



## **IGSA Board Meeting Minutes 01/07/2008**

Chris Dallas called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

A quorum of Voting Officers were present when the meeting was called to order: Brian Bressie, Matthew Clark, Chris Dallas, Chris Donahugh, Jim Formby, Barbara Ginsberg, Joe Guaderrama, John Olesky, Jerry Rose, Richard Snyder, and Pam Tyo.

Guest: John Lologa

Richard Stewart arrived at 7:12 p.m., Paul Rogacki and Kenny Harker arrived at 7:20 p.m., Jeff Kraus arrived at 7:35 p.m.

### **DECEMBER MINUTES – (7:07 p.m.)**

Corrections to the December Minutes; Jeff Kraus is Director of Scheduling; “Kenny” Harker, not “Danny” Harker.

Formby made a motion to approve the December, 2007 minutes. (Copies of minutes distributed.)

Rose seconded the motion.

The motion was approved without opposition at 7:09 p.m.

### **TREASURER REPORT – (7:09 p.m.)**

- Per Clark, the audit will be completed in 10 days (by 1/17/08). Jan Northcutt is assisting by answering questions from the auditor.
- Have a few names for a potential bookkeeper. Recommend holding off hiring bookkeeper until league’s financial situation ascertained.
- Lost \$1,348 on Fall Ball (Clark says Fall Ball is traditionally a loss). Need to know umpire and tournament fees to adequately predict costs. Have approximately \$27,000 in bank.
- Formby suggested we explore raising Fall Ball fees. Dallas suggests raising the fees \$20 next Fall.

Richard Stewart arrived at 7:12 p.m.

- Clark stated that he has sent out e-mails trying to collect outstanding items from Fall Ball.
- Clark says that he has not yet entered Spring 2008 registrations into the books, as he needs names from the Registrar to associate with the merchant credits that are coming in from online payments.
- Clark says that he has received all items now from Jan Northcutt.

### WEBSITE – (7:18p.m.)

- Per Dallas, Richard Stewart and Jeff Kraus are taking the lead with the new website. For now, a simple page has been put up. However, e7 Sports is building out the website. Dallas estimates it will be completed within two weeks.
- Both the site and the registration process are working correctly
- Clark notes that there are some mandatory ASA items that need to be added to the website.

Paul Rogacki and Kenny Harker arrived at 7:20 p.m.

### TRYOUTS – (7:20 p.m.)

- Dallas requested that we select tryout times.
- Formby suggested we have groups of 15 girls and that tryouts begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until completed.
- Rogacki concurred with a 9:00 a.m. start time, but suggested groups of 12 girls.
- Discussion held regarding the format of tryouts.
- Clark suggested holding tryouts later.
- Donahugh noted that Inferno pitchers may miss many rec games. Formby stated that the girls must still tryout and that their Inferno commitment should be disclosed to coaches.
- Dallas suggested that a rule be made that no rec coach be required to have more than one Inferno player on his/her team.
- Olesky pointed out that Inferno girls would be ineligible for all-star play.
- Dallas suggested that 10U tryouts take place at LPC starting at 9:00 a.m. on 1/19/08 and that 12U tryouts take place at LPC starting at 9:00 a.m. on 1/26/08. In-person registration should take place from 9-12.
- Formby noted that we need an ad in the Irvine World News stating that people can register at evaluations. Snyder will handle getting a quarter page ad in the paper as soon as possible. Will aim for 1/10 IWN distribution.
- Rogacki makes a motion to allocate up to \$500 each for two ads to run in the Irvine World News on two successive Thursdays. Seconded by Rose. The motion passes unopposed at 7:30 p.m.

### UNIFORMS – (7:30 p.m.)

- Tyo stated that the company needs at least five weeks from the date of order to complete the league's uniforms. She indicated that it was OK for us to place a partial order now and the remainder later. There will be no extra charge for colored shorts.

### PITCHING CLINIC – (7:31 p.m.)

- Dallas reported that the Chrissy Hartman pitching clinic will take place over the course of six weeks at a cost of \$120 ( \$20 per session). Suggested that IGSA subsidize part of the cost (\$30 per player) as we have done in the past. Clark stated that we need an avenue for recovering the costs. Discussion regarding fact that we are nonprofit and league money should be spent for betterment of the league.

- Pitching Clinic will take place from 3:00-5:00 p.m., following Sunday Madness (from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.) Dallas will remain in contact with Chrissy.

#### COACHES CLINIC – (7:34 p.m.)

- Dallas suggests having the Coaches' Clinic at College Park on a Saturday or Sunday in late February and that there be a demonstration as to the proper set up and take down of a field.

7:35 Jeff Kraus arrives

- Rogacki passed around the laminated field prep instructions for Board review
- It was decided that the date for the Coaches' Clinic would be determined by the coaches themselves at a later date.

#### OPENING DAY – (7:37 p.m.)

- Rogacki indicated that he received the Opening Day planning notebook from Remy Rochford, and gave it to Donahugh.
- Dallas stated that Wendy Dallas would assist with Opening Day and that All League Sports would handle the team photography on Opening Day
- Opening Day will be March 8, 2008
- Formby is trying to get Rex Hudler as the Opening Day speaker.

#### INFERNO – (7:40 p.m.)

- Per Dallas, all Inferno girls need to be registered with IGSA (fee-free) for field allocation and insurance purposes.
- Formby stated that IGSA pays a turf fee of \$5 per player and that Inferno girls are required to register for insurance through VTD, since they are a travel ball team
- Dallas opined that IGSA should collect reimbursement for Inferno teams' turf fees and any other actual fees incurred by IGSA on behalf of the Inferno teams.
- Discussion held regarding the format of the Inferno rosters that need to be sent to the City ASAP.

#### ACE Clinic – (7:46 p.m.)

- Dallas indicated that John Felliciti has sent e-mails regarding upcoming ACE clinic.
- Rogacki clarified that ACE certification is only online and everyone must complete online certification in order to coach. However, the ACE Coaches Clinic is live and attendance at the clinic is mandatory if a coach wants to be able to coach all-stars.
- Discussion was held as to whether IGSA should make attendance at the ACE Coaches Clinic mandatory for all IGSA coaches, and the consensus was "yes." Dallas will send an e-mail to all coaches instructing that attendance will be mandatory.

#### ASA Matters – (7:50 p.m.)

- Rogacki brought Yellow Books to the meeting

- If anyone has any further questions on ASA matters, they are encouraged to contact John Felliciti directly.

#### ANGELS TICKETS – (7:51 p.m.)

- Tyo stated that she has acquired 450 tickets for the Angels v. Mariners game on 4/18/08
- League cost is \$8.00 per ticket. Second half of invoice due to Angels in mid-February
- Recommend selling the tickets for \$12.00 each (face value)
- Formby makes a motion for the Angels tickets to be sold at face value. Seconded by Olesky. Motion passes unopposed at 7:52 p.m.

#### SPONSORSHIPS – (7:53 p.m.)

- Mark Burgett removed from Board position due to failure to attend Board meetings
- Clark need to know what he can offer to potential sponsors
- Dallas states that banners must meet City specifications, but we can offer other items such as name on t-shirts, etc.
- Clark will call Dallas and confer regarding City specs for sponsorship banners.

#### EQUIPMENT/FIELDS – (7:56 p.m.)

- Dallas suggests that the field improvements and base pegs replacement not be completed until closer to Opening Day.
- Olesky suggested coming up with a target date for completion. Formby will call Major League to schedule the additional field maintenance/improvement items. No need to laser level field, but do suggest replacing bases.
- Rogacki would like to see the posts be made even. He also states that the storage boxes need to be replaced, but he will make sure they make it through this season.
- Dallas stated that he will take care of having the pitching machine serviced. One was tuned up. The other needs service.
- Formby noted that the batting cages will not be moved until the City builds its new parking structure (currently on hold). Dallas noted that the cages need a floor surface.

#### REGISTRATION – (8:03 p.m.)

- Per Dallas, Linda Lloyd made registration flyers and Snyder has them in stacks of 50. Dallas requests that each Board member hand out flyers. The flyer is available in .pdf format and can also be printed off or e-mailed.
- Tyo will distribute through IYBL (as we have a reciprocal agreement with them to cross-promote)
- Clark suggests setting up flyers at Sports Authority and Chick's/Dick's.
- Dallas emphasized that we need a grass roots campaign including e-mails, flyers, and call lists where we urge former players to sign up for Spring 2008.
- Olesky suggested a "Bring-A-Friend to Registration" campaign.
- Donahugh stated that the league should seek out a demographic/marketing-type list of families in Irvine with girls in the age range for our program.
- Tyo suggested having walk-up registration dates.

- Clark suggests putting pop-ups at the Irvine Marketplace and having walk-up registration there.
- Formby suggests having open registration at LPC during evaluations
- Dallas suggests following up with last year's players and asking them to invite their friends to join softball as well.
- Donahugh indicated that he would try to have IGSA registration set up at Sports Authority.
- Ginsberg pointed out that our initial registration numbers are due to the City on 1/21/08 and that final numbers (for purposes of field allocation) are due on 1/28/08, so we need to get as many registrations as possible by those dates.
- Dallas stated that he would send another e-mail blast to our database of names.
- Donahugh suggested interlocking the 12U teams with Pacific Coast/Newport Beach
- Formby stated that the 14U teams will interlock again this year and that Paul Hill is organizing the interlock.
- Discussion held regarding the potential number of 14U and 12U teams.

#### OTHER BUSINESS – (8:26 p.m.)

- Sunday Madness will start on 1/20/08 and will run for four consecutive weeks. Dallas requests that as many coaches as possible come out to assist with Sunday Madness.
- Dallas confirms for Harker that the Coaches' Clinic at College Park will be set by the coaches as a later date.
- It is noted that we will not have fields available to us on either Saturday during Irvine's Spring Break (4/5 and 4/12)

#### NEXT MEETING – (8:30 p.m.)

- Next meeting will be February 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Westpark Village One Clubhouse.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 8:31 p.m., Rose made a motion to adjourn.  
 Rogacki seconded the motion.  
 The motion was approved without opposition.  
 The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.