

PWYSA
Board Minutes
February 1st 2010
7 – 9 pm
Lunds Community Room

Board Members Present:

Mike Carter
Sue Edblom
Mike Rod
Gregg Williams
Jeff France
Kent Sticha
Dennis Spindler

Board Members Absent:

Laurie Hennen
Mark Anderson
Brian Ingemann
Tom Mertens

Guests in Attendance:

Joe Waalk
Jim Helseth

Call to Order

Mike Carter called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Motion

A motion was made to approve the January minutes with minor edits from Mike. The motion was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Tom Mertens was unable to be in attendance but sent the financials ahead of time. See separate financial report for details. Tom has broken out expenses related to Dome Ball and Winter Clinics in order to track these programs accurately. It appears the Association is well positioned going into the summer season to be able to fund needed equipment and field improvement expenses.

Approval of YTD financials was deferred until next month's meeting, to allow Tom to present any additional information needed.

Travel

Spring 2010 planning was discussed.

- Registration is currently open for Travel and will close Feb. 26.
- Signs are up and registrations are coming in.
- The parent meeting will be on March 8. Set up will begin at 6 with the meeting starting at 6:30. We will discuss the parent meeting at the March Board Meeting. We will ask vendors to be in attendance as we have in the past. Dennis will manage uniforms and spirit wear for the meeting.

Coaches

- All coaches (both travel and rec) must fill out an application and background checks must be completed before coaches are selected. Applications are available on www.pwysa.com.
- One head coach may be listed per team with up to 4 assistance coaches.
- All board members must also have background checks performed.
- Mike Rod is working on the procedure for the forms for background checks.

Tryouts

- Tryouts will be on Saturday Feb. 27 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Make up date is Tuesday March 2nd from 7:30 – 10:00 p.m.
- Specific times for each age group are listed on the website.
- Pitchers and catchers tryouts are on Tuesday Feb. 23rd from 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. Mike Carter will finalize times for each age group and post on the website.
- Evaluators are lined up for tryouts.
- Board members are asked to help with tryouts in any capacity needed. The 16U Elite team may be asked to help as group guides during the tryout process.
- Request was made to make sure parents are not permitted near the players or in any way interfere with the tryout process.

Soft Goods/Uniforms

- Rec uniforms: Dennis will work with Jim Folven to source uniforms for the rec program. The look and feel will be the same and we will be able to use the stock we have remaining. Sizing continues to be an issue for parents and Dennis will look into opportunities to have uniforms available to try on before they are ordered.
- Travel uniforms: Dennis is also working with Jim to find new options for travel uniforms. The plan would be to find a comparable uniform so all players would not necessarily have to replace them, but we would be able to get them much faster. The new uniforms would have sewn on numbers and names rather than engineered.
- Spirit wear: Dennis will identify options for spirit wear and also work on populating an online store for ordering. He will also work with Metro on the basic equipment we offer.

Operations

Equipment and Field overview:

- 2010 City of Plymouth Field use fee of \$10 per participant has been implemented and is being collected through the registration process.
- There is a possibility of gaining access to other Plymouth fields or possibly Medina fields. Mike Rod is checking into options.

Fundraising

General update:

- A fundraiser has been scheduled on March 1 at Chipolte for the 16U Elite team.
- A fundraiser for entire organization has been planned for the day of tryouts from 11-6 at BWW. Plans need to be made to help publicize this event. Consider doing door prizes throughout the time period to draw more people to come?

Marketing/Registration

Survey update and action plan

Communications/Website

- Since Brian and Mark are unable to attend, so this topic is deferred to next meeting. Brian is now trained on website issues and management so he is the primary contact.

Volunteer Update

- Deferred to March board meeting.

2010 Policy Review and Adoption

- All policies have been updated and posted by section on the PWYSA website. In addition, the entire document has been posted as well under the Board section. Direct questions and inquiries on our policies to the website.

2010 -11 Playing levels supported by PWYSA community

- Consideration was given to whether we should consider supporting an elite team at any level other than 16U for this year. At this time the organization is currently supporting the 16U elite team. The option is open to consider fielding other elite teams with support of PWYSA in the future.

Rec/In House Update

Suggestions were made to consider a new break out of age groups for Rec. Would like to consider 5 brackets with 2 ages per bracket. Proposal:

D1: Kindergarten and Grade 1

D2: Grade 2 and 3

D3: Grade 4 and 5

D4: Grade 6 and 7

D5: Grade 8 and 9

Creation of a C league for high school age players – grades 10 -12 and potentially any travel players who do not make a 16U team

Consideration for a sanctioned Little League division for fastpitch.

Need to play 12 games with other Little League teams, then eligible to form an All Star team. We would play teams in our quadrant which would be Chaska/Chanhasen. Would potentially advance to a state tournament. Dale is researching more about this and will report back.

Other Business

- Discussion centered on whether we should try a different photographer this year for the travel and rec programs to see how they compare. Open for further discussion and future consideration.
- There will be a lot of activity before the next board meeting – please be watching for emails and reminders!

Close of Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – MONDAY, MARCH 1st, 2010