

EVAA Traveling Baseball Board
February 7, 2011
DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Present: Dean Stockwell, Amy Conway, Jan Birkenholz, Lori Zurich, Eric Wilson, Sherrie Engst, Vince Terlizzi, Chris Hovde, Jeff Boraas, Tim Brunner, Chad Lindstrom, Tom Strey, Mike Casey, Jill Peterson, Chris Selchow, Chris Tollefson, David Yung, John Hartig

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

January 10, 2011, meeting minutes approved.

Budget/Financial: Dean reported that the EVAA Big Board approved our 2011 budget.

Concessions: No update.

Coach Selection: Provisional coaches were selected after the interview process. Their names are listed on the website. There was a Provisional Coaches meeting on February 2nd. No provisional coach selected for the 13AA team as there was only one 13 year old applicant.

We became aware of the Twins Community Fund that allocates \$500-\$2000 to help fund coaches. Only tax-exempt organizations are able to apply. Vinnie will apply to the Fund to see if we can get approved.

In 2010, 10A Black signed up for the VAA tournament. Due to a technical/communication problem, the 10A Black team only played two games. VAA refunded ½ of the registration fee. The Board will return the registration fee to the parents of the 10A Black team.

For 2012, we will want to consider early sign-up for 3 tournaments for all age groups/teams. We will discuss at the December meeting.

Tryouts: Tryouts will be Saturday, March 26th (all day) and Sunday, March 27th (8 a.m. – 1 p.m.). Team selection is scheduled to occur on Sunday evening.

For the tryouts, we finalized the evaluators and are almost done with pitching. Tom will provide several high school players to assist.

The Board is reminded to review the Tryout Policy that is on the website, and have a good understanding of the scoring prior to the tryouts.

The Tryout Committee met a few weeks ago. On the fly ball station, it was discussed as to whether or not we should mark an area that is considered acceptable for the ball to land in. The advantage is that we establish an objective standard by which to determine

whether or not the ball is 'thrown' fairly. We are typically very generous and have the same people at the station, however, will mark it this year to see how it goes.

Dean recommended that we have another Tryout Committee meeting after this year's tryouts. There are several new Board members who have not previously been through a tryout and their experience/feedback will be valuable. At this post-tryout meeting, we will compile/share the comments received during this year's tryouts and also review Eric's data analysis request. In addition, we will discuss the option to close the tryouts to parents beginning in 2012 and the speed of the machines for the infield stations.

Clinic/Cooperstown: Ten sessions down, six to go. Of the last six, the next three are on mechanics; the last 3 are tryout prep sessions.

Mike will coordinate the tryout setup rehearsal at the Dome.

Logo Wear/Uniforms: Still have some remaining inventory from last year that we will attempt to sell at this year's uniform fitting night.

April 6th and 7th, 6-8 p.m.: uniform fitting nights at Falcon Ridge Middle School.

Received six bids for uniform and logowear; the committee interviewed three vendors and presented the top two vendors to the Board. The Board voted to move all the uniform and logowear business to a single vendor and selected Rambo as the preferred vendor.

Equipment: Chris Selchow will meet with Paul on Wednesday and will order all approved equipment.

Handbook: The MBL/MBT website is updated. The handbook is now updated and posted on the website.

Umpires: No update.

League Scheduling/Fields: David reported that the scheduling meeting will be in April.

State Tournament: No update.

Registration: Online registration opened. To date, there are approximately 47 registrants. A mass email notification will be sent approximately one week prior to the March 17 Parent Meeting/March 18 closure of 'early' registration.

The EVAA walk-in registration nights are scheduled for March 1 and March 14. Sherrie and Amy will staff. Also, the parent meeting is scheduled for March 17th.

January Big Board Meeting: Dean attended the EVAA Big Board meeting in January. The Big Board is still working on transitioning the middle school baseball program to association baseball.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Monday, March 7th. (This is a change due to the regular March 14th date, due to the EVAA walk-in registration night.)

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.