



Board Meeting Attendees & Special Guests

AABA Board Member Participants:	
Steve Radtke	President (Present)
Brian Stockert	VP Beetle League (Absent)
Larry Novotny	VP Minor League (Absent)
Mike Lucas	VP Major League (Present)
Bob Booth	Treasurer (Present)

AABA Board Member Participants:	
Christy Caspers	(Present)
Mike Unrein	(Present)
Robert Davis	(Absent)
David Setterstrom	(Present)

Special Guests:	
Mark Ripley	Administrative Manager

7:00 PM: Call to Order

- Discussion Topic:** Mark Ripley (activities & action items):

 - Update website with Board member positions, responsibilities and contact information.
 - Update website sponsors (currently displaying 2009 season sponsors) to reflect the 2010 season.
 - Update website with 2010 season target dates (Registration, tryouts, draft, Etc).
 - Add link for potential sponsor describing sponsor levels (gold, silver & bronze) & AABA contacts.
 - Discussed costing to provide super Saturday booklets (reflecting events, game times & team rosters).
 - Update website with proposed schedule (when generated) and targeted playoff dates.
- Discussion Topic:** Age versus Grade Level Eligibility for Participation in the AABA leagues:
Discussion regarding a change to the current policy regarding when a player is eligible to participate in the AABA and at what league level (Beetle, Minor or Majors).

Decision: Maintain current policy of a participants grade level will be used for league placement.
- Discussion Topic:** Availability of Scholarship Funds:
Discussion regarding the current funds appropriated for scholarship use. Reviewed the policy on how a scholarship would be awarded and there limited availability.
- Discussion Topic:** Sponsors and Potential Fund Raisers:
Additional thoughts & comments were shared regarding previous fundraisers and general contributions / donations from some of our local business (Beetles, Pete's County Market, Culvers & Fat Daddy's). Idea of adding a sponsorship banner to the list of available options (names on our team jerseys, hats, website, Etc) was suggested. Topic to be further discussed during future board meeting.

Action Item: Christy Caspers & Mike Lucas to combine potential & previous sponsors contact info.
- Discussion Topic:** Registration Fees:
Thoughts & comments were shared regarding the current registration fees and our expected costs for this season.

Decision: Move forward with an increase in registration fees for the 2010 season. Registration fees expected to increase to \$120.00 for an individual and \$80.00 for one or more siblings. Late registrations fees \$20.00.
- Discussion Topic:** Advertising Opportunities:

 - Advertisements in the Freetimes.
 - Advertisements in the Echo press.
 - Posters in schools (additional flyers for our 3rd graders).

Action Item: Mark Ripley to review current procedures & policies regarding advertisements within our schools.

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7. **Discussion Topic:** Status of Coaches and Assistants:

Board members reviewed a list of coaches already expressing a commitment and their team assignments. List also included potential coaches who have expressed interest in participating in this league.

Decision: VP's to follow up with potential coaches who expressed interest in being assigned to teams.

8. **Discussion Topic:** Umpires:

Board discussed need for an umpire meeting prior to the start of the 2010 season as well as offering an umpires clinic to better prepare our less experienced umpires for the 2010 season.

Decision: Bob Booth to take on responsibility of becoming out 1st VP of umpires.

Action Item: Inquire if Mike Kluver would be interested in hosting an umpire's clinic.

9. **Discussion Topic:** Status of Existing Equipment and Uniforms:

General discussion on the current needs of the league

- (Qty 1) Beetle league team uniforms will need to be replaced (Loggers).
- (Qty 2) Minor league team uniforms will need to be replaced (Volcanoes & River Dogs).
- Continue randomly replacing helmets, catcher's masks, catcher's mitts to minimize the need to order large quantities of replacement gear.
- Expect that Major league uniform pants will need to be replaced.
- Socks for Major league teams will need to be purchased.
- Hats for all the league teams will need to be purchased.
- Game Balls to be purchased.
- Coaches score keeping books to be purchased.
- Grounds keeping equipment (batters Box) to be purchased.
- Vendor reviews and selections for the 2010 season.

10. **Discussion Topic:** Status of Lincoln & Fillmore Fields:

David Setterstrom updated board on initial discussions with Dist 206 regarding the Lincoln field's home plate foundations. Fillmore field is pending an inquiry as to what can be done from the city of Alexandria.

- Discussed potential need for Argrilime on Discovery West.
- Additional thoughts discussed regarding the application of weed control, watering & grass seed.
- Would any of our local business consider fabricating some of our house keeping features such as racks for bats & helmets?

11. **Discussion Topic:** Super Saturday:

General discussions regarding previous activities involved with our Super Saturday kick off event.

- Concessions (pros & cons). Available personnel to assist, facility to act as a concession stand?.
- Team photos to be scheduled throughout the day. Individual photo's pending a schedule review.
- Old jerseys to be sold on Super Saturday.

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12. Discussion Topic: AABA Special Events:

Board had discussion regarding the following special events

- Baseball skills training. Discussed options and past approaches regarding any skills training sessions (specific focus on subject matter such as fundamentals of throwing, catching, base running, Etc).
- Idea of creating handouts on common approaches to holding practices for some of our more inexperienced coaches.
- Coaching clinic (Running Practices, player development, expectations and skills development drills).

Next Meeting Targeted for: March 9th, 2010.

Board Action Items Recap:		DUE DATE	√
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