

AABA Baseball Board of Directors

March 10, 2008

Minutes

Members present: Bill Krivanek, Mitch Anderson, Jerrod Hammerback, Steve Radtke, Brian Stockert, and Bob Booth. Also in attendance for a short time: Mark Ripley

1. Mark Ripley-Website issues; Registration letter and form; pictures; etc.
Website emails will be corrected. Numbers of players possibly coming back from last season include 55 returning to the Beetle league...81 5th graders and 62 6th graders for a total of 143 Minor Leaguers...144 Major Leaguers. These numbers are probably exaggerated, especially for the Major League as we tend to lose many players that are to move from Minor to Major League.
Rule change to Major league should read NO PLAYER MAY SIT MORE THAN ONE INNING UNLESS ALL PLAYERS HAVE SAT AT LEAST ONE INNING-EXCEPTION INJURY OR ILLNESS. No infield/outfield requirement will be included in the Major League.
Ads will be removed from the Website until payment is made for this year.
There was a short discussion on pictures. Mark was urged to add a link to his company website so that parents will have some idea of prices and availability of pictures this year. The photo gallery will be limited to mostly pay pictures.
2. Janet Young-fundraising
 - a. Tastefully simple Charitable Giving Application Bill K will ask Kristy Caspers to fill out the required form. If she is unable to, then Brian Stockerts wife would be available...both work for Tastefully simple.
 - b. REA grant request form-specific project or purpose that the money is to be used for; the specific benefit to the community, amount needed and amount requested. Janet will fill out and ask for a donation to pay for the fencing or add to our scholarship fund.
 - c. Switching portable restroom supplier-double billing and confusion with Geyer Rental. OK with board
 - d. Fields will cost \$7.50 per field for Tryout day. If we want to go into the evening and use the lights, the cost is an additional \$10.00 per field. All four fields will be needed and have been reserved by Bill K.
3. Rule Changes-**All Leagues**-No Earrings, Necklaces or Bracelets of any kind will be allowed. Also, Pitchers can not wear a long sleeve white shirt on the throwing arm.
 - a. Beetle League-Facemasks will be required on all helmets. AABA will purchase and put them on all AABA owned helmets. Discussion took place to require it on Minor League players also, but due to cost and some thought that they would not be worn it was decided to wait another year and revisit it again.
 - b. Minor League-Discussion about allowing leadoffs to allow for the longer distance between bases. It would help pitchers with their pick off moves when they move up to Major League. This will be decided at our next board meeting. Another rule change added was to require any player that is playing catcher to wear a protective cup. NO EXCEPTIONS.
 - c. Major League-no rule changes other than those previously mentioned
4. Uniforms and Equipment-
 - a. Hats are ordered-Beetle league all the same; Minor League are actual hats that the teams use, Major League-same Ordered from Cowing Robards. Total cost of \$2,735.45
 - b. Beetle League-New team added (BullFrogs) and the Huskies replaced. Waiting on a bid from Bold Fusion. If comparable to Cowing Robards, then they will be ordered. Approx. \$320 each team

- c. Minor League-Replace two teams, Storm (faded) and Riverdogs (worn) [Ordered from Cowing Robards. \\$368.00 each team](#)
 - d. Major League-Replace one Team, Athletics with new pants, belts and socks. Also replace matching equipment bag and helmets. Replace 4 other teams Equipment bags and helmets with board approval. [Board approved purchasing only one Uniform \(A's \\$1485.00\) and replacement of 4 equipment bags and 5 helmets for 4 teams \(\\$137.00 per team\). The other uniforms are in excellent shape. Board also agreed to purchase approximately 6 new pair of pants for each team to replace those that are torn or worn \(\\$30.00 per pair or \\$180 per team\).](#)
5. Identify all players on draft day that are in Marching Band or on a traveling team?
[Board decided it is too difficult to identify all traveling team members. Marching Band members will be identified at the Major League draft](#)
6. Other Items?
- [Beetles fundraiser involves selling general admission tickets for \\$5 each and the league will get to keep \\$2.50 of the fee. We should have no problem selling 400 tickets for two separate games during the season, one on Tuesday July 8th \(Beetle League Night\) and the other on Wednesday July 9th \(Minor League Night\). Each night should return \\$1000 dollars to the league if at least 400 tickets are sold or approximately 30 tickets per team for each league.](#)
 - [Coaches for upcoming season still needed:
3 for the Beetle League
2 for the Minot League
Depending on VFW teams, we may need another 5 or 6 in the Major League.](#)
 - [Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM](#)