



IGSA Board Meeting Minutes 07/16/2008

Chris Dallas called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

8 of 20 Voting Officers were present when the meeting was called to order: Paul Rogacki, Richard Stewart, Jeff Krause, Matthew Clark, Chris Donahugh, Kenny Harker, Joe Guaderrama, and Pat Morris.

Others in attendance: John Lologo, Kelley Brophy, Ken Lancos, and Darrell Ennis

JUNE MINUTES

There are no June minutes to review at this time. The board will follow-up with the June minutes at the August meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Matt's initial assessment of the spring 2008 season snack bar receipts is that the snack bar lost money because the \$25 assessment per player at registration was not enough to cover paying the staff. He will investigate in more detail and report the findings.

FALL BALL

- The interest list looks like:
 - 8U—21 players signed up, 9 of which played All-Stars. Pam Tyo is the only coach so far and said she will take a large roster, perhaps as many as 14.
 - 10U—37 players signed up, 18 of which played All-Stars. Jeff Kraus, Jerry Rose, and Joe Guaderrama have applied for teams. There are enough players for three teams-- one A and two B. The coaches will determine team make-up to meet that goal.
 - 12U—32 players signed up. John Lologo/Brian Bressie, Jim Formby/Renie Dugwyler, and Ken Lancos will coach. There will be three teams—one A and two B.
 - 14U—18 players have signed up. Mark Fator has his team in mind. There will not be 12U players playing up to 14U because there are already 14U players who won't be able to play and we don't want to make it worse.
- For the moment we will assume that we will get at least the same Fall Ball field allotment as last year.
- There was some discussion about the competitiveness of Fall Ball and whether we want/need to keep competitive teams together.

10U INFERNO UPDATE—Pat Morris

- They have played approximately 73 games 2-3 weekends per month. Their competitive record is 37-3-3.
- Pat feels they have kept to the IGSA mandate.
- When they played in the Nationals in Utah they were the only team to beat the eventual winner.

12U INFERNO UPDATE—Chris Donahugh

- The team has opened up opportunities for 12U rec players.
- The difference in the team from the beginning to their play in Utah was phenomenal and the experience was great.

NEW BUSINESS

- Matt Clark suggested that IGSA might want to offer the pitching clinic next year at a 50% subsidy to encourage more pitchers. Perhaps develop a point system to evaluate/develop pitchers? 1) Pat suggested that pitchers should pitch in practices and coaches/IGSA should have older players as role models. 2) Jeff Kraus mentioned that when he started coaching having some league guidance would have helped him with his pitcher development. Several ideas followed to:
 - Use older players to help with younger division practices.
 - Develop communication from the commissioners to the coaches about pitcher development strategies.
 - Continue to encourage pitcher development at the 8U/10U divisions.
 - Encourage coaches to use the clinic
 - Set expectations with the parents and keep a logbook.
 - Develop a common/consistent language/vernacular from 6U through 14U for pitching, fielding, catching, etc. so the players aren't confused from one coach to another. Matt requested/suggested that IGSA create a formal proposal for mentor pitching that would include an outline for coaches to develop pitchers and terminology.
 - Develop coaches to develop players positionally.

- There was a suggestion to start developing a cadre of coaches and parents to help with Sunday Madness and get it started in early January or mid to late December.

Chris Donahugh made a motion to adjourn.

Matt Clark seconded the motion.

The motion was approved without opposition.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.