

Eastview Traveling Baseball Board Minutes
January 12, 2009

Those present: Jay Schlosser, Sheri Engst, Amy Conway, Lori McDevitt, Tom Muehlbauer, Paul Muraca, Mike Casey, Chris Selchow, Jeff Buck, Mike Oberfeld, Dean Stockwell, Ron Voss, Pat Cropsey, and Adrian Hebig.

Our minutes were approved from December.

Our budget was approved by the EVAA Board. They were interested in our early bird discounts for baseball registration this year.

Our annuals are being looked at by Lee Spelbrink, but the process is not complete.

The check needs to be written for our EVTB scholarship.

The second payment to St. Olaf still needs to be made for baseball tryouts this spring.

Tryouts- Jeff Buck said we have things in place. John Kruegel and Joel Jacobson will again help. The evaluators are the same. We will consider splitting other age groups into two based on our numbers for registration.

One thing that seems to be consistently heard is the lack of repetition a player gets at each try out station. An evaluator sees them for five minutes or less. The only way to change this would be to rent more space and pay more. Our current situation does not allow for this at St. Olaf.

Clinics- There has been about 150 kids attending. An email will be sent out to remind the participants of the three Sunday clinics. Tom Strey and Mike McDevitt will organize and orchestrate the three clinics. We will try to get a count of how many are attending to staff it appropriately. There has been enough Thunder help for the most part.

Logowear and Uniforms – Jill and Sheri were meeting on this on Sunday with Adler.

Uniform fitting – March 31 and April 1

Equipment – The balls have been ordered and we will order approximately seven coaches' bags. The EVAA Board is consolidating their storage area.

Handbook – This is uploaded and on the website now.

Umpires – nothing

League Scheduling – Mike Oberfeld said we are buying 6 sets of walkie talkies. The league scheduling will take place at EVHS.

Registration- It is now open to register for the 2009 baseball season with EVTB. There are 16 already registered. A email will also be sent out to the wider community. Walk-ins are still taking place, but we do not know those dates yet.

Fields- Scott Selby is meeting to divide up the fields.

State Tourney – There were not current updates. A question was raised about where we sign up for concession use during this time. Also, the status of porta-potties at the AVHS fields needs to be verified before the State Tournament.

Concessions – nothing

Coaches Handbook – Paul received feedback and will for sure have it ready by January 26th.

Are the Gophers coaches coming again? It is believed that this was probably a pretty special deal last year and maybe they would come again next year. Paul will ask Jon Beckmann. Mike McDevitt will check with Jim Egan to see if he would be interested in bringing his Hamline coaches to speak.

Cooperstown – Dean shared the minutes from the last Cooperstown meeting that took place. There were three discussion items that took place at the meeting. First, does the Board support one or two teams going to Cooperstown and which ones. Two, what are the coaches responsibilities for 11's and 12's as they transition from one group going to the next? Three, was the Rosemount Dome Fundraiser.

This will be presented to the board in February and then voted on by the Board.

We will develop as a Board our own Cooperstown subcommittee if the Board votes to support the Rosemount Dome fundraising/technical skill development clinics.

It appears that there was a discrepancy of \$3,000.00 relating to clinic income. It was accounted for, in that some of it appeared in the 2007 financials and some was in the 2008 financials.

Coach Selection Committee – The interviews for the candidates start January 13th at AVCC. The number of candidates is not as deep as in the past, but we do have at least two provisional coaches at each age group.

We discussed whether coaches should have input in the scoring at tryouts. The board recognized that there were pros and cons to both sides of the issue.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

The next meeting is February 9th.