

**Northwest Diamonds Fastpitch
Board Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2008**

Meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm.

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

Absent: Stephanie, Deann

Guest: Jeff Ray

Meeting minutes from January 7, 2008 were approved.

Potential New Board Member

Introduction of Jeff Ray, who is interested in becoming a board member. After a few questions and some discussion, motion was made and passed to add Jeff as the eleventh and final member of the board.

Fees for Gary Johnston's daughters

Motion was made and approved to waive fees for Gary Johnston's daughters as a thank you for all the time and work he is putting in, helping us with website design and upkeep.

Budget

Brian reported that we have been paid by the high school and by Sports Diamond. We are still awaiting payment from the other communities involved in house ball (St. Michael, Zimmerman and Anoka-Ramsey). Bills from the city will need to be paid ASAP, as planning for the next season is underway. A more detailed budget report will be made available at the next meeting.

Logo

Question if the price of the logo will significantly increase if four colors are used vs. three? If there is no significant price difference, the majority of the board voted for the design with the flame coming off the ball. If the price is a factor, the original design (black, silver and neon green only) will be used.

Al and Tom will check with 6-7 local vendors, to see if they would be interested in presenting a bid for uniforms and other clothing (hoodies, sweatpants, t-shirts, etc). There would also be the opportunity for the business to have a table at try-outs and tournaments to sell merchandise.

Storage Space

Current facility will need to be vacated by May 1. Since most of the equipment will be in use at that time, we will not need space until fall. Item tabled for now.

Coaching Applications/Interviews

Two coaches have submitted applications. Four people are confirmed for the interview committee. Applications must be received by Feb. 5. Tentative date for interviews is Tuesday, Feb. 12. This information will be added to website.

Website

New website currently under construction. All forms are available there, as well as links to the old site. As soon as logo is finalized it will be added to the site. Please let Mary or Gary know of anything you would like added to the site.

Try-outs:

Try-outs will be formatted much like last year: the same forms and three stations. Three evaluators will be at each station. Brian will confirm the evaluators. 24 girls will be called back at each age group. After the second try-out, the top eight girls will be placed on the A team, with the final four chosen at the discretion of the coach.

10U and 12U age groups will be closed. If a girl in the 14U, 16U or 18U age group, would like to play up, she must first try-out in the top 6 within her own age group.

Our next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 4, 6:30 pm at Broadway Pizza.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

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Meeting Agenda
Monday, Feb.4**

1. Approval of last meetings' minutes.
2. Budget Report.
3. Report from Al and Tom re: uniform vendors and final logo design.
4. Fundraising.
5. Discussion on team formation.
6. Equipment needs for upcoming season.
7. Phones.
8. Election of officers and duties for board members.
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