

Board Meeting Attendees & Special Guests

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

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

Special Guests:	
Mark Ripley	Administrative Manager

7:00 PM: Call to Order

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

Update discussion on the current needs of the **Beetle** league.

- (Qty 1) Beetle league team uniforms to be replaced (Loggers).
- (Qty 7) batters helmets.
- Catchers Mitts.

Update discussion on the current needs of the **Minor** league.

- (Qty 2) Minor league team uniforms will need to be replaced (Volcanoes & River Dogs).
- (Qty 11) catchers masks.
- (Qty 4) batters helmets

Update discussion on the current needs of both the **Beetle & Minor** leagues.

- Baseball caps for all the league teams will need to be purchased.
- Game Balls to be purchased.
- Coaches score keeping books to be purchased.
- Nets for soft toss (ball screens versus using fencing along base lines).

Action Item: Steve Radtke to order the baseball caps and replacement jerseys this week.

Action Item: Quotes for catcher's masks, catcher's mitts & batting helmets to be obtained.

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

Fillmore field is still pending a response as to what can be done from the city of Alexandria.

- Discussed status of batting cages at Lincoln.
- Discussed need to repair home plate at Fillmore
- Revisited discussion regarding the application of weed control, watering & grass seed.
- Fillmore open issues: Outfield fencing, home plate, dugouts.
- League restriction on permitting soft toss into the fencing. Provide signs on the fields as a reminder.

Action Item: Follow up on Fillmore field inquiries.

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

Update discussion on the current needs of the **Beetle** league.

- Most teams have coaches assigned and confirmed.

Update discussion on the current needs of the **Minor** league.

- Several teams coaches yet to be assigned and confirmed.
- Names of potential coaches have yet to be contacted and pending any conflicts, the quantity of names as potential candidates looks good.

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

4. **Discussion Topic:** Umpires:

Update on the personnel interested in umpiring for the league.

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

Updates on any sponsor responses and known preferences in contributing to the leagues needs.

Discussion of the sponsor letter (as currently written) per Christy's Email as she is unavailable to be in attendance.

6. **Discussion Topic:** Minor League Redraft:

Round table discussion on known Pros and Cons regarding the redrafting the entire minor league.

- Growing trend of teams having advantages / disadvantages from year to year due to the introduction of the expansion teams.
- Tryout process (time & available resources to perform the evaluations).
- Redrafting process (additional time required as the entire league will be placed to a team).
- Redrafting process (6th graders first? then the 5th graders? two separate draft sheets?).
- Redrafting process (first round selection order (as last years teams results will not be applicable)).
- Impact to the league if allowed to simply continue with no shake up of the players.

Decision: Board voted and approved the redrafting of the minor league.

Decision: Topic to be further discussed during future board meeting.

7. **Discussion Topic:** Beetle & Minor league Tryouts:

Revisited events and equipment / personnel needs that are typically required to host this event.

- Tryout process (Stations to be evaluated include fielding (grounders w/throws to first, and another station for pop fly catching (techniques and return throws back to the infield) base running, pitching and hitting).
- Escorts to assemble and guide the players through the evaluation process.
- Pitching machine for fielding of pop fly's.
- L-screen for evaluating players hitting capabilities.
- Pitchers mound.
- Baseballs (required at all stations (except base running) including player warm-up area).
- Beetle league coaches to evaluate minor league players.
- Minor league coaches to evaluate beetle league players.

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

Updates 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:

- Travel Team Costs Estimate.
- Cost impact to participating players & their families.
- Recommendations for the Team Selection Process.
- Recommendations Regarding Player Eligibility.
- Participation in AABA Majors 'in house' league.
- Selection of independent evaluators (currently expecting the District 206 varsity coaches to be involved).
- Tournament Registrations.
- Equipment Needs.

Decision: Approved the creation of a pilot program focused on (Qty 2) 13U traveling teams for competitive play.

Action Item: David Setterstrom tasked with generating a letter reflecting the details of the traveling program.

Next Meeting Targeted for: March 31st, 2010.

Board Action Items Recap:		DUE DATE	✓
	Steve Radtke to order the baseball caps and replacement jerseys this week.		
	Quotes for catcher's masks, catcher's mitts & batting helmets to be obtained.		
	Follow up on Fillmore field inquiries.		
	VP's to follow up with coaches to finalize the 2010 season coaches.	ASAP	
	David Setterstrom tasked with generating a letter reflecting the details of the traveling program	ASAP	