

WBAFSA BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2007

Those in attendance were Todd Meier, Don Weigman, Barry Tegg, Cathy Moos, Ron Kuhn, Maryjean Downie, Emily Evans, Sherry Meier, Rich Ciernia, Denise Renner, Mike Lenarz, Randy Henk, George Miller, and Fred Zappa.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

Secretary Report: The minutes for the last meeting were handed out and reviewed. A motion was made by Barry Tegg to put the minutes into the record. The motion was seconded by Todd Meier. Motion passed.

Registrations have gone out to all players either by e-mail or by mailing a hard copy. Next week all registrations will be given out to the elementary schools.

Treasurer Report: We still have volunteer checks from last year that need to be reviewed before the checks are deposited.

Silver Plate Dinner: A meeting was held last Thursday and another meeting is planned for January 10th. The look of the tickets was finalized and it was decided that it would be one ticket per couple for \$100, 4 drinks will be included in the price. The price of the ticket will only be partially tax deductible if a cash prize is won. The menu was also determined. There will be a raffle, tip boards and bingo. Don Keeley will M.C. and help with the bingo. We will be mailing a flyer to everyone to order tickets. We will mail them out or they can be picked up from a board member. The Varsity booster club will be helping to sell tickets. We also need to check into event insurance for the night of the dinner.

Equipment Director: An inventory of all the equipment and everything in the shed has been done. We still might need some bats for the 14u and 16u girls. Some of the tees will need repaired and the pitching machines need some work. Don will be taking care of this. New balls are needed for the pitching machines. New coaches equipment bags are needed, possibly ones with wheels. 200 wiffle balls have been ordered. Ordering uniforms is being looked into.

Vice President Report: We will need 4 to 6 people to score the batting and fielding evaluations. Joel Kaden is looking into having the High School coaches to do this. George will take care of getting all the equipment together for tryouts. We will use the equipment at Bellaire for the batting tryout. The blank fielding and batting score sheets from last year will be used again this year. We have looked into getting outside evaluators for pitching and catching but the cost is prohibitive. There was a discussion on pitching and catching tryouts being on a separate night from fielding and batting tryouts. Due to the time that pitching and catching adds to the tryouts and the limited number of evaluators that we have it was felt this would be a good idea. George made a motion that the pitching and catching tryouts be held on a separate night from batting and fielding tryouts. Barry Tegg seconded the motion. Motion passed. George Miller, Don Weigman, Randy Henk, Cathy Moos and Ron Kuhn will be working on the pitching score sheet and evaluation. George will report back to the board with their findings.

There was a discussion on players using cell phones or I pods during games and also players sitting with family or friends during games. Players should know at the beginning of the season what is expected of them. We will look at the players' code of conduct and see about updating the list.

We will be looking into the wording of a possible pitcher/catcher waiver form. Pitchers and catchers would be able to request that 1) they be put on a team by based on their pitching scores or 2) be put on a team based on their fielding and batting scores and not pitch if they are moved up a team level. That is batting and fielding put the player on an A team, when she would be placed on a B team to pitch. The girls would have to consider what was more important to them as players. The request would not be automatically honored; the good of the teams and the association would have to be considered.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

We will be scheduling fields and umpires for the club teams similar to what we have done in the past. White Bear Fast pitch teams will be scheduled at fields for games and practices first. Fred Zappa from Zappas Sporting goods introduced himself and let us know that he would like to work with us on equipment. He also stated that he is putting in 2 or 3 batting cages with one dedicated to fast pitch.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.