

Eastview Traveling Baseball Meeting March 9, 2009

Members in attendance: Jay Schlosser, Dean Stockwell, Jeff Buck, Chris Selchow, David Yung, Mike Oberfeld, Paul Muraca, Adrian Hebig, Ron Voss, Amy Conway, Mike Casey, Lori McDevitt, Chris Hovde, Tom Muehlbauer, Jill Peterson

Absent members: Tom Strey, Kirk DeCovich, Pat Cropsey, Sherrie Engst

Reviewed February minutes and there were a few minor changes. We will vote by email to accept them.

Budget

Our finances show that we have \$5,000 in net income and the EVAA Board treasurer has us at \$9,000 in net income. This is being looked at.

The EVAA Board voted down the purchasing of our helmets.

The EVAA Board is contributing \$5,000 (\$2,500 on behalf of baseball and \$2,500 on behalf of softball) for the turf in the batting cages.

Registration

The numbers as of March 8:

- 9- 10 year olds -- 64
- 11 year olds -- 37
- 12 year olds - 48
- 13 year olds -- 39
- 14 year olds -- 19
- 15 year olds -- 17

Early registration closes on March 18. Final registration closes March 24. Another registration reminder will be sent.

EVAA's participation policy requires that anyone who lives in Apple Valley or in the Eastview High School school attendance area is eligible. In addition, anyone who has open enrolled at Eastview high school is eligible under MBL rules. However, such a person still needs to obtain a waiver from the EVAA big board under the EVAA bylaws and policies.

Tryouts

We are set.

We need to fill a couple of spots for help.

Pitches will be 2 bunts and 6 swings. The older (13's, 14's, and 15's) will get 3 bunts and 7 swings.

On Saturday the preliminary coaches and a few board members will meet at Jay's home.

6:00 – 15's
6:30 – 14's
7:00 – 13's
7:30 – 12's
8:00 – 11's
8:30 – 9-10's

Adrian and others will contact the players by phone who do not make team by Monday, March 30th. He will start calling on Sunday.

Those who make a team will find out on the website.

The speed of the pitching machine for ground balls and fly balls will be tested by a few to get the speed right before the tryout drill starts. Once the tryout drill starts, the speed cannot be changed.

Walkie talkies will be used.

Injury scores: we use a formula to calculate an injury score based on the prior year's score which is then increased or decreased by the average increase or decrease of the kids in the same age group scores from the current year. A player cannot move up based on an injury score, but he/she can move down. In the event that a player was injured multiple years in a row, we will use the same formula to calculate the injury score of the player based on the injury score from the previous year.

If you are sick for try outs, you need a doctor's signed slip that very day.

Clinic

New development – the dome is not available now for our clinic on March 13th but we are looking at potentially scheduling a make-up date for Wednesday, March 25 from 8-10 pm.

Approximately 160 were at the last clinic.

Sunday night clinic

70 signed up to participate from the Friday night clinic.

5 additional players signed up

59 came the first Sunday

3-4 showed who hadn't signed up

60 came the second Sunday

One night to go

Logowear

Be at the uniform fitting at 5:00 PM to assist in setting up.

The fitting night will go from 6:00 – 9:00. We will then clean up.

We need to sign up to help both nights.

Parents will need to bring three checks – for uniforms, logowear, and the volunteer fee
We need to be more diligent about what pieces we hand out. Last year there were some mix-ups.

March 30 is the coaches meeting at the AVCC at 6:30 PM. The coaches will get their equipment that night too.

An attempt will be made to call the provisional coaches ahead of time if their child does not make the team they are provisionally selected to coach.

Sheri Engst and Dave Yung will cover the walk-in registration table for us on March 17.

March 18th is the mandatory parent meeting at FRMS.

The website lists when the tourneys are for all ages and levels.

The Eagan baseball program director approached Jay to say that they may be able to roster some of our kids if we have cuts.

Equipment

It is all in Ron's garage.

Coaches are not required to wear helmets according to MBL and the MSHSL. EVAA's insurance policy may require it though.

Handbook

The coaches meeting will be updated from April 2 to March 30.

Umpires

It all looks good.

League Scheduling

April 18 – EVHS

April 21 – practice scheduling – AVCC

Fields

The fields are being divided up.

State

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Concessions

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Coaches

A suggestion was made to change the handbook so that a paid coach can use their money at their own choosing. We discussed if it should go back to the program or be used just at the age level. If a coach rejects full payment, the coach must notify the program director of his decision before he signs the contract or prior to the night of the uniform fitting. The coach can then apply to the Baseball Board through the program director or assistant program director and request to use up to \$1,500 of the money allocated for payment for that coaching position for improvement of the baseball skills of the team (for example, renting of time at Blue Chip or Rosemount Dome, etc.). If a paid coach elects to accept all or some of the money, we will not impose any restrictions on use of the money and will not monitor the use or require an accounting.

Updated Coaches Handbook

A few typos to correct

Encouragement of coaches to attend baseball clinics will be added.

EVHS will share their handbook with the older teams for ideas.

Cooperstown Committee

A discussion was held regarding if this is the direction we really want to go in the future. Some members of the board expressed concern regarding whether or not we wanted to take over the Cooperstown trip. Others expressed concerns that in certain years we may be stuck running the clinic by ourselves. We also discussed the potential benefits of improving our program by expanding the scope of our clinic and using the Rosemount facility. A motion was made and seconded and the Board voted to adopt the guidelines. Jeff B. and Paul M. dissented. A Cooperstown subcommittee was chosen consisting of:

Dean Stockwell

Amy Conway

Adrian Hebig

Tom Strey (nominated in his absence - pending approval)

Chris Selchow

David Yung

Mike Casey

Chris Hovde