

Bloomington Legion Baseball Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
October 18th, 2020

In attendance - Mark Scott, Matt Bach, Mike Steffen, Tim McCollow, Todd Holzinger, Steve Everette, Sam Everette, Lindsey Scott, Ron Nenovich

7 pm start time

-Tryouts will be held on May 1st-2nd, 2021. Alternate dates are May 8th-9th, 2021. Hoping to have most of the tryouts done on the Saturday of either weekend.

Tournaments

Bloomington Post 550 will be hosting the following tournaments:

- Junior Wood Bat, June 11th-13th, 2021
- Senior Wood Bat, June 18th-20th, 2021
- Gopher Classic, July 9th-12th, 2021
- Minnesota Junior Legion State, July 30th-August 2nd, 2021
(Bloomington Jr Legion will have a team in this tournament due to hosting)
(It was also noted that the Senior Legion State Tournament is the same weekend, but we are not hosting)

Bloomington Post 550 teams (Senior and Junior) will be attending the following tournaments:

- Fargo, June 25th-27th
- Sub State July 19th-23th (depending on records)

Fundraising

We have been participating in Meat Raffle fundraisers at the Sports Page @ 12 pm every Saturday since September. Profits made since then have been designated to our Legion Baseball organization in an effort to recoup losses during the past season. We are hoping to and plan on opening these fundraisers to parent volunteers starting in November. At that time, parent volunteers will earn money towards their child's/children's season bill.

As in years past, we plan to host the Spaghetti Dinner at the VFW about the 1st Saturday in March (tentative date). Planning will begin shortly, however we need to continue discussions with the Kennedy High School Baseball Booster Club and VFW first.

We would like to continue to host "Haley's Game" as a fundraiser for ALS. This will depend on access to Haddox Field in conjunction with the City of Bloomington.

Banners for the field fences at Haddox were then discussed. The price for a banner is now \$1,000 for three years.

Upcoming Events

We will be holding a leaf bagging/yard clean up at the Veteran's transition house on 94th & Penn in the upcoming weeks. Mark will find out dates that work and email a sign up for kids to help.

There will be a "Halloween Drive Through" to pass out candy to kids at Northwestern Health Sciences University on October 31st from 2:30pm-5:30pm. Bloomington Post 500 will have a stop at this event to hand out candy to the cars driving through. Will need 4 players to volunteer for this event.

Other Business Discussed

-Updating the batting cages and warm up pitching mounds. The City of Bloomington will be involved. Tim offered to research some options and get back with information at the next meeting.

-Using Game Changer during the games this year was discussed and decided it would be a positive aspect going forward.

-There will be questions to be answered going forward for the City of Bloomington and if they will be allowing water to be turned on and the use of the concession stand this upcoming season at Haddox.

-Tim suggested we hold some type of used equipment give away to put old baseball equipment back into the community. This will be discussed further at later meetings. Mark suggested we may want to do this close to tryouts (April/May).

-We will be sending a letter to the Minnesota State Legion Baseball Board requesting a 2 year waiver to consolidate all Bloomington Legion Baseball under one umbrella, meaning Blue and Gold players trying out for the same teams. There would be 2 Senior teams and 2 Junior teams. More information to be disclosed next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

Next Meeting Sunday, November 15th, 7 pm @ the Legion.