

Meeting Date: February 7, 2011
 Place: City Hall-Andover
 Meeting Called To order: 6:38 pm

Attendance

Name	Position	Present	Absent
Joe Ruhland	President	X	
Brad Schotsko	Vice-President	X	
Sheila Schueller	Administrator	X	
Michael Sharon	6-9 Yr. In-House Director	X	
Joe Paul	10-12 Yr. In House Director	X	
Matt Olson	10-12 Yr. Tournament Director	X	
Rick Schlotfeldt	13-15 Yr. In-House Director	X	
Vicki Kruth	13-15 Yr. Tournament Director	X	
Craig Quinehan	Coach player Dev/VFW –Legion Director	X	
Don Ballstadt	Communications/Registration Director	X	
Jim Porter	Equipment Director		X
Jason Saulsbury	Facilities Director	X	
Patti Murnane	Secretary/Volunteer Director	X	
Karla Haben	Traveling Director	X	
Ryan Peterson	Treasurer		X
Mike Keeney	Umpire Director	X	
Mike Lee	Uniform/Clothing Director		X

Don Ballstadt: On line registration has begun. We have had 25 on line already and I will continue to update as the month goes on. At our open registration held at Oakview we had 140 registrations.

Brad Schotsko: Signs need to be updated to drive people to go to our website. Signs need to be gold w/ black lettering. Cost will be \$3.00 per square foot equaling \$12.00 per sign. We need 16 signs. Cost of \$192.00. Signs to state: Register at www.andoverbaseball.org. Month of February. Need new signs for this Friday February 11, Patti would get ordered. Brad will then arrange for the signs to be put up over that weekend February 12-13.

Motion to purchase signs by Mike Sharon. Seconded by Mike Kenney

Rick Schlotfeldt: Open forum coaches meeting for changes of 13-15 years old and 16 year olds. Will be held Wednesday 23rd of February at 6:30 pm at ASN.

Sheila Schueller: Discussion on lack of survey responses. Look at sending an email with attachment of survey. Discussions at parents during opening meetings as well as end of the year push. Possibly at end of the year tournaments.

Craig Quinehan: We are still In need of 19 AAA coach. Clinic at community center going well. And VFW players in District 7. Needs to know contact.

Joe Ruhland: Seventeen kids in the Don G. camp. Worked on catching. Ages 8-10. Will be holding two to three more sessions. Anticipate more will come with word of mouth.

Joe Ruhland and Don Ballstadt working with DQ. And Tip of the week.

Mike Keeney –travel coaches meeting is now on April 12. April 16th traveling scheduling sessions. Draft Night 18th, Contact players 19th, Scheduling session 20th.

Request by laws updated with new people. Update 9 year old rules and 8 year old changes. Request that Don take care of. Mike Sharon and Mike Keeney will update Don of needed changes.

Umpire charges: Traveling has always prebilled for umpires, In house will begin pre billing this year.

Joe Paul: (**Andover/AARA/Champlin**) extended season.

There will be two teams from 10U and 12U for each community

Dates are as follows:

August 2 and 4 – Games will be played in Anoka

August 9 and 11 – Games will be played in Andover

August 12, 13 and 14 (Tournament) – Games will be played in Champlin

Andover will be responsible to pay for 1/3 of the Umpire fees (Approx. \$600) and supply one game ball for each game. Champlin will host the Tournament and AARA will supply trophies

Same rules will apply as last year – no changes. Eric from Champlain will put together the schedule and send out within the next couple of weeks

We will need to determine at our next board meeting if/how we want to charge for this tournament.

Mike Sharon: Issue with multiple requests for kids to play together. We have allowed this for 6-8 year olds but now that things are on-line we will have to limit to addition of one person or coach on next years registration form

Vicki Kruth -all registration forms for tournaments are in the costs for 13-15 year olds was \$6650 . The 10-12 years old fees was \$6015. The 15 year olds will have AAA and AA squad.

End of the year tournaments: Schedule will be sent to all directors for all stuff ABA will be responsible for. In house trophy's to be completed by age directors. Type of trouphy's picked by directors.

Mike Keeney: Tournament fees with gate fees on the three required tournaments would equal the same. Vicki and Matt Olson will send out spread sheet.

Forth tournament – tournament of champions-players Would they pay gate fees is questioned.

Patti Murnane: Website advertising cost \$300.00 possibly cost after comparison with Hockey and Andover Association. Three rotation spots are on website with continuous rotation of advertisers. Format has been established to start presenting advertising fund raising. Need to make determination of where the fundraising will go toward.

Jason Saulsbury: Field approval of all tournaments has been completed. Will start working with the city on fields.

Amatuer team will fold if no one steps up to be coach. Mostly college players.

Evaluators for traveling tryouts has not been finalized. Down to two.

Legion looks at playing 3 tournaments possible again.

Karla Haben: Primary goal for traveling is good coaching. We will be asking a list of questions with each coach. Evaluators for tryouts should be narrowed down this week. Layout of tryouts handed out by Karla to all directors. Tryouts at the Blaine Sports Center is resulting in a step up in evaluations. Still evaluating how each of the age groups will be staged in the seven areas. This will depend on the numbers trying out. Karla and Jason will determine after registration is complete. Outdoor tryouts are at the mercy of the weather. Our intent is to have one.

April 3rd is set for the pitching and catching portion of tryouts.

We will be reviewing with parents at meeting the roles of the parent, coaches and players.

Patti Murnane: Per Joe's request an entire fundraising format is in the process. Goals of website advertising, outfield fence advertising and tournament promoting is on the table. Final decisions will be discussed at next meeting. Also discussed -fundraising via a automobile stickers. This would be used to fund a major field project if passed.

Next Scheduled meeting Sunday 27th, 2011

Motion to adjourn Vicki Kruth, 2nd Karla Haben

Meeting closed at 9:50 pm

Agenda for next meeting:

Finalizing traveling tryouts. Evaluators and coaches Karla and Jason

Team Sponsorship-Sheila

Marketing-website and field signs-Joe

Registration numbers - Don

Equipment -Jim Porter