

## LEBANON YOUTH BASEBALL

### BOARD MEETING

March 11, 2009

Members Present: Tim Servant, Jay Simms, Calvin Ells, Tawnia Boutin, Steve Girdwood, Bruce Adams, Doug Adams, David Kopecky, Caren Whaley, Richard Ackerman

Jay Simms called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at the office of Tyler Simms.

- I. Motion was made by Bruce, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cal to approve minutes, approved unanimously.
- II. Tryouts 3/21 9-10:30 and 10:30-12:00 (gym open at 8:00 for setup)

Tim will be unavailable for Sat. tryouts. Tim and Dave will be available for Wed. alternate tryout. Encourage anyone else who can be there to attend Wed. for purpose of working on consistency in evaluation. Need at least 10 evaluators for Saturday session (2 per station). Board members available Sat: Dave, Cal, Doug, Richard, Keith, Bruce, Jay and Tawnia. Also available: Tia, Rick Brown, Josh Flanders, Dustin Broughton and Dave Huckins. Dave Kopecky to coordinate volunteers and equipment pickup (4 bats of various sizes, pitching machine, extension cord and balls, evaluation forms). Tim has new evaluation forms and will pass off to Dave. Bruce, Doug, Tawnia and Tia to work registration/check-in table. The Board agreed that Tim should add "Grade" listing on the tryout evaluation form.
- III. Treasurer's Report:

Registrations total so far about 130. Last year total around 220.  
38 A-ball  
37 B-ball  
35 T-ball  
20 Rookie ball

Board needs to formalize scholarship procedure. Bruce is working on formal application for scholarship.
- IV. Committee Reports
  - A. Umpire clinic (Doug) – to follow tryout on 3/21/09 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. at high school. Board agreed inviting A-ball coaches to the clinic was a very good idea. Doug is getting a good response from umpires about attendance (hoping at least 6).
  - B. Sponsorships – Doug and Steve met to break up existing sponsorship list. It was further agreed to give Richard new sponsor list. The committee is working on refreshing new sponsor forms. Contact program underway. Doug and Steve have set a goal for the end of March to complete sponsor contacts.
  - C. Field/equip – Landscaping by JC Perrier was confirmed for the 2009 season. Price is still to be negotiated. Dave has not heard back from JC yet on the cost

issue. Dave will propose the same price as last year. Uniform orders will be too late for bulk discounts. Need to order this summer for next year's teams to get roughly a 15% discount. This needs to be revisited once the season starts. Sizes are also better to order early. Doug made request that Rookie ball hats be better quality.

- D. Fundraising – Caren Whaley will start working on tag day in another month or so. Tag Day is scheduled for June 12 – 13<sup>th</sup>. Greg Ogrinc in charge of raffle organization. The Board agreed to a deadline in May for raffle ticket sales. Caren will be the liason with Greg.
- E. Player clinics – Jay reports Rick Brown is interested in doing player clinics and will contact the Board with cost proposal for Sunday clinics @ Grantham Indoor.
- F. Coaches Certification – Drills, Activities for fun and learning. Richard gave a great report on Cal Ripken online certification program.
- G. References/Back Ground Checks – Jay is in contact with Cal Ripken organization for their procedures.
- H. Concession – (Gretchen, Greg, Karen and Chris Rogers have confirmed they will help but they have not confirmed a chairperson) The Board will work to keep both A-ball and B-ball members involved. The current need is particularly for B-ball parents. The Board may want to think about some type of incentive or appreciation for concession coordinator.
- I. Field usage for Rookie/T-ball – Doug and Richard inquired what fields will be used? It was determined that will depend on registration and team assignments.
- J. Scheduling for A-ball/B-ball: The current idea is for A-ball to play Tues/Thurs with Sat to travel. Board agreed that B-ball should also get scheduled on Saturdays to minimize use of Elks for B-ball. Steve is to check on Smith usage on Saturdays with Church service across street. The Board agreed to A-ball Tues/Thurs/Sat (travel) and B-ball Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat. T-ball and Rookie Tues/Thurs. Calvin will post that information on the website.
- K. Will need tournament updated from Keith.
- L. Will need photo updated from Keith.

V. Coaches – The Board continued discussion about coaching candidates. Caren is still maintaining a master list of possibilities. Board members reported back on inquiries made this past week. Richard proposed a document repository for coaches to gain access to and file practice plans. It was agreed that was a great idea and that a coaches tab should be created on the website. Richard has a practice plan template that is useable. The question was raised as to what policy the Board should consider for first aid/CPR training for coaches? Jay indicated that had been reviewed in the past and CPR training was pretty intensive. First aid kits will be stocked at fields.

VI. Draft - There will be a pre-draft meeting for qualifying players for each league and document procedures for the draft. Pre-draft meeting will be Wed. March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. The draft will then be held on Thurs. March 26<sup>th</sup>. The A-ball draft will commence at 7:00 p.m. and the B-ball draft will immediately follow.

VII. Rules - Discussion on Cal Ripken rules was tabled again. Jay has the rule books and WILL MAKE THEM AVAILABLE at the next meeting. Need to get about a dozen rule books to Doug for umpire clinic.

VIII. Board Continuity – The Board tabled further continuity discussion.

IX. Summer Travel Teams - Need clarification of how travel/all-star team will work. Jay to check with J. Coburn.

No additional new business.

Motion to adjourn (Caren) seconded (Doug)

Adjourned @ 8:53 p.m.