

Branham Girls Softball
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 3rd, 2008
Call to order 6:34 p.m

Joe Forney, Butch Coyne, Tina Hopkins, Vicki Shapiro, Derek Bowers, Vanessa Kristensen, Dale Grogan, Steve Handel, Kelly Dierkes, Van Kristensen

Minutes approved from November 1st, 2007 meeting. Butch Coyne motioned to approve, Tina Hopkins second's motion. Minutes stand as approved and noted.

Presidents Report – Joe Forney:

- 44 new sweatshirts sold
- “Sweatshirts” board voted to send back unless they give us 50% on the cost
- Still in need in obtaining extra Post Office box key, Joe to obtain
- “IRS” – received confirmation of application from IRS for non-profit status, they will advise us in 90-120 days if we have been approved or not

Volunteer Coordinator – Tina Hopkins

- Adult volunteer forms have been entered

Clinic Coordinator – Derek Bowers

- 52 girls have registered on line for the league
- Derek to send emails to 8U's and 10U's to solicit them for clinics. Need to fill remainder of clinics, only half filled.
- We are low on coaches this year

Field Operations Coordinator – Van Kristensen

- Broom drags are in shed. They are 7 feet wide
- Home plates are ready for pick up
- Old pitching rubbers to be moved to the bull pens
- Still looking for chalkers
- In need of bats, “All about Baseball” has a good deal on 24-25” 1006 bats for \$36 each
- Waiting for teams to form before buying catchers gear (to see how many and what size we need) 12U and 14U divisions in need of catchers gear, younger divisions are ok
- Need to look into pitchers net for pitching machine
- Need to look into new helmet and bat bags for dugout
- “Play it Again Sports” has best deal on canvas equipment bags for \$40.00

8U Division Representative – Dale Grogan

- Was informed that masks are not required on helmets
- It will be mandatory that 6U and 8U coaches go to coaches clinic
- Dale stated that we need to make sure that we need to keep it fun for the girls so that they stay involved in the league as they get older
- Suggested that we break games into thirds: February to March practice, March till mid April games and practices, last third all games. Prior schedule was discussed and agreed upon in previous Board Meeting

Uniform Coordinator: Kelly Dierkes

- Thunder shorts need to be ordered

Umpire & Chief - Steve Handel

- Steve to set up class for Jr. umpires
- Steve is getting emails for inter- league. Planning and will meet with the council on January 22, 2008

Old Business:

- Last two registration dates will be on January 10th from 6-8 and January 12th from 11-2. After Saturday, everything will be considered "late registration"
- Registration sign ups are up from this time last year
- Field Improvement – See attachment
 - Softball dimensions:
 - 60" radius for infield
 - Standard ASA homerun fence
 - 10-15 ft from batters box to backstop
 - 2-2 ½ ft slope from pitchers mound out (to make it drain properly)
 - Putting greyfine walking and two trees by field B and two permanent benches
 - One bullpen in between field B & C
 - Field C getting two trees
 - Field D one new tree, new sprinklers (no hose)
 - Water diverter on field D (2 yellow boxes on diagram) by batters box
 - The bullpen between field B & C to be shared
 - Two batting cages between fields D & A, need to add more grass between two fields
 - Taking out trees on field A and adding three trees, grey fine and second bullpen
 - Adding two trees by snack shack
 - Two concrete pads by snack shack
 - Keeping existing backstops
 - Planting fast growing, non drought shade trees (Empire), roots go deep
 - Tearing out bases

New Business:

- Need to give flyers to school
- Board decided to email flyers instead of mailing them to last years players (will decided later if we have to mail to players who have not signed up)
- Derek & Van to figure out staffing for evaluations and to have sheets for the evaluations
- January 19th late registration will happen at Alta Vista rain or shine
- Joe to change locks on bathrooms
- January 17th evaluation meeting (not all support staff required to attend – e-mail will be sent out)

Next Meeting: February 7th, 2008, 6:30 p.m. in the Snack Shack

Adjournment: 7:50 p.m.