



## Board Meeting Attendees & Special Guests

AABA Board Members:	
Steve Radtke	President (Present)
Brian Stockert	VP Beetle League (Present)
Larry Novotny	VP Minor League (Present)
Mike Lucas	VP Major League (Present)
Bob Booth	VP Umpires / Treasurer (Present)

AABA Board Members:	
Christy Caspers	(Present)
Mike Unrein	(Present)
Robert Davis	(Present)
David Setterstrom	(Present)

Special Guests:	
Mark Ripley	Administrative Manager

### 7:00 PM: Call to Order

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

- Reviewed initial draft of the 2010 season registration letter.
- Discussed updates to the website (implemented & pending).
- Availability of posting of the registration form to the website ASAP.
- Discussed proposed dates for the 2010 season. Recommendation was made to change the parent meeting from March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 13<sup>th</sup>. Meeting to be held at the Jefferson High School small (upper) gym
- Registration fees (revisited).
- Scheduling of facilities to host parent meeting, Beetle & Minor league tryouts.

**Decision:** Parent meeting to be scheduled to a later date than originally proposed. New target date is April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Decision:** Registration fees to remain as previously discussed. \$120.00 (individual). \$80.00 (each additional sibling). Late registrations fees \$20.00.

2. **Discussion Topic:** Insurance & Tax Documentation:

Bob Booth updated members regarding our current coverage & other related insurance items as well as the status of our IRS related tax documentation.

3. **Discussion Topic:** Equipment Supplied by the League (Consumables):

- Qty of baseballs (Previously purchased from the Beetles). 46 dozen were ordered last year.
- Coaching score books.

**Action Item:** Steve Radtke to investigate costing for consumable materials.

4. **Discussion Topic:** Sponsors and Potential Fund Raisers:

Updates on any sponsor responses & organizations yet to be approached. An idea was proposed as another possible fund raiser event. Though the practicality & details were pending, discussions regarding how the board would approach such an event were further examined.

**Decision:** Pending further details (estimating early April), board will table the idea for a future meeting.

**Decision:** Christy to create first draft of our 2010 season sponsor inquiry letters.

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5. **Discussion Topic:** Fields & Practice Equipment:

- Updates on any developments with the YMCA and their future ball fields.
- Discussed fence locations on the Fillmore field. In an effort to make the fence locations at the Fillmore & Lincoln fields the same, would the city allow a temporary fence be erected.
- Status of Discovery ball fields with softball moving to Woodland.
- Lincoln batting cages. Past years, the district 206 assisted with the setup of the batting cages. Past expectations have been for the district to do the setup and the AABA to do the tear down. Needs to be followed up upon regarding districts preferences / involvement with the 2010 season.
- Locations of (Qty 2) L-screens for the batting cages.
- Batting cages netting. Options to better secure the bottom of the netting was discussed. Best idea shared was to weave a heavy landscape type rope through the webbing.
- Care & upkeep of the dugouts

**Action Item:** Invite representative from the YMCA to visit with the board.

**Action Item:** Inquire about options (if any) with city regarding the installation of a temporary fence.

**Action Item:** Discuss with district 206 the status of the batting cages located at Lincoln field.

**Action Item:** Inquire with Mike Kluver the status of (Qty 1) L-screen that is typically borrowed.

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

Compiled lists of coaches and their existing team assignments were provided to the league VP's. Additional recommendations were added to the list of potential new coaches to fill team vacancies.

**Decision:** Focus will be on sportsmanship, team spirit and participation (memorable experience for our players).

**Action Item:** VP's to follow up with coaches to finalize the 2010 season coaches.

7. **Discussion Topic:** Umpires:

Update on the personnel interested in umpiring for the league. Open discussions on responsibility and expectations.

**Decision:** Mandatory meetings to introduce board members & umpires will be scheduled. Meeting to review rules, expectations and procedures as well as answer questions from our 2010 season umpire staff.

**Decision:** Training of our umpires will be scheduled.

**Decision:** Grievance form to be created that would allow our players, fans, coaches & umpires to document an event that the board should be addressing in a timely manner.

8. **Discussion Topic:** Status of League Rules:

David Setterstrom briefed the board on pending modifications / clarifications to the rules based on feedback from the 2009 season.

**Action Item:** David Setterstrom to finish the updates and submit the rules for the 2010 season for board approvals and or additional edits.

9. **Discussion Topic:** AABA Traveling Teams (Major League):

Round table discussion regarding the status of the Majors and the role the AABA can play with the development of traveling teams playing in both AA & AAA tournaments. Major points of discussion revolved around the following:

- Team Selection Process.
- Player Eligibility.
- AABA Board Expectations.
- Coaching Expectations.
- Players Expectations.
- Participation in AABA Majors 'in house' league.
- Tournament Registrations.
- Equipment Needs

**Decision:** Bob Booth, Mike Lucas & David Setterstrom tasked with pulling together a proposal for the board.

**Action Item:** Invite an AYBA board representative to visit with the AABA board.

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Next Meeting Targeted for: March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.

<b>Board Action Items Recap:</b>		<b>DUE DATE</b>	✓
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