

Basic notes (below) from our meeting last night (there's a lot of content, so please read full summary).

Attendance: Jason, Ken, Mark, Jeff, Bill, Gary, Brian, Kim, David, Jeff, Nick, Dave, Brett, Mike Minnick (by phone for T-ball discussion)

1. New Farm VP - Tom Cundy (voted in by sufficient Board numbers during walk-in registration). Ken - could you please add Tom's contact information to the website (his telephone number is 858-1948 and I've called him to request his email address...I will forward when I get it)
2. Registration Status - approximately 950 kids so far (similar to last year at this time)

Preliminary League Team Numbers:

Girls:

Tball - 5 teams

U-8 fast - (low numbers, Mark will call to try to convert to slow)

U-8 slow - 6 teams

U-10 fast - possibly 1

U-10 slow - 6 teams

U-12 fast - 1 team (starting waiting list)

U-12 slow - 5 teams

High School - possibly 1

Boys:

Tball - 12 teams

Instructional - 14 teams

Ripken - 12 teams

Prep - 4 teams

Babe Ruth - 4 teams

3. Managers applications (to date): All managers applications received thus far were approved last night for the VP's to consider (remaining applications can be discussed next week). In a few cases there were some minor concerns, but not major gaps that would prevent offering a team if the situation warrants. Kim will also forward to the entire board, the electronic list of people who checked that they wanted to manage a team on their registration forms (and maybe just didn't fill out the managers application yet....this will give the VP's some additional names to contact):

Agreed Priority criteria for assigning Managers to teams will be:

1st Priority - Returning manager in same league (in good standing)

2nd Priority - Returning coach in same league and Returning manager moving up from younger league

Using this priority criteria, Vice Presidents for each league will choose the best candidates available and will also handle all discussions pertaining to accepted and rejected applications for each league (reminder that you can highlight team numbers went down in several leagues - where applicable, as part of the criteria for not enough teams to give everyone who requested).

4. Sponsors - tracking about the same as last year at this time (Jungle Jim is already in). David will begin making calls soon to those that we haven't heard from. Also website will be updated to reflect: Sponsors, Multiple Team Sponsors, and Super Sponsors (more than 5 teams). Brett will also write a letter to the VFW asking them to consider donating a sum of money similar to Fall Ball (\$3K) to help fund the league (or repair concessions, etc.)

5. Pepsi Contract - needs to be renegotiated now (it's expired). Bill Hodge and Brian Nagel agreed to help Kim manage these negotiations.

6. We need sinks/cabinets in the concession stand or we can't open - Jason and Ken will work with Doug Meddings to arrange.

7. Still accepting registrations for all leagues. Gary Anderson will work with Echo and Journal to keep advertising. Mike Durbin - can you please update the FYBA information line to reflect this information

8. We still need to find additional meeting facilities for Monday and Thursday of draft week - Kim Hibbard will try to find (Ripken will draft on Monday night so that Brett will be available to help with computer entry and can draft team - leaves for Asia on Tuesday).

9. Budget report - \$81,760 in the bank after we pay the \$7640 electrical repair

10. March 1st Managers Meeting:

6:30 - 8:00 pm: Tball, Boys Instructional, Girls Programs

8:00 - 9:30 pm: Ripken, Farm, Babe Ruth

We will use next meeting to finalize the Manager Meeting agenda/content. For general items that impact all leagues (work day, kid glove, sponsors, etc.), these will either be covered by the VP's or the Board member who leads the area will arrange to be at the Managers meeting from 7:30 to 8:30 (to cover this content personally on the back end of the first meeting and the front end of the second)....we can align on format on March 1st.