

**Eastview Traveling Baseball Board Minutes
September 13, 2009**

Those present: Jay Schlosser, David Yung, Tom Strey, Jill Peterson, Sheri Engst, Chris Hovde, Tom Muehlbauer, Chris Selchow, Jeff Buck, Dean Stockwell, and Ron Voss. Lori McDevitt arrived at approximately 7 pm and Adrian Hebig arrived at approximately 7:45 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 when a quorum arrived.

Potential candidates for the Board were introduced. Vince Terrlizzi, Tim Brunner and Jeff Boraas provided a short summary of their families, association with EVAA and desire to be on the Board. Candidates left at 6:45 pm and a **motion was made and seconded to accept all three candidates to the Board.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Financials: Tom/Sherrie reported that the preliminary budget indicated an approximately \$20,000 surplus from the projected budget but that there were several discrepancies yet to be finalized (eg., no EVAA participant fee charged yet, increased Tournament Revenue, low Logo expenses, Capital Improvement Expenses, etc.). Sherrie indicated that she would follow up with Lee to verify that allocations were properly posted and when the participant fee would be charged.

Concessions: Concessions profited approximately \$8-9,000 between the Stae and August Classic Tournaments. A list of concessions ‘needs’ will be presented at October meeting for discussion/inclusion in the 2009/10 budget.

Coach Selection Committee: Jay reported that the majority of coach exit interviews had been completed with four remaining on September 20. Jay indicated that the Parent Surveys indicated dissatisfaction with the coach selection process at a specific age level. It was also mentioned that Trevor Hemphill and Brad Landgrebe were unsure if they would apply for the paid coaching positions for the 2010 season.

Tryouts: A modified draft schedule was presented that indicated the following tryout schedule:

Sunday, March 28

9-10s (Group A)

Check-in: 7:45 am

Tryouts: 8:30 am - 11:00 am

9-10s (Group B)

Check-in: 10:15 am

Tryouts: 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

11s

Check-in: 12:45 pm

Tryouts: 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

12s

Monday, March 29

13s

Check-in: 4:45 pm

Tryouts: 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

14s

Check-in: 7:15 pm

Tryouts: 8:00 - 10:00 pm

Check-in: 3:15 pm
Tryouts: 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm

15s

Check-in: 5:45 pm
Tryouts: 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Jay indicated that there were multiple comments about the tryout process contained in the Parent Surveys (summarized in a Suggestions for 2010 Tryouts and Other Board Issues handout and hereby incorporated by reference) and briefly discussed several comments related to the tryout process. Having a one vs. two day tryout, spring vs. fall tryout, and number of repetitions were all briefly discussed.

A motion and second was made to hold tryouts as per the above schedule at St. Olaf and unanimously passed.

The Team Selection was then scheduled for March 30 with Uniform Fittings scheduled for Monday April 5 and Tuesday, April 6.

The Suggestions for 2010 Tryouts and Other Board Issues handout was then discussed in more detail. Many items are good suggestions and can fairly easily be incorporated, others require careful consideration. Dean indicated that Subcommittees need to review their approaches and evaluate whether changes can/should be made to improve the overall program. Jay ended the discussion that contrary to what it may appear like, the Eastview Travel Baseball Program is well regarded throughout the metro baseball communities.

Clinic/Cooperstown: Dean indicated that a 2010 Cooperstown Parent Meeting was held on September 9. The Cooperstown participation history, 2009 AA participant survey results, fundraising/clinic history and expected roles of the 2010 Cooperstown Group, EV Thunder and the Tr. Baseball Board were discussed with the Operating Guidelines to serve as a general basis for continued guidance of future participants.

Near unanimous support was expressed for sending 2 teams, Mike Stern volunteered to be the 2010 Cooperstown Group Chairperson and 19 refundable deposits were collected. Dean indicated that he would be paying the initial \$1,000 deposit per team by September 15.

Logowear and Uniforms: Need to resolve several outstanding accounting issues with Adler. Jill indicated that discussions have been initiated with several vendors to supply logowear/uniforms for 2010. Jay is attempting to see if a vendor can match the existing blue uniforms as they are no longer available. Elimination of names on hats to decrease embroidery costs/timing and potentially purchasing the same style of hats as the high school program was discussed.

Equipment: Ron indicated that he will be stepping back a bit and letting Chris 'chair' the equipment. Chris and Ron indicated that Board needs to consider purchasing an approximately \$500 equipment storage cart for the Rosemount Dome (Chris will solicit a

bid). Also, Board should plan on purchasing/recycling at least seven of the 21 coach's equipment bags on a yearly basis and consider moving from the approximately \$48 Schutt bags to the \$approximately \$60 Easton bags due to better quality.

Chris and Ron will work together to compile an inventory of equipment and needs.

Finally, the Board needs to consider purchasing additional practice balls as the supply is very short.

Handbook: Several items in the Suggestions for 2010 Tryouts and Other Board Issues were discussed as good additions to the Handbook (i.e., no refund if you quit because you didn't make the team you wanted to, 9-13 year old parents are responsible for coaching the teams, position guidance for 9-12 year olds, etc.) . Additionally, the Handbook needs to incorporate the Cooperstown Experience.

Umpires: No updates, other than the same crew is expected to be used for 2010. Adrian will verify 2010 prices.

League Scheduling: The walkie-talkies were deemed ineffective.

Fields: Wildwood was brought up as an inadequate game field (OK for practices). The new Quarry Point Park facility was discussed. There are two full size fields (one lighted) and two fields for 9-12 year old's (gravel infields). These fields will not open until sometime in June.

Dean volunteered to discuss allocation, equipment supply with City of Apple Valley (Scott Breuer) and VAA (Brad Arthur and Dave Spilde).

State Tourney: No updates.

Registration: No updates.

A short discussion reminding Board members to review the Committee assignments and be prepared to finalize assignments during the October meeting was had with Jay indicating he would send Committee list to three new Board members and solicit their thoughts on committee participation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Jay mentioned the new -10 MBT/L bat size rule that is apparently driven by very few manufacturer's continuing with the -9 bat size.
2. Jay also indicated that the EVAA Big Board will be rebating \$5 per 2009 participant to each respective EVAA program (approximately \$25K total or based on Traveling Baseball's 252 participants, approximately \$1,260). Additionally EVAA programs can apply for up to \$50K in money for 'special' program needs. Members were asked to come with ideas to the next Board meeting so a presentation could be pulled together for the October 19, 2009 Big Board meeting. Helmets for program

participants and equipment to supply the new Quarry Point Park fields were mentioned.

3. On behalf of the Board, Jay thanked the retiring Board members, Kirk DeCovich, Paul Muraca and Mike Oberfeld, especially since they were absent and we voted to use their \$100 gift certificates at Majors!!!!

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 pm.

The next meeting is October 12, 2009 at AVCC.