

Apple Valley Travel Baseball Board Meeting

March 7th, 2022 at 7:30

Board Members Present: Brian Ames, Ann Chamberlain, Jess Hodgson, Mac Noland, Ryan Tauer, Alli Weaver, Brad Willis, Chris Halgren, Jeremy Jackson, Joe Howe

Members Absent Lonnie Provencher

Votes - Items needing board approval

- Mac is going to be stepping down as commissioner. Jeremy Jackson is going to take over as the temporary commissioner for the remainder of 2022. Does the board approve Jeremy as the temporary commissioner?
 - **Yes - 10; No - 0;** (one board member not present)
 - Motion Passed Jeremy Jackson Interim Commissioner for remainder of 2022 season
 - NOTE: Jeremy takes over the meeting agenda at this point.

- Mac would like to stay on the board in a reduced role. Does the board approve Mac taking a reduced role and remain the board? Willing to take volunteer or fundraiser role, but we can decide in the future.
 - **Yes - 10; No - 0;** (one board member not present)

- We have a 12A team in place if we move up two 11AA players. This would create a 12A team with 10 players and a 11AA team with 11 players. And with that, do we approve waiving out five of the 12U kids for one year to try out at a higher level than 12A? These five are not included in the 12U AV registration numbers.
 - Background information
 - Back in fall 2021, the forecast was that this age group would only have 8 players returning to VAA. Have had to scrape and scramble to put a team together. Team played at AA level and struggled. If the team was kept together, they would have been slated to play A for the 2022 season. Original intention was to send these players to Eastview, in order for players to have a team and to afford the players to try out to make a higher level team. Baseball board did not vote on allowing waivers for this group.
 - Parent Meeting 2/24 - team parents meet with baseball board members (Mac, Brian, Jeremy and Alli) and Jason Hill. It was discussed that AVTB was going to field a 12A and would make all efforts to fill out a roster. General consensus upon leaving the meeting was that those who wanted to stay would play 12A for AV and those wanting to try out for Eastview would be granted waivers.
 - The VAA board met and they voted that no waivers would be granted for the reasons given. Registration for 12s is at 8 players. VAA Board is asking the Baseball Board to vote on whether or not to approve waivers for the 5 families requesting them. If the baseball board votes in favor of waivers, then the 12A team will be filled using eligible players currently registered.
 - Once the Baseball Board votes, our decision will be sent to Jason Hill. We will need to bring this to the VAA Board for final approval. If No, the VAA Board has voted to offer

zero currently at 2022. VAA Board has not approved, but has an informal offer a cap up to two waivers in 2022.

○ **Questions:**

- Does moving two 11s to fill out the 12A team affect their opportunity to be placed on the 2023 Cooperstown team?
 - Answer = No. We plan on taking all 13 to Cooperstown.
- How will the two players asked to play up be decided? Tryout score?
 - Answer = Top 11 deserve to play AA. Lowest two tryout scores play 12A.
- We previously discussed with the 12s that the jump to play 13A was not a good option due to bigger field dimensions and skill level. The 2 11s players we would move up to 12s would essentially go from playing 10s in 2021 to 12s in 2022. That seems like a big leap in field dimension and rules. Would it make more sense to have 2 13s that are eligible to play down to join the 12A team this season?
 - That's a possibility. There are 7 kids that would qualify.
- Vote: Does the Apple Valley Traveling Baseball approve waivers for 5 families to try out with Eastview for the 2022 season with the understanding that a 12A team will be fielded with existing eligible registrants?
 - Motion to vote Mac Noland
 - Motion Seconded by Joe Howe
 - Results: **Yes 8**; No 0; Abstained 2; One member not present
- BV has asked for a waiver for Gianni Tovar who played in-house for BV last year and just moved to AV. BV is asking for a waiver to fill out their 10U numbers. BV currently has 9 kids. AV currently has 24 registrations.
 - Motion to vote Brian Ames
 - Motion Seconded by Ann Chamberlain
 - Results: **Yes 10**; No 0; One member not present
- Are there any other waiver requests that need to be documented?

Continued Board Participation

- Any board members who have concerns about continuing service on the baseball board can reach to Jeremy via email

Tryouts Friday March 7th - Dome Reservation 10-3

- Board Roles
 - Board members arrive at dome at 9:45
 - Alli and Ann will work check in table
 - Will have 6 High school players help run drills but will not score
 - First Session Scorers
 - 9s - Brad Willis, Chris Halgren
 - 10s - Mac Noland and Brian Ames
 - 11s - Jeremy Jackson and Joe Howe

- Second Session Scorers
 - 12s - Mac Noland and Brad Willis
 - 13s - Jeremy Jackson and Ryan Taurer
 - 14/15s - Jeremy Hendrickson, Rob Gentz, Brian Schlicting, Andy O'Brien
 - Brian Ames may need to help score this age group if Jeremy Henderickson can not make it due to state hockey tournament
- Equipment needed: 3 buckets of balls, 12 new balls, cones, tape measurer, fungo bats, pennies
- Team Genius
 - Scorers will need to download the app to their phones
 - Jeremy will transfer the information into the system
 - Coach evaluations from 2021 will be included into the score
- Team formation - Brian, Mac, Jeremy, Brad, Alli
 - Board members will meet at the VAA Fieldhouse on Friday at 6:00
 - Will have teams formed and posted Friday evening

Coaches interviews this week - Brian and Jeremy will pick a day and interview coaches

- 9AA =
- 10A/AA = Tauer, Weaver, Howe, Blumer (Jeremy/Brian)
- 11AA = Noland
- 12A =
- 13A =
- 13AA = Ames
- 14/15A-15AAA = Gray, Tauer
- 15AAA = Jack Kelly (paid)

Tournaments

- Question from Families of 14/15s Team – Paying full price for their registration but only getting two tournaments
- Jess is continuing to look for tournaments and has emailed several associations
- Going to combine 14/15A and 15AAA for a tournament June 17-19 because several 14s will be going to Washington DC on a school trip

Coaches Clinic - April 16th at The Cages

- 9s-11s — 10:00-11:15; 12s-15s — 11:30-1:00
- Open to travel coaches and their coaching staff
- Alli will put together a flyer to give to travel coaches and send to Community Commissioner and have them send to any community coaches

Mounds

- Ryan asked for delivery after spring break
- Will need to figure storage in shed
- May need to get pallets and tarps if need to store outside

Volunteer Hours

- 103 players; still looking at finalizing list but still looking like 6-7 per family
- Will need the golf cart at the high school

Motion to Adjourn - Brian Ames

Motion Seconded - Joe Howe

Meeting adjourned at 9:25

Addendum to Meeting

Waiver Vote - 3-8-2022

- Ryder Bushard requested that Ryder be allowed to play for the Burnsville Travel Baseball(BTB) program for the summer of 2022. For the following reasons:
 - The BTB program actually has a AAA team that Ryder can try out for
 - We currently reside in Burnsville
 - Apple Valley will not have the players to field a AAA team.
 - He was able to waiver out last summer and he made the Burnsville AAA team. He improved because of the coaching and playing against the superior competition that AAA teams have to offer.
 - Motion to vote Mac Noland
 - Motion Seconded by Joe Howe
 - Results: **Yes 10**; No 0;