

# Northwest Diamonds Fastpitch Association Meeting Minutes

## November 12, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm.

Members present: Mike Seiter, Deann Antolak, Al Germscheid, Brian Lindquist, Jerry Bruns and Mary Reak

Absent: Stephanie Anderson and Steve Baker

Meeting minutes from 10/29/07 were approved.

### **Coach Selection Process**

After discussion regarding our previous coach selection process and other possible options, motion was made (and passed) to change our selection process as follows:

Potential coaches (for 10U, 12U and 14U) will be interviewed by a committee of 3 to 5 people. The committee will consist of individuals who have experience with fastpitch, either through coaching or former board members. They may no longer have a daughter participating in this program. The committee may also include someone from the high school coaching staff. Following the interviews, the committee will give their recommendations, as to the best candidate, to the board, who will in turn choose the coach, taking into consideration the recommendations of the committee, as well as previous experiences with the candidate and feedback from the parent/player surveys.

Initially the process will be used to select the "A" travel coach. All "A" travel coaches will be determined prior to try-outs.

We will formulate guidelines for coaches, as well as parents regarding the expectations for each team (i.e. arrival times, appropriate equipment, participation in tournaments).

### **Update on Obtaining Tax Exempt Status**

Taxes have been filed for 2006 and will be filed this year for 2007. Our goal will be to start 2008 in tax exempt status.

Al will talk with Michelle Backlund regarding what information she needs to assist us in obtaining tax exempt status and what fee she would charge for doing so. He will invite her to our next board meeting to discuss the process and to also discuss what her fee would be for yearly tax preparation for our association.

Suggestion was made that in the future we form a budget committee to ensure our player fees are covering all our costs.

## **City Invoice**

Brian reported that the city amended their invoice to reflect the correct charges. The paid hours now match with the actual worked hours. The bill was decreased by \$2750.

## **YAC**

The city has completed over \$100,000 worth of improvements to the YAC complex.

We will look into the possibility of storing our equipment upstairs in the concession stand building, as we will be the only association using the building. This would free up a significant amount of money currently being spent on a storage facility.

## **Pitching Clinics**

There are still openings left in the Wed. evening and Saturday pitching clinics. Jerry will have the batting cages set up during the clinic hours. Anyone may come for batting practice for a nominal fee.

Our next meeting will be November 26 at 6:30 pm at Broadway Pizza.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.