

August 8th, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes
All present Except: Ryan, Chrissy and Chris
Meeting Begins at 6:05pm

September's meeting has been switched to Thursday September 14th at 7pm at the YSB

Emails

- Need to distribute a link with a reminder for parents to fill out the coach evaluation
 - Send out to in house and traveling parents
- Send out email to all traveling coaches to turn in bags on Sunday at try outs
- Send out email to all girls registered for pride telling them because of numbers we would like them all to come on Wednesday night tryouts
- Send out email about available positions for Board

Equipment

- Traveling equipment would be nice to get back before fall ball starts, have coaches drop off at try outs on Sunday

******Motion made by Ozz to approve July's meeting minutes, Heather second, all approve******

Banquet

- Thursday August 24th at Tinucci's in Newport at 5:30pm – 6:30pm social hour, 6:30 dinner
 - Look into getting a keg/drink tickets for the social hour
- Volunteer of the year
 - Terry, Jack and JR – reach out the them about coming to the dinner for an award
- Door prizes – get \$300 in random gift cards
 - All spouses, coaches and assistants can enter their name, everyone but board members

Board Positions

- Open spots and members staying on for another 2 years
 - Member at Large – Chris Wilson
 - Fields – Heather Brooks
 - Equipment – Open
 - Tournaments – Tim Dana
 - Promotions – Brad Strom/Sarah Wilwert
 - Senior league director – Open
 - Player development – Open
 - Traveling Director – Don Oswald

*****add 2 more member at large spots on the ballot*****

- Member at large – Matt Brink
- Member at Large – Open
- Scott and Troy's last night on the board

Elite Team – MN Pride

- So far 24 players registered
 - 14u – 14 players , 16u – 10 players
- Have samples for pride to do uniform fittings – styles picked out through Boombah (they will do all printing)
- Put a hold on turf time for Wednesday August 11th and Thursday August 12th from 5:30to *pm pride tryouts
 - Pride committee will be there for tryouts
 - Second tryouts the following week to fill a roster
- Board members daughters who make the Pride team will get \$300 off of payment (same amount we give off for traveling daughters)
- Pride team needs to be finalized by Wednesday august 16th so we can form our traveling teams

Fall Ball

- Jerseys are in progress of being ordered
- Registration numbers
 - 8u – 11 girls - 1 team
 - 10u – 25 girls - 2 teams – 7 pitchers & 10 catcher
 - 12u – 27 girls – 3 teams – 11 pitchers & 9 catchers
 - 14u – 21 girls – 2 teams – 5 pitchers & 5 catchers
 - 16u – 9 girls – 1 team – 1 pitcher & 2 catchers
 - Look into giving financial credit for 1 girl, who can pitch, so we will have a team to play at the 16u lever
 - Mary Beth will play 16u fall ball as a pitcher, they are signing her up tonight
- Looking to see what tournaments we get for fall ball – put in for 12's and 14's, for state put in for all age levels
- Park Basketball booster club would be willing to help us pull more permits for fall ball concessions
- Fall ball fields for practice at Grey Cloud fields 1-5, with fields 4 & 5 being used for pride
 - 8u at Armstrong
 - A 12u team at Collins field

Coach's interviews

- Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th from 8pm -9:30pm
- Scott, Ozz, Tim, Jeanne and Heather will do coaches interviews
- Tonight, Sunday august 8th is the last night for coach's applications

Batting Cages/Fields

- Batting cage nets, let them hand and not tie them to posts, balls ricochet off of them and hurts if hit with ball
- Heather ordered new pound downs for try outs, bought stop watches
- Amanda put in another order for bow nets, ball caddy's, radar gun, throw down plates
- A bunch of hard balls ruined because ran through machine – 2 tires off rim
 - Look into buying 2 new wheels – need model # (last bought in 2012)
- Legs broken off of Fly ball machine

- Change code at batting cages on Saturday morning
- Look into purchasing scheduling software/roster software to make it easier for us
- Darcie's last night for pitching clinic from 6 – 7pm at grey cloud #1
- Take 8u practices off schedule for this week, next week they will practice as a team
- Bids for batting cages and dug outs
 - Tim has received 1 estimate for dug out covers – need to get 2 more
 - Dave meeting with guy about bid at batting cages – have him check out on and give a bid for dug out covers as well (Tuesday @4pm)

Finances

- Tier 1 14u A State concessions \$3,265.00
- 14u A Tri County concessions \$7,601.91
- 14u tri county and state T-Shirt sales \$380.00
- 14u state host fee's and gate fees \$1,900.00
- Tri county host/gate fee \$3,600.00
- Life touch proceeds \$1,036.00

Dibs

- 26 families did not compete their dib hours for 2017
- 6 failed payments for families being charged \$200.00
- Family reached out to Dave about wanting the \$200.00 credited back to their account that was taken out for not completing their 6 hours because of their work schedules and having small children. (This is their daughters first year in our softball program)
 - First time we are hearing about this, never communicated to us about this all year
 - Will allow her to work off 6 hours during fall ball to be applied for 2017 dibs
 - Money will be returned when they have completed their hours
 - Still will have to complete another 6 years for next year

Senior League

- End of the year tournament at Bielenberg, Troy got a call from the Woodbury director that 2 Cottage Grove teams playing against each other, got into an argument.
 - The 2 coaches have signed up to be fall ball coaches, we need to talk to them about the altercation and inform them that a decision has been made that they are not allowed to coach.
 - Set up meeting with them on Tuesday August 10th

Traveling Tryouts

- Friday August 11th – 6pm to 8pm for all pitchers and catchers
 - 12u from 6pm – 7:15pm
 - 14u and 16u from 7:15pm – 8:30pm

***all girls should be there 30 minutes before to warm up, meet at the batting cages
- Saturday August 12th and Sunday August 13th
 - 12u check in 9am tryouts from 10am – 12pm
 - 14u check in at 12pm tryouts from 1pm – 3pm
 - 16u check in at 2:30pm tryouts from 3:30pm – 5:30pm
- Dave to pre order pizzas (Carbone's) for lunch on Saturday and Subs (Jimmy Johns) for lunch on Sunday
- FORMATION FOR TEAMS
 - Green top 2 pitchers and top 2 catchers and top 4 scores get locked in, get to pick 3 out of a list of 7 (Bubble Players) cannot be a pitcher or catcher if they choose to play down.
 - 2 day scoring – coaches are to bring a note book to evaluate the girls only from their penne numbers
- Forming teams: Troy, Ozz, Dave, Tim and Kayla

*****Motion made by Ozz that the top 2 pitchers and the top 2 catchers and the top 4 overall will make the green team, unless there is a play down for a specialty position in that top 4, then next highest score will move up. The coach then can pick 3/4 out of the 7 bubble players. Next team will have the next top 2 pitchers and next top 2 catchers, and the 4 not picked for the green team will lock their spot in the top 4 for the white team. The coach will then pick 3/4 players out of the 7 bubble players. Coaches can be at the tryouts on Saturday and Sunday at a designated location. Coaches will pick players off of Penne numbers. All rosters will be board approved. Scott second the motion, All Agree, Motion Carries*****

Discussion:

- Afraid if the top team has all pitchers and catchers not allowing enough specialty positions for other bottom teams
 - May only be able to form 1 team for each level, potentially having to cut 2 teams worth of girls (22-24 girls)
- Not fair to a girl to be held back from playing on top team, because of her specialty position if she choose to play up.
 - There is a good variety of play ups and play downs on the specialty position players registration forms
- Is cottage grove teams at the 14u and 16u top teams going to be able to play A ball as the pride team/other club teams are taking a majority of our top specialty position players and other top players
 - Maybe in future look into making 14u and 16u club teams only

*****Motion made by Scott to adjourn the meeting, Jeanne second, all approve, meeting adjourned at 11:29pm*****