

Johnsburg Boys Baseball League ~ General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 12, 2009

Johnsburg Community Club

The meeting was called to order by Bill Molidor at 7:07 p.m. Those in attendance were Jim Balfanz, Mary Slivka, Jack Tinsley, Jeff Jayko, Jeff Straulin, Bill Molidor, Joe Kilbride, Mike Koeshall, Julie Calhoun, Marty Palmer, Shane Vetter and Ken Elliott.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was approved by Jeff Jayko and seconded by Jack Tinsley.

Minutes: The minutes were approved by Jack Tinsley and seconded by Jeff Straulin.

**Old Business:** Bill has all of the Mustang and Bronco player evaluations. He has 4 out of 8 teams for the Pinto division.

Jim Balfanz stated that he has almost all of the equipment turned in. He has made arrangements to collect the outstanding equipment. He will sort through it all to prepare a budget for next season.

**New Business:** Bill Molidor stated that the officer positions of secretary and vice-president are open for election. Julie Calhoun nominated Janice Ricci for secretary and Jack Tinsley for vice-president. Mary Slivka seconded the nomination for Janice Ricci, and nominated Joe Kilbride for vice-president. Jack Tinsley will have the information for elections posted on the website. Bill Molidor motioned to move September's meeting to 8:00 p.m. This way football parents can make it to vote. Jeff Jayko approved the motion and Jack Tinsley seconded it. Bill will also ask the football coaches to let the kids out a little early.

Julie Calhoun suggested that specific dates for registration, field day, opening day, etc. be set before the end of the year.

It was discussed that JBBL put an informative take away for parents. This would include all necessary dates and information for the 2010 season. There will also be one specific for coaches. The take away for coaches will include mandatory dates and meetings that coaches will need to attend. Rocky Palmer suggested that the October meeting be used to gather the information that should be put out to parents/coaches.

Shane Vetter mentioned that the Pinto games are too long during school. Mike Koeshall suggested starting the games a little earlier. Jeff Straulin suggested shortening the game to 5 innings. It was decided to discuss this further in October.

JBBL will use their remaining clinics with PCA in December and February. Bill

Molidor made attendance for the PCA clinics mandatory. Those coaches who don't attend will not be allowed to coach.

Bill Molidor was approached by Richmond baseball in regards to possibly starting a new Pony conference. Nippersink is too large, and there are teams that monopolize the division. Bill will suggest to them moving the bases to 90 feet and the mound to 60 feet. This will allow the kids to be more prepared when they play high school ball. He will continue talks with Richmond and keep JBBL posted to its progress.

Ken Elliott and Jeff Jayko were asked if the mustang evaluations proved to be helpful in creating equal teams. Ken Elliott stated that he thought it was helpful. Julie Calhoun suggested breaking up the evaluations by age. This will allow more coaches to view more players and not be stuck at 1 particular station.

Bill Molidor suggested getting baseball registration out before football registration. This way people are not forced to pay for both at the same time. We need to make sure people know that they can use scholarships, or volunteering, to help pay for their registration fee.

Marty Palmer stated that JBBL did a great job with CABA. The community club bought a new grader for \$6,500.00 to prepare and maintain Tiger Field. He asked that JBBL donate an additional \$1,000.00, or prepay JCC for 2010. This would help the community club pay for the grader. Jim Balfanz motioned to give JCC \$1,000.00 and Shane Vetter seconded the motioned. It was a unanimous vote to help JCC pay for the grader. It can also be used at the Jr. High when needed. The community club also has future plans to put up a batting cage and warning track at the field.

The Jr. High School put up 6' fences around the dugouts. The possibility of going to Hiller for all ball games was brought up. This is something that will be discussed at a later date.

Shane Vetter asked about the trophies for the Rangers. The trophies were printed with Dodgers instead of Ranger. Bill Molidor will check on the trophies.

Motion to adjourn by Jim Balfanz at 8:10p.m. and seconded by Ken Elliott.