

## **August Meeting 2011 board meeting**

**Attendees:** Chris Staples, Tommy Thompson, Rick Godfrey, Keith Hiljus, Dave Campbell, Jim Decker, Mike Jorgenson, Randy Isaak, Eric Hanson, Ward Blumer, Peter Zbaracki, Kelly Guncheon, Jane Hagstrom, Dave Mullen, Larry Zigan, Steve Stinski, Troy Davis, Andy Bukowski, Brian Nelson

### **Minutes:**

The board meeting was an open forum to give all those attending an opportunity to give their comments on the past season.

Chris Staples – noticed lots of good sportsmanship in juniors. Weather issues. Of the two coaches ejected from games at end of season, one apologized. Team sportsmanship starts with the coach; they need to control the parents and girls.

Tommy Thompson – cancelling games wasn't much fun. Storms are one thing, but heat is another. We need to develop a written policy for this, and communicate it earlier. Website made keeping standings much easier. A few issues with coaches, were resolved privately. We need to clarify slide or get out of the way rule.

Rick Godfrey – received 37 equipment bags back. He still saw players hitting bats against the backstop poles. Opening day rain delay or postponement to Sunday should be a posted policy.

Keith Hiljus – new coach orientation was a success. We need to develop a weather policy related to heat. Also need a policy for Opening day postponements,. Pool play got mixed reviews. Need a Consolation game in tournaments. Sportsmanship. There were comments from Coaches daughters slotting for drafts. Ironically this was from the coaches who's teams that finished at the top. All-star selections – need official rule?

Dave Campbell – pool play needs some work, teams need something to play for.

Jim Decker – GVGS is an exceptional youth sports org and should be commended. Slide or get out of the way rule. Junior games that only went 3 or 4 innings because lots of time wasted missed balls between P and C,

Mike Jorgenson – need a schedule for other volunteer tasks. Help with trash, field prep. (Possibly use DIBS on the website, and advertise the things that need to be done. Have the Juniors do for Mid season, Seniors for end of season – trash, field prep, ...) Coaching is not a right, it's a privilege.

Randy Isaak – Suggest have a sliding clinic, on grass (We will look at adding to Pitching clinic.) Clarify time out vs keeping the girls running. Like pool play, since they got a trophy.

Eric Hanson - rain/heat outs. Have Friday night as make-up nights for rain outs? 3 out of 5 of the umps were not aware of the 3ft arc pitching rule. (Some of the younger umps are still in school and don't make the annual coaches meeting).

Ward Blumer – they were 2 and 1 in the tournament pool play and never got to move on. Runs allowed tie breaker, but they were the home team. They played their girls around during the tournament and gave up more runs than other teams. Possibly have a consolation bracket. Don't rely on the internet for communications (especially if work email addresses are used).

Peter Zbaracki – pool play took away from the fun of the tournaments, and limited the number of spectators. Peter volunteered to make the brackets, Ward volunteered to help. Peter volunteered to add sliding to the pitching clinic. Suggestion on using survey monkey or make it anonymous.

Kelly Guncheon – thanks to the board and all of the help he received throughout the year. Need to advertise the volunteer opportunities. Umps were great, tried their best, and were very patient. Umps should announce the score at inning breaks. Limit between-inning breaks to keep the game moving along. Have some way to make up games. Face masks weren't well received at the start, but were no big deal by the end. Suggested a rule for home plate plays using lines to determine whether the runner is safe or out, based on where they are and where the catcher caught the ball. This would eliminate collisions at the plate.

Jane Hagstrom – Because of Pool play, girls missed the “big board” at tournaments. and the “hoopla”.of the event. Need to get the word out for volunteers. She had more than enough for concessions. Jane wants to drive the tractor next year, to drag fields. Jane is handing concessions over to Jody Campbell. Have coaches hand out the parents/spectator code of conduct. Need more women involved, on both the board and the coaches. Submitted concession financials. (opening day made \$104.25, Mid Season \$2,576.50, End \$2,696.25) Next year, we should call out the sponsors that donate items (Doolittles – ice, Keith H – hot dog buns) to thank them.

Dave Mullen – they had a successful year. Thanks to Brian for all that he's done over the years. One of his seniors used the pitching mask all the time. Introducing the pitcher's mask was a good idea. The website was a good thing. Have all of the teams work on their team pages.

Larry Zigan – volunteers and field prep should be addressed. We need to look at the equipment that we use, and possibly upgrade. Fund raisers for new equipment, or get a corporate sponsor for some of the bigger items.

Steve Stinski – The purpose of the board is to try new things and innovate. Pool play was one of the innovations that we tried. Suggested adding a board member to represent Umpires. This would be the way to ensure communications between the board and all of the umpires. This was his favorite meeting so far. The league should form a committee to investigate going to 3 tiers from 2. Also suggested go to one courtesy foul at tournaments. Steve is resigning as traveling director and will spend next year helping the next traveling director. Need traveling team volunteers at the traveling tournament as well. Possibly GVGS should do concessions. This tournament was one of our revenue streams.

Troy Davis – had a great season. The girls brighten up the day. End of season pool had 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams in the same pool. Kids liked bracket over pools.

Andy Bukowski –We are working with the City of GV, and the open spaces committee to improve our fields for next year. Possibly get off Medley/lakeview/golden oaks, move to Lions 1, Gearty and Scheid?

Brian Nelson – Asked for 3 volunteers to serve on the board nominating committee. They will need to figure out open next year's open board positions (who's leaving and who wants to move to a different position). Board position candidates will be encouraged to contact them put their name in for the positions. The committee will consist of: Rick Godfrey (chair), Ward Blumer and Larry Zigan. The following positions are open so far: President, Sponsorship, Traveling, Concessions, and Registration.

Note that the next board meeting will be September 20th