

**Northfield Youth Baseball Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm
at Granite Equities Offices**

Members present: Steve Fox, Keith Argaright, Kristin Holz, Josh Spitzack, Jon Mielke, Scott Paulson, Jill Metz, Al Stier, Brittany Davis, Russ Bauer, Aurora Pautz, Joe Blankenberger, Kari Scheurer

FINANCIALS

\$50,000 donation forthcoming, half of which will be earmarked for the HR Club

Similar year to date as 2022 - in a strong financial position

CD matured - moved to the Operating Account until determined what to do with the money (\$19,856.30)

Savings account is now the HR Club account - monies previously in savings were moved to the operating account and all monies going in and out of this account in the futures are HR Club funds

Keith is in the process of reviewing the insurance policy - due May 1

TRAVEL

Coaches meeting is happening Wednesday, April 19, followed by parent meeting
Code of conduct is being updated to stress the importance of positive attitude, not throwing equipment, respecting umpires, etc. and players/parents will be asked to re-sign a paper copy

Community Rec -
2 teams at 4/5 level
1 team at 6/7/8 level

Travel Teams have been rostered

Still looking for coaches for the 14s teams
\$1500 for head coach + \$100 each subsequent year coached: \$500 for asst coaches + \$100 for subsequent years

INHOUSE

Rostering is happening
Jerseys will be ordered by Wednesday, 4/19
212 Registrants this year so far
6 tball teams
8 futures teams
10 rookies teams

Coaches meetings are coming up

Trusted Coaches spreadsheet will be created and shared for tracking. All coaches MUST complete this requirement to be on the field with players and get DIBs covered

DIBS

Travel DIBs - Travel only tasks

InHouse DIBs - Inhouse only tasks

Concessions - for all concessions hours and either group can fill

UMPIRE UPDATE

Next Sunday, 4/23, Behind the Mask will be holding and umpire training for new umps and anyone wanting a refresher

Behind the Mask will match a mentor to new umps and help at first game

New umps should work 4 rookies games, then comm rec before moving on to more advanced games whenever possible

EQUIPMENT

Ordered portable mounds to be used on softball fields for 10U games

These fields also need 60 foot anchors

Travel jerseys have been ordered

Other items ordered: updated catchers gear, field staff shirts, umpire shirts, baseballs

Coaches jackets - review the spreadsheet to determine who is needed a new jacket ordered

Russ to look for new shed to put down by American Legion fields

OTHER

Scheduling for In-House

Move rookies start times to 5:30/7

Move tball/futures start times to 5:45/7

Keys/Lock boxes

New keys and codes are being put into place

Steve to talk to Daniel to figure out how to access and facilitate use

Dartball -

Looking more toward the end of the season to hold even

Jill will let Board know once scheduled so advertising and post can be made to get the word out

Future Tryout process - these processes were acquired through discussion with other associations and were brought for discussion. No changes have been made and the board could decide to use one, either or both of these options or choose to make no changes. Further discussions will be had as we lead up to next year.

Suggestions:

- a) Each coach will give players a letter grade at the end of the season (12 players = 4A, 4B, 4C). Those letter grades will equate to a number score (A at AAA level would be x and numbers would go down as levels lower, could do an equal score for a C at AAA level and A at AA level, also, for example) and that score would be added to their next season tryout score
- b) Tryout Scores could lock in the top X number of kids per team, then coach input would be used to roster the remaining players. General they could only go down so far to pull up a player who would jump others tryout spots and they must be able to make a strong case to pull a player up.