

Apple Valley Travel Baseball Board Meeting

July 11, 2022

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

AV Tournament Recap / Profitability - Alli & Annie

- Revenue for the one weekend - \$13,155
 - Still haven't received invoice from the City (usually comes in fall); used the estimated numbers from the permits
 - Ump fees increased from \$60 per game to \$70 or \$75 per game; additional \$2000 in cost from initial tournament proposal
- Volunteer hours - would like to exempt head coaches again next year and possibly half to assistant coaches
 - Chris would like to send volunteer sign up to coaches prior to rest of families so they can sign up around their game times
- Thoughts on running only one tournament
 - We lucked out with good weather but that will not always be the case
 - Suggestion for next year is to hold 2 tournaments; one large one and the 2nd at the older age group (14/15A, 14AA, or 15AAA) as they can run on very little volunteer hours
- Request for Reimbursement – Gas
 - It was discussed and approved that the Concessions Coordinator can expense the cost of one tank of gas for the tournament weekend.

2023 Equipment Needs

- Catcher's gear - some catcher's gear is in pretty bad shape. Need to make sure the chest protectors have the heart guard.
 - Ryan to take inventory of what we need to purchase.
 - Baseball 365 is good place to get a discount
- Baseballs - Partner with AVHS for single order (potential bulk discount?)
 - We used a different vendor this year; baseballs used this year have been good ones and couldn't tell the difference from the ones we used in the past.
 - Hopefully, the supply chain issues will be better going forward
 - Jeremy is going to talk with Sam Firpo and give the vendor information to Ryan to compare prices
 - Downside is it can be difficult coordinate with the High School
 - We order 70 dozen; 50 for traveling and 20 for community

Fields - Brad

- Chalkers - will need to purchase 3-4 new chalkers for 2023 season

- Batting box templates looking for alternatives that can be kept in boxes; can be as easy as PVC pipes that connect; Brian said he can look into options
- Need to winterized groomer
- Hayes 7 Box - needs to be replaced; Brad will check the empty boxes at VMS; we would need a trailer to move the box
- Dugouts at VMS need to get repainted. Mac and Jeremy will coordinate with the high school. They city will not maintain unless they need fixing.

VAA Shed Updates

- Need to make changes to shelves for new mounds to fit
 - Thoughts on offering free registration in exchange for carpenter skills; Traveling baseball would purchase all supplies
 - Board agreed to send a communication out to families and see if you have any takers; work would need to be done by September.
- Shed could use a clean out. There are two mounds and a trailer that could go.

Uniforms - Brian

- Wondering if there is benefit to matching the high school uniforms.
- Would like to do a new design and get different hats. Brian is asking now because it would be a custom order.
- Brian would also like to have all uniforms/hats ordered through General Sports. That way we can be sure the hats and uniforms are color matched. The previous hat vendor was not helpful and we received the wrong hats.
- Board agreed to the new uniforms and vendor.

Summer Camp - June 13 - 18

- We were not able to hold all the days of the camp due to weather.
- No makeup dates - we could not days to schedule them
- Refunds needed - some families have asked for refunds
 - Board decided to give a 50% discount minus the administration fee of \$35. The refund amount will be \$32.50
 - Alli will include this in the email blast and families can request refund
- Board approved to provide Canes gift cards to the high school volunteers and one for Sam Firpo

12A Team

- Participated in 2 tournaments; one was canceled without notice to coach or Jess.
- Did not win a game
- Chose not to pursue an at large State Bid
- Request for partial refunds due to lack of 3rd tournament
 - Board agreed to a \$75 refund for the families; Jeremy will communicate with the 12A families
 - Will need to process check requests

Fall Baseball

- How to approach - Mac has gotten some emails regarding what is happening with the program
- Alli will send out a follow up registration communication and include Community program
 - Will make sure to send to both primary and secondary emails

2023 Cooperstown Team

- Kickoff meeting is scheduled for late July
- How do we handle kid specific donations and “company matches”? E.g. if parent 1 donates \$100 to their son, and their company matches the \$100, can it go directly to their son?
 - It is up to each individual team how to handle the fundraiser money

Youth Coordinator

- Feedback about tournaments teams participated in
- Opportunity to revert back to splitting youth coordinator back into 2 positions 9-11 yr old and 12-15 yr old.
 - Mac will be 9-11 year old
 - Jess will be 12-15 year old

August Classic Spots - Potential Concern

- Confusion as to how players are selected
- It has always been left up to coaches; MBL does provide some guidance
- Board discussed how the August Classic is kind of a unknown and can cause issues amongst the players
- Board would like to provide guidance to the coaches for next season
- Suggested to add an August Classic Page to the website; would like to celebrate the players

2023 Board Seats

- Jeremy will be stepping down in August
- Joe is stepping down as well
- Looking for a new Commissioner - any interested Board Members can reach out to Jeremy
- Will ask for new board volunteers in next communication

Baseball Communication

- Will be sent out by Friday
- Items included
 - Shed Updates, Fall Baseball Registration, Year end survey (Alli will create), Board Members Needed, Summer Camp Refunds

Motion to Adjourn - Jess

Motion Seconded - Brian

Meeting adjourned at 10:44