

St. Paul Park Traveling Baseball Booster Meeting
Tuesday, December 13, 2011
7:00 p.m.
Heritage Park Building

TRAVELING BASEBALL REGISTRATIONS WILL BE AT THE HERITAGE PARK BUILDING ON:

JANUARY 10TH, 6:00-7:00 P.M.

AND

JANUARY 26TH, 7:00-8:00 P.M.

PLAYERS MUST ACCOMPANY A PARENT TO REGISTRATION FOR UNIFORM FITTING AND ARE TO WEAR A T-SHIRT.

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 10, 2012 - 7:00 p.m. - Heritage Park Building (following registration)

Membership: Shannon Banaszewski, Tom Bassett, Robin Bassett, Bonnie Dekoster, Lee Haugen, Stacia Heller, Tami Hopp, Tami Ness, Kathy Remackel, Jonda Woodrich

SPPAA Board Guests: Kevin Zittel, President; Cheryl Mullan, Treasurer; Dan Pennington, Baseball Director

Guests: Zach Bassett

- **Meeting Called To Order at 7:15 p.m.**
- **Minutes of the November 15, 2011 meeting were approved.**
- **Financials as of November 14, 2011**
 - ❖ The current cash flow statement was distributed. The cash balance as of December 12, 2011 is \$7,927.92.
- **Registration and Opt-Out Fees**
 - ❖ The registration fee will be \$135.
 - ❖ The opt-out fee will be \$265, broken into two checks of \$132.50 each.
 - ❖ The opt-out checks are held and not cashed. If each family fulfills their fundraising expectation (4 hours of volunteer time and/or participation in selling), then both checks will be shredded or returned. If there is partial participation/selling, then one check will be shredded or returned. No opt-out fee checks will be cashed until April and all fundraising for the season is complete.
 - ❖ Even though the financials look good going into the upcoming season, Kevin Zittel recommended that registration fees and opt-out fees remain the same as previous years.
 - ❖ Registration fees are based on historical pricing of uniforms, equipment, fees, and tournament expenses for 10-12 boys per team. It is highly likely that expenses for these items will be higher this year, but it was agreed that fees will remain the same.
 - ❖ All checks should be made out to SPPAA!

- **Fundraisers**

- ❖ Two fundraisers for the upcoming season have already occurred. These are the casino bus trip (October) and the Armory craft fair concessions (November).
- ❖ The next fundraiser will be selling Heggies pizzas. The order forms and details will be available at the January meeting, as well as sent out to all registered families. Stacia Heller is leading this fundraiser.
- ❖ Because of the logistics and decisions leading up to the current season rosters, as well as the current financials, only one additional fundraiser may occur.
- ❖ Parents of an incoming player who were notified last month of their eligibility to play traveling baseball, and therefore unable to participate in the previous fundraisers, will be able to fulfill their opt-out fee fundraising requirements if they participate in whatever remaining fundraisers occur this season, whether it is one or more. For example, if we only have one fundraiser and they participate, their obligation will be fulfilled. If we choose to have more than one fundraiser, then participation will be required in at least two selling fundraisers and/or volunteer hours as determined.
- ❖ Other fundraising ideas proposed:
 - Floral cards, entitling the buyer to one free bouquet a month from a local florist. Tami Ness will research this idea.
 - Gertens floral sale or other possibilities. Jonda Woodrich will research this idea.
 - Burger Night at Park Place as done in previous years.
 - Cookie dough.

- **Indoor Practices**

- ❖ Tom Bassett gave Shannon flyers on practice options with the St. Paul Saints Academy. These options range from individual player workshops to group/team practices. Costs range from \$180 for a three day individual workshop to \$450/per player for a group session. More review is needed.
- ❖ Dan Pennington has submitted dates for four practice sessions at the Park High Activity Center beginning early February. These will be on weekends. He is waiting to hear back on the dates. He is also looking at having one to two practices at the Skills facility in Woodbury, off I-94. These would be based on availability of the facility.
- ❖ Dan proposed that the batting cages could be open one night a week during spring/summer for individual use on a first come basis. The cages would be staffed by an adult/coach/board member.

- **New Business**

- ❖ Equipment and Uniform Needs/Costs
 - The 13U team will need at least three new bats, estimated at \$300/each.
 - The 15U team will need at least one bat estimated at \$300.
 - Cheryl Mullan will create a preliminary budget for uniforms based on 20 players and the costs for jerseys, pants, hats, socks, belts and t-shirts. New uniforms could total approximately \$4,000 or more.
- ❖ Coaching Interviews and Clinics
 - Interested coaches will be interviewed by Dan and two others to be determined, as well as having a background check.
 - All coaches, both traveling and in-house, are strongly encouraged to participate in a formal coaching clinic in the area. Dan is happy to provide options/suggestions to incoming coaches, as well as meeting with them on SPPAA expectations.

❖ Sponsors

- Anyone with possible sponsor information should contact Shannon for a letter. It is also encouraged that the letters be delivered personally.
- Shannon will contact previous sponsors for the upcoming season. All contacts should be made as early as possible in January.
- New banners/signs will be needed this year for the sponsors.

❖ St. Paul Park Athletic Association Wish List

- Kevin discussed ideas that would benefit baseball and the St. Paul Park community as a whole. He proposed sharing expenses between the SPPAA and the Traveling Booster Club.
- Some suggestions/wishes were to cover the benches/dugouts at the community parks (not Oltman) as was done at Hamlet Park, convert Whitbred to a traveling baseball field, enclose the batting cages for year round use, and the possibility of a scoreboard.

- **Next Meeting – January 10, 2012, 7:00 at the Heritage Park Building**
- **Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Tami Hopp, Booster Club Secretary