

## Board Meeting March 15, 2005

Listed below is a summary of our discussion at tonight's board meeting.

1. Umpires - I spoke with Danny Price tonight - he has about 12 people lined up to umpire. He is going to follow a different approach vs. Ralph, where he assigns people on some regular frequency to specific games. He and I discussed having an umpires meeting in early April and I am going to try to get the Optimist club for this meeting. We would also plan to discuss expectations for umpires, etc., and will open this meeting up to any other managers (especially from Farm, Ripken, and Girls) who may want to umpire for the extra cash.
2. Equipment Pickup - Brian, the group identified that the proposed timing of March 26th is actually on Easter weekend, and therefore may be difficult for some people to pickup. There is a request to have pickups this weekend (Saturday the 19th) instead. There are Board Members who have expressed a willingness to help with this - is the 19th an option?
3. Concessions - Debbie (from Coke) did not show up tonight. Joe Turner came on short notice in her absence (this was nice of Joe, but still disappointing since this meeting had been organized to meet with Coke). In short, we have asked both Coke and Pepsi to get FYBA their best league offer (soon) in writing to Kim and Brett. We will then use email to circulate to the Board for input/voting, and will look to make a final decision in late March. Brett and Kim will also be pulling together a meeting for all potential concession stand workers to provide training, expectations, etc. (Brett will try to get Optimist for late March). We will also be creating a daily log for each concession stand and will implement several of the other recommendations previously sent to the Board.
4. Team Numbers - Based on late registrations, we need to add one more team to Boys Instructional (now 19 total). Ken still needs two managers and will continue to search. Jeff has also recently published a need to increase girls team numbers for one league. We may need to go up one number for boys T-Ball - Mike and Kim will follow-up and communicate their outcome.
5. Sponsors - we are very short on sponsors compared to last year (approximately 35). David is calling each of the old sponsors who haven't returned, but we are going to need to aggressively pursue additional sponsors. Some ideas that are suggested - Fairway Lawn needs to sponsor some teams (will ask Mike Durbin to work with Ken Wilsey), our new soda contract needs to include significant team sponsors, photography studio, etc.? Any other ideas? Also, Brett will put an advertisement on the Blue Channel requesting additional sponsorships.
6. Jersey Orders - David will be assigning colors by this Friday (for the

sponsors we have) and will get this information to Brian to work with our vendors.

7. Opening Day - Delayed by one week (back to the last Monday in April) to allow time for planning. Recall that this is the week that we have always started in the past - we tried to move up one week this year but the rained out tryouts from last week have made it difficult.

Brett