

January 15, 2007 FMYSA Board Meeting

Listed Attendees:

Not recorded

General Business:

- Fee analysis run, slight adjustment for spring, still less than competition. Fees include umpers, background checks, uniforms, administrative costs, etc
- Registration numbers indicate 120 members ahead of spring 06
- Key dates and clinics discussed, clinics at MHS and FMHS
- Ken Skillet announced 2 new select teams for spring: 10U/12U Fusion, still need 6U director, 7U-10U will be age pure in spring
- Gene Gray and Paul Hazboun provided NTI update,
 - 3 divisions, AA, Classic, Elite
 - 80 teams including FMYSA, Colleyville, Keller, Coppell, Trophy Club, Southlake, Denton, NEO
 - 8 or 16 games depending upon division, AA-16, 8 for Classic and Elite to allow for tournament play
- Age group Directors – still need BB, 4U, 12U, 13U and grievance directors
- John Chalfant provided Bakersfield update regarding seeding, bullpens, etc
 - JC also updated tournament schedule
 - BB rec schedules, route needs to John prior to season opening
 - Lights – JC to manage lights with TOFM assistance
- AAYBA update – Charlie Carr
 - 6 age groups during 2 week tournament, 7/7 and 7/21
 - 3 age groups per week, check FMYSA website for additional info
- Lightning Detection – delivery of equipment expected within 3-5 days
 - To be installed at Bakersfield Park, Hill Top, Gerrault and Chinn Chapel

Meeting Adjourned

February 11, 2007 FMYSA Board Meeting

Meeting attended by:

Greg Staddon, Charles Byron, Angie Holinsworth, Matt Jordan, Gary Wells, Neal Walker, Greg Axelrod, Chris Parker, Rick Henson, Dennis Cook, Larry Burwell, Amy Burwell, Ken Skillet, Chuck Berneche, Nick Jamele, Charlie Carr, Jim Antonelli

General Business:

- Registration and Team Formation – still need one baseball coach 10U, one softball coach 8U
- Planning for upcoming coaches meeting
 - Make more efficient
 - Follow previous seasons best practices
 - Coordinate with Amy Burwell
- Directors practice fields – send one preferred field choice to Charlie Carr for rec, Pepper Hastings for select
- 9U Draft – no sheet leaves room, scores to remain confidential, follow Chuck B's spreadsheet

Meeting adjourned

September 16, 2007 FMYSA Board Meeting

Attendees:

Nick Jamele, Charlie Carr, Greg Axelrod, Jim Antonelli, Jay Minnick, Jim Mittan, Jerry Martin, Ron Green, Angie Hollinsworth, Jack Jones, Matt Jada, Greg Staddon, Chris Paulsey, Amy Burwell, Craig Martin, Tracy Black, Lane Pollock, Neal Walker

General Business:

- Baseball – Greg Axelrod shared fall numbers per age group, spring 07 vs. fall 07. Greg will present YOY numbers at next meeting.
- TOFM – Jack Jones discussed process by which funds would be returned to town properties for upgrades to BF and game fields. Jack also took questions on signage, sponsorship costs, terms of agreement and where/how signs would be placed. Proposed locations would include BF, Gerault and HT. Signs could be in place by spring 08, possible update by Jack at next meeting.
- AAYBA – Jack Jones requested that we massage schedules to prevent town employees from putting in late nights, early mornings. Tournament now scheduled for 7/6-12 and 7/20-26.
- Nick discussed AAYBA numbers – \$195,000 total revenue, \$172,000 in expenses, \$23,000 net. How to spend this? BF 7, upgrade to 60/90, shade at Tiger, shade, soft toss nets, cages at HT, soft toss nets at GW, paved parking at HT and trees at Tiger were proposed.
- 2008 Tournaments – USSSA wants more of a presence. Triple Crown difficult to deal with due to limited communication, high tournament fees and low revenue stream. Vote taken and Triple Crown tournaments dropped. Concentration now with USSSA and Super Series.
- Improved communication sought with rec teams re: practice slots during tournament weekends. All agreed.
- USSSA Tournament – Oct 26, solicited coaches for teams to work this event.
- Fall registration issues – Greg spoke to uniform policy; teams taking advantage of personalizing uniforms; purchasing helmets, cutting sleeves off fall uniform shirts, preferring to wear last spring's uniforms, etc. More time will be spent on these issues during winter task force.
- Field Lottery – Greg received numerous comments indicating FMHS auditorium was a hit, coaches with multiple teams encountered scheduling conflicts during fall when none were experienced in the past (attributed to new personnel handling scheduling). This will also be discussed during winter task force.
- BF closing – planned for Mon/Fri rather than Mon/Wed reality with schedule.
- Discussed 10 game schedule for next fall to eliminate late weeknight games. Responsibility for softball scheduling will change by spring 08.
- Volunteer position review – Nick stated that Ken Skillet would be stepping down as VP of softball, a 3 member board would be created to select a successor. Applications for the position had already been received.

Meeting Adjourned

November 26, 2007 FMYSA Board Meeting

Attendees

Charlie Carr, Jim Antonelli, Greg Axelrod, Pepper Hastings, Jack Fritz, Keith Prichard, Deleese Bissett, Greg Staddon, Ron Green, Amy Burwell, Jerry Minick, Miles Pollock, Gene Gray, Eric York, Jerry Martin, Jim Mittan, Paul Hazboun, Lane Pollock, Gary Wells, Dennis Cook, Nick Jamele.

Presentations

- TSS Photography – Amy and Craig Peters
- Select Team Travel – Jack Fritz
- The board will examine proposals from both entities and make decisions prior to the spring 08 season.

Operations

- Charlie Carr discussed field improvement initiative, particularly Bakersfield Park and HT,
 - Plans to add shade at HT and Tiger moving forward; Sun Ports awarded the project.
 - Soft toss nets, shade and cages to be considered next off-season for GW and HT.
 - Consultant hired by parks board to plan practice fields on 5 non-used acres at Bakersfield.
 - Non-game fields are receiving attention from the town; stripping and leveling.
 - BF7 to transition to 54/80, 60/90, similar to BF8.

Baseball

- Greg Axelrod covered multiple items including,
 - Equipment bags – some outstanding from fall season but most accounted for due to being used for Toy Tournament.
 - Winter Task Force – 63 responses to email to membership, first meeting to be held following tonight's board meeting,
 - Additional idea spawned for select coaches mentoring program, now to be included during task force discussions.
 - Plans announced for spring 08 pitching/catching clinic.

Spring Calendar

- Dates announced for spring 08 season.

Select Baseball

- Tournament schedule discussed, revisited thoughts from previous meeting on merits of continuing relationship with Triple Crown due to tournament expense, communication issues, refund policy and sub-standard trophies.
- 2008 schedule should include.
 - Metroplex Classic
 - North Zone State Championship
 - Tara Sawyer
 - AAYBA, among others
- Integrity might be opened up for spring tournaments and practices.
- Toy Tournament update,
 - 42 teams had registered as of 11/26/07.
- New teams were added in the 10U and 11U age groups for spring 08, much discussion ensued on the need for additional 9U and 12U AA teams,

- Many comments from individuals in attendance including board members, directors, coaches and parents.
- Decision was reached to hold tryouts for a 12U team.
- The Board also elected to solicit interest from qualified coaches to coach the 9U team and from parents of interested players. A decision on the 9U team will be reached by mid January 08.

Volunteer Opportunities

- New directors announced.

Meeting Adjourned

December 21, 2007 FMYSA Board Meeting

Attendees:

Nick Jamele, Greg Axelrod, Charlie Carr, Pepper Hastings, Jim Antonelli, Greg Staddon, Jack Fultz, Amy Burwell.

General Business:

- New Business – age group director status was covered as well as potential new directors.
- Softball – equipment director needed. Bob Nabors could possibly fill both positions.
- Equipment bags – Baseball; 4 still outstanding. Softball; no info available.
- Equipment check – date tba, board members and directors to assist.
- Spring schedule – registration and pertinent dates discussed; all viewable on the website,
 - School flyers out,
 - Info also on public access channel.
- Tournaments – discussion continued on which to host and when.
- Photographers – TSS presented at previous meeting on 11/26/07. Decision made to invite TSS to cover tournaments and Douglas and Douglas will continue with rec,
 - A third outfit will present at next meeting scheduled for 1/27/08.
- Clinics/Marketing Opportunities – GA and PH are working with Tracy Black,
 - Dates tbd by early Feb,
 - BB and SB to be included.
- BB Task Force,
 - GA informed board of status,
 - 2 working groups,
 - Top 3 items to be presented at next meeting.
- Select Update
 - BB – Several new teams created at 9U, 11U and 12U,
 - Numerous coaching changes on various teams.
 - SB – JF putting a plan together as he assumes new role. Plans will be introduced at Jan meeting.
- Baseball w/FMYSA Logos – Nick advised that 50 dozen balls had been ordered,
 - Rawlings balls,
 - No additional charge,
 - PH to research Diamond balls and costs.

Meeting Adjourned