

**Northwest Diamonds Fastpitch
Board Meeting Minutes
Feb. 4, 2008**

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Members present: Brian, Al, Steve, Jeff, Tom, Tony, Jerry, Stephanie, Mary and Mike

Absent: Deann

Meeting minutes from 1/22/08 were approved.

Budget Report

Item was tabled until next month when the full report will be available. Of note though, the city bill was reduced by \$1000 and was paid in full

In the future we will collect fees from surrounding communities who participate in our house ball program prior to the start of the season.

Uniform Vendors

Al and Tom reported back with the information they obtained from area vendors. After much discussion, it was decided that our vendor for uniforms, clothing and accessories will be R and D sales, located in Elk River. Their price was the lowest for the best uniform and they are willing to provide a variety of clothing items, taking orders at any time and giving 10% of the sales monies back to our association. They will also staff a table at try-outs, sizing the girls for uniforms and selling clothing.

Fundraising/Tournaments

We will be unable to host a state tournament secondary to baseball having a tournament that weekend. We will host a state qualifier tournament (June 27, 28 and 29), possibly the 10U and 12U, depending on number of teams. We may be able to use the Ramsey fields also.

Team Formation

Please note the change from last month's minutes:

After the initial try-out, the top 24 girls will be called back at each age level for a second night of try-outs. . The “A” coach will then select the “A” team at his/her discretion.

Equipment Needs

We will need new catching gear for 10U and 12U. We will also need 2-3 dozen light flight balls.

In the future we will include an equipment allowance in our budget.

Phones

Elections of Officers and Duties for Board Members

Both of the above items were tabled until next meeting.

Signage

Signs have been placed near the schools in Elk River, Zimmerman and Otsego. A few signs will be placed near Rogers’ schools, but they may be removed, due to the new restrictions in Rogers re: signage.

Additional Item

Jerry suggested waiving volunteer fees/hours for Robert Osmondson (daughter plays 16U). He is donating time and materials, building brackets for an additional batting net. Unanimously approved.

Next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m. at Broadway Pizza.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18. Happy Birthday Brian!