



Board Meeting Attendees & Special Guests

AABA Board Member Participants:	
Jerrold Hammerback	President (Present)
Steve Radke	VP Beetle League (Present)
Robert Davis	VP Minor League (Present)
Brain Stockert	VP Major League (Absent)
Bob Booth	Treasurer (Present)

AABA Board Member Participants:	
Christy Caspers	(Present)
Mike Lucas	(Present)
Larry Novotny	(Absent)
David Setterstrom	(Present)

Special Guests:	
Mark Ripley	Select Digital Memories & Consultant

7:00 PM: Call to Order

- Mark Ripley updated board on the status of his activities & action items.

 - As of Saturday (3/21/09), approximately 60 paid registrations have been received.
 - Waiting on approval to post the updated Beetle & Minor league rules.
 - Website has been updated with the following:
 - Board member positions, responsibilities and contact information.
 - Policy and availability of scholarship funds.
 - AABA board meeting minutes dated 3/17/09.
- Discussion Topic:** Review of Vendor Proposals & Awarding of Bids:
 Board members reviewed each of the vendors proposals offering recommendations and suggestions as to which items should be purchased together (as a set) versus purchasing pieces separately from a participating vendor. Consensus was reached as to how to proceed with the awarding of bids for the league uniforms, caps, awards & other league needs. It was unanimously agreed that the inviting of our local vendors to provide a presentation to the board was a success and considered time well spent.

Decision: Jarred Hammerback & Bob Booth to contact all the vendors to express the leagues appreciation for taking the time to prepare the presentations and proposals to the board members.

Decision: Jarred Hammerback & Bob Booth to formally award the bids to selected vendors per the unanimous agreement of the board members present.
- Discussion Topic:** Reformatted Beetle & Minor League Rules:
 Board reviewed the new format and discussed any open items or layout preferences to be made prior to posting the document to the website for distribution. The board members also discussed the addition of any comments or rules that needed further clarifications based on past experiences and interpretations by coaches and league officials.

Decision: Board approved the new format for the Beetle and Minor league rules.

Decision: Revision control to simply reflect the date the document was updated with any modifications.

Decision: Rules that have been modified or added to be identified. Initial method to be determined by David Setterstrom. Final draft to be E-mailed to board members for review prior to its positing on the website.

Decision: David Setterstrom to update the Major league rules using the new format approved for the Beetle & Minor leagues. Updated documents to be submitted for approvals prior to being posted on the website.
- Discussion Topic:** Availability of Scholarship Funds:
 Bob Booth updated the board on the current funds appropriated for scholarship use. Comments were shared regarding additional potential sources of funding to supplement this.

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5. **Discussion Topic:** Board Members Registration Fees:

Thoughts & comments were shared regarding the use of the registration fees paid by the board members for their children participating in the league.

Decision: Registration fees from players whose parents (legal guardians) are board members to be placed into the scholarship fund versus the general fund. Jerrod Hammerback to update Mark Ripley regarding appropriation of these funds.

6. **Discussion Topic:** Coaches Meeting:

Board discussed topics to be reviewed at the upcoming coaches meeting. The following items were noted to be added to the agenda:

- Recommendation to the coaches to immediately write the players number (or name) inside the cap as the apparel is being issued.
- Discuss the impact of players participating in both the AABA leagues as well as on a traveling team. In the case of pitchers, coaches are to manage this on a case by case basis (specifically monitoring the recent use and condition of the player's pitching arm). Currently the board is aware of traveling teams being formed for 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades (not directly associated with the AABA).
- Uniforms to be collected and returned cleaned & ready for storage.

7. **Discussion Topic:** Coaching Multiple Teams:

Board discussed the question of whether to allow or not allow a coach in one league to also coach another team in a different league. Thoughts & comments were shared as to why this would be deemed appropriate or inappropriate. Board members decided to table this topic (not vote) pending additional discussions at an upcoming board meeting.

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

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

Decision: Follow up with phone calls to potential coaches who expressed interest in being assigned to a team.

Decision: During the new player tryouts (evaluation), the Beetle league coaches are to evaluate players entering the Minor league and the Minor league coaches are to evaluate the players entering the Beetle league.

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

Robert Davis updated the board on the current needs of the league after a visit to the storage locker:

- (Qty 3) Beetle league team's uniforms will need to be replaced (Bucks, Beetles & Boarder Cats).
- (Qty 2) New Minor league team's uniforms will need to be purchased due to the elimination of the Dragons & Lynx as actual Minor league teams. New team names yet to be determined.
- (Qty 17) 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.
- Recommendation to replace both the Beetle & Minor league teams equipment bags.
- Beetle leagues Blue Thunder (Brainerd) has had a name change (now called the Lunkers).
- Robert Davis to contact Brian Stockert regarding the Rattlers team uniforms storage location.

Decision: Board to further discuss any name changes to the Beetle and Minor league teams.

Decision: Major league pants, preference to stay with the white w/pin stripe where applicable.

Decision: Each team to receive (Qty 15) hats, (Qty 13) for the players and (Qty 2) adult hats.

Decision: Team hats to include the raised (puffy) logos.

Decision: Beetle league hats to reflect the Northwood's league team logos versus the typical AABA logo.

Decision: Board to further discuss option of selling the uniforms being replaced or eliminated with proceeds being appropriated to the scholarship fund.

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

Board reviewed the sponsor letter being prepared by Jarrod Hammerback and Christy Caspers. Discussion regarding the recognition of the different level of gifts a sponsor may wish to contribute. It was agreed that the sponsors name or logo could be placed not only on the uniform sleeves but potentially on the equipment bags as well. It was also requested that the letter specify a reasonable date in which the league would like a potential sponsor to respond by.

Decision: Target date for the mailing of the updated document is the week of March 30th (specifically either the Wednesday or Thursday of that week).

Decision: Board to review the list of contacts reflecting where or to whom the sponsor letters were sent to.

Next Meeting Schedule & Action Items:

Decision: Next Board meeting targeted for April 7th 2009. Jarrod Hammerback to confirm time & location.

Board Action Items:		DUE DATE	√
A1	Jerrold Hammerback to update Mark Ripley regarding appropriation of the board member registration fees to the scholarship fund.	4/7/09	
A2	Mark Ripley to post the updated Beetle and Minor league rules to the website pending release of final revision (allowing time for the board members to review and comment on final draft).	4/7/09	
A3	Jerrold Hammerback and Bob Booth to formally award the bids to selected vendors	4/2/09	
A4	Robert Davis to contact Brian Stockert regarding the Rattlers team uniforms storage location.	4/7/09	
A5	Board to revisit the leagues position regarding the coaching of multiple teams.	4/7/09	
A6	Initial mailing of the sponsor's letter (Jarrod Hammerback and Christy Caspers).	4/2/09	
A7	David Setterstrom to update the Major league rules using the new format approved for the Beetle & Minor leagues.	4/7/09	

9:11 PM: Meeting Adjourned.