

AABA Minutes
4/1/08

present: Bill Krivanek, Jarrod Hammerback, Mark Ripley, Christy Caspers, Bob Booth, Brian Stockart, Steve Radke, Janet Young

1. Parent Tom Leary attended the meeting requesting the possibility of his son joining a team due to knee injury and rehabilitation. The board decided that instead of having him enter the draft, we would wait until he receives doctor's clearance and then will place him on a team at a prorated fee.
2. Fundraising was discussed:
 - a. Companies that have donated up to this date.
 - b. Companies that have donated in the past that have not as of yet. Janet will email Bob the list of past sponsors and he will try to contact those that have not donated.
 - c. Beetle league night at the Beetles...Tuesday, June 8th. If we have 12 teams, each team will be expected to sell 35 to 40 tickets.
 - d. Minor League night at the Beetles is Wednesday, June 9th. If we have 10 teams, each team will be expected to sell 40 to 50 tickets. We could add the Major League to this night if ticket sales are not what are expected.
 - e. Beetles are anxious to have closer ties with AABA, similar to the situation it was 3 years ago. They would like to have each Beetle League team have their own night at the game when the team they are playing matches the corresponding Beetle League team. They would receive free entry into the game and would get recognized between innings.
3. Mark Ripley presented:
 - a. Number of registrations received to date for each league.
 - b. No requests for scholarships have been received to date.
 - c. Photos – a presentation of sample photos was made along with pricing information.
 - d. Website – Mark will post who the returning coaches are and a request will be made for additional coaches.
4. Fields:
 - a. Janet will place the order for the new fence.
 - b. A final determination of Minor League base path distance (70 or 75 ft.) has yet to be made due to the snow.
5. Facemasks:
 - a. 48 Facemasks for Beetle League have been ordered and a donor has agreed to pay for them. Company selling them to us at cost...approximately \$11.00 each – they will be required for the Beetle league players.
 - b. Need to be installed on helmets.
 - c. Batting helmets with face masks will be made available to the Major and Minor league players but will not be required.

6. Baseballs need to be ordered. Traditionally they are purchased thru the Beetles. Janet will check on the amount ordered previously.
7. Beetle league uniforms will be ordered – waiting for final quotes.
8. Have received requests from former players to purchase old uniforms that are being replaced. It was decided we would sell them on Super Saturday for \$5 each, first come-first serve. Money will go towards scholarship fund.
9. Discussion was held on whether or not to allow leadoffs in the Minor League and it was decided to wait until the next meeting to discuss further.
10. A list of used equipment from Cowing-Robards was presented – it was decided that we would purchase a pitching machine for \$100 and a bucket of balls.
11. Coaches – Board position remains that coaches cannot choose their assistant coaches before the draft. Coaches must draft their team first and then can select parent(s) to be their assistants – no exceptions. Also discussed where we are with respect to:
 - a. Beetle League Coaches.
 - b. Minor League Coaches.
 - c. Major League Coaches. VFW will again have two teams, likely resulting in a maximum of 8 Major League teams.
 - d. Jake Leuschke (college student) would like to coach a team – we will put him on our list of potential coaches.
12. Umpires: Tom has offered the umpire supervisor position to Brett Ripley; 8 umpires have been lined up.
13. Tryouts:
 - a. VP of each league confirms with all coaches that they are expected to be evaluators. Each VP should send me a list of the coaches along with their contact information (email address specifically) so that I can make a list of times and stations that each coach will be working and then forward it to them. Any board members interested in evaluating will be welcomed also. Bill will contact Tom A. to see if Kiwanis members are available to help at tryouts.
 - b. VPs of the Majors and Bill will decide on a tryout date. Bill will talk to each sport team at Discovery regarding tryouts.
 - c. Mark will post on website once a date has been decided.
12. Meeting adjourned.