

## EVAA Traveling Baseball Board Meeting Minutes

10/13/2008

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1. Meeting minutes from previous meeting were not available for final review and approval. They will be distributed via email for final review and approval.
2. Introductions of new board members
  - a. Amy Conway
  - b. David Yung
  - c. Chris Hovde
3. Cooperstown introduction for Board members for later discussion.
  - a. Two teams accepted
  - b. Going same week (7/25 – 7/31)
  - c. Fundraiser – Cooperstown Group wants to expand the winter clinic
  - d. Background on what Cooperstown is and how it has been addressed by past teams from Eastview that have gone.
4. Committee assignments
  - a. Need someone to shadow Mike Oberfeld on fields/league scheduling – this is his last year.
  - b. This is Dean Stockwell's last year as State Tournament/August Classic director
  - c. Amy Conway is Concession Co-Chair.
  - d. Time spent explaining to new Board members open chairs and the associated duties of those positions.
5. Budget/Financials – no update
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Logo Wear/Uniforms
    - i. Motion/second vote to keep refund of \$327.00 received from bat bags
    - ii. Discussed process with prospective vendors – Steichens, Adlers, Westwood invited but did not respond.
    - iii. After review, prefer Adler (many Eastview high school programs already use Adler)
    - iv. Issues discovered from review process with potential vendors:
      1. Blue mesh jerseys – only available from Metro as they are part of an exclusive license with TAG.
      2. Bat bags – Metro has already ordered bags to alleviate future issues with bags.
      3. We received a sense that we can't get our existing batting helmet
        - a. Do we replace our existing model?
        - b. Jill to contact Paul of Metro to see if he can get our existing helmet.
    - v. Committee recommends Adler for all uniforms and logo wear except for blue mesh jerseys and bat bags.
    - vi. A question came up about whether coaches' helmets will be required this coming year.
    - vii. Board voted and approved that Adler will be used as the new supplier for all uniforms and logo wear except blue mesh jerseys, bat bags and batting helmet.
  - b. Try Outs
    - i. Jay presented St. Olaf decision to the EVAA Board. The EVAA Board understood the decision to keep try outs at St. Olaf and support the decision.

- ii. Issue Friday afternoon with players that attend private schools – they would need to leave school early as they have different spring break schedules.
      - 1. 7 – 13 years olds will have an issue
      - 2. 1 – 14 year old will have an issue
      - 3. Jay proposed and Board agreed to flip 13 and 14-year-old groups to avoid most of this conflict. Thus, 14 year-olds will go first on Friday and 13-year-olds will follow.
  - c. Equipment
    - i. Will try to get rid of worn-out equipment
    - ii. Bags from last year did not last
    - iii. Will put out request for quote for equipment to Adler, Steichens and Metro.
    - iv. Baseballs will be ordered from Steichens
    - v. Will be looking for volunteers to sort through equipment.
    - vi. Walkie-Talkies – looking for replacement – new 12, belief will cost about \$250.
  - d. Coach selection
    - i. Selection in January
    - ii. Don't see many changes
  - e. Umpires
    - i. No changes
  - f. Concessions
    - i. Will review prices charged and over all approach.
  - g. State Tournament
    - i. From staffing perspective – much less labor payment this year.
      - 1. Reducing time and slots for fields worked.
    - ii. Only potential change is moving 13AAA to Lakeville and 12AAA to Eastview.
    - iii. State Tourney Director meeting in October.
- 7. Cooperstown Oversight
  - a. Mike McDevitt and Dean Stockwell presented on behalf of this coming year's Cooperstown Group.
    - i. Introduced winter clinic that will be expanded and held over the winter.
    - ii. Requesting EVAA take over responsibility for Cooperstown.
    - iii. Requesting the EVAA (along with Thunder) put its energy into the Winter Clinic being planned and run by the Cooperstown Group.
  - b. Board discussed the proposal – both merits and issues.
    - i. Board voted and approved the following:
      - 1. As a trial, the Board will act in a liaison role for the winter clinic in participation with the Cooperstown Group, Thunder.
      - 2. The initial split of proceeds from the clinic (for the first 180 participants) will be 12% to EVAA Traveling baseball, 22% to Thunder baseball and 66% to the Cooperstown Group. If the numbers exceed 180 participants EVAA Traveling Baseball will receive all of the additional proceeds until its total revenue reaches \$5,000 from clinic. After that, any additional revenues will be split in this fashion: 12% to EVAA Traveling Baseball, 22% to Thunder Baseball and 66% to the Cooperstown Group.

3. EVAA Traveling Baseball allows Cooperstown Group to use email list and online registration this is an option and available on short notice.
4. EVAA Traveling Baseball will provide a liaison through Mike Casey and Adrian Hebig.
5. The Cooperstown Group will offer a clinic at the Eastview High School for 3 sessions for 8-11 year olds.
6. If the Cooperstown Group does not receive the anticipated registration, EVAA Traveling Baseball in conjunction with Thunder Baseball and Eastview High School reserve the right to continue with its clinic.