stephanie & Mary

Guest: Mike Seiter

Meeting was called to order at 6:32

Minutes from the 10/15/07 meeting were approved and can be put on the website.

Introduction of new board member:

We unanimously voted in our newest board member, Mike Seiter.

Approval of parent/player/coaches Code of Conduct forms:

Stephanie needs to make one change to the Coaches Code form and then they will be all set.

Brian is going to talk to Jason about coming up with a new logo for us. We would like to start using it ASAP.

Updates on Clinics:

Right now, for the pitching clinics, there are 6 confirmed for both Saturday and Wednesday nights. Jerry is handling the sign ups for Wed and Mike for Saturday. Jerry will be up at Salk every Wed. from 5:30-8:30 with the batting cages set up for anyone who wants to practice hitting.

There will be a catcher's clinic sometime in Feb/March 2008.

Stephanie will have Gary put a link out on our website for the National Coaches Clinic that is being held January 18-19.

<http://www.nationalsportsclinics.com/New%20Pages/clinics.html>

Coach Selection Process:

We are going to wait to discuss when Steve is present. He has done some research of other organizations selection process.

Volunteer fees/hours:

We have decided to increase the volunteer fees for 2008 from \$75 to \$150 per child. We will also increase the volunteer hours from 3 hours to 4 hours per child. This is only applicable to Travel players. We discussed setting up guidelines regarding coaches (who have daughters in the association) and

volunteer hours. They (or someone else in their family) will be required to do the volunteer hours to increase available volunteer hours.

In-house players/parents, will not have to pay the \$150 volunteer deposit. We discussed potentially having 3 tournaments next year (a beginning and mid-season jamboree and an end of year tournament). Each team will be assigned a time slot that they will need to fill for concession stand help. Each coach will be responsible for finding a volunteer to prep the field for the next game.

Helping at try-outs will not count towards fulfilling volunteer hour requirements.

The duties of volunteer coordinator/committee may fall under the jurisdiction of the tournament directors.

City Conflict:

Brian discussed a dispute we have with the city re: bills and hours of paid help during the tournaments. There seems to be a discrepancy between time we are being charged for and actual time logged in by city employees. We will need to follow up with the city and obtain more details re: charges.

We also discussed going before the City Council for support of our organization, as our tournaments bring several thousand people to Elk River, who in turn patronize local businesses.

Next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Broadway Pizza. Agenda items to include: logo examples, coach selection process, tax exempt status (umbrella under another association for at least a year?) and beginning to revisit our by-laws.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.