

Northwest Diamonds Fastpitch Board Meeting Minutes November 26, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm.

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

Absent: Steve Baker

Guest: Tony Schlegel

Meeting minutes from 11/12/07 were approved.

Budget Update

We still have outstanding bills from other communities and Sports Diamond.

Motion was made, and approved, to form a three person budget committee. The committee will consist of Brian, Deann and Mike. Brian will provide data re: umpire fees, league fees, tournament fees and equipment needs. Mike will put all the information on a spread sheet. The committee will present our budget at the next meeting. Fees for next season will need to be finalized prior to our Jan. 7 meeting.

Tax Exempt Status

Michelle Backlund is researching what is needed for us to obtain tax exempt status. She is also interested in helping us with our tax preparation. It may be helpful to invite Jerome to a meeting to field questions re: what has been done in the past. This will be discussed after the budget committee presents their report.

Calendar for 2008 Season

The tentative calendar for the 2008 season is as follows:

January 7: Postcards and flyers presented at our meeting for approval.

January 15: Postcards and flyers to the printer by this date.

February 15: Registrations will be mailed out by this date. We may use an on-line registration service, such as Sports Pilot. If an on-line registration service is used, we will mail informational postcards. Registration signs will be placed around town, as well as flyers distributed to the elementary schools.

Walk-in registrations will be held at a school Feb. 19-Feb. 21. A reminder email will be sent out with the above information, as well as a reminder re: the volunteer check.

Saturday, March 15: Try-outs for 10's, 12's and 14's.

Monday, March 17: Try-outs for 16's, as well as any make-ups.

Tuesday, March 18: Second night of tryouts (call backs), all ages.

April 1: All travel teams will be formed by this date.

~April 15: Travel teams practices will begin.

Game Start Dates:

May 12: 10's and 12's

May 26: 14's (? this is Memorial Day)

June 9: 16's and 18's

Travel Tournament Dates:

June 27, 28 and 29: 10U, 12U and 14U State Qualifier

July 12 and 13: 10U, 12U and 14U State Tournament

July 12 and 13: 16U and 18U State Qualifier

July 19 and 20: 16U and 18U State Tournament

In House Ball:

Practices begin May 19.

Games begin June 2.

Games will be played on Monday and Wednesday nights:

June 2 and 4

June 9 and 11

June 16 and 18

Jamboree: June 21 and 22
June 23 and 26
June 30 and July 2
July 7 and 9
July 14 and 16
July 21 and 23
End of Year Tournament: July 25, 26, and 27

Fall Ball:

July 14: Registrations out by this day.
August 8: Due date for registrations.

Fall Ball Games:

Aug. 24
Sept. 7
Sept. 14
Sept. 21: State Qualifier
Sept. 28: State Tournament

Revision of Article IV of our By-Laws

Motion made and approved to revise Article IV as follows:

Regarding summer travel teams: Each team may contain up to 3 players who reside outside of school district 728. The prerequisite to their participation shall be that the player's try-out score ranks within the top 12 at that level of play.

New Board Member:

Motion made and approved to offer Tony a position on our board. He in turn accepted the offer.

Future meetings will take place on December 10, January 7 and January 21 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.