Eau Gallie Little League
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of Meeting for Mon Aug-24-2009

Call to Order at: 6:00 PM

Attending Board Members:

Bill Blalock, Cindy Bonavito, Mark Cherry, Greg Clark, Nancy Clark, Paul Crane, Kristie Escalera, Scott Farnham, Walt Kressler, Rick Kuhn, Scott Stewart, Jeff Whitehead

Absent:

Lee Arrowood

Approval of Minutes:

None.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Fall ball signups to date
- 182 total
- 164 baseball
- 18 softball

ACTION ITEMS:
- Need to keep an eye on softball signups - If not enough players will have to send them elsewhere

Fall ball registration
- Registration ends September 8, 2009
- Will accept registrations after that date, but don't want it advertised
- In house registration will be Wednesday, August 26 5-7pm and Saturday, August 29 10am-12pm at Crane

ACTION ITEMS:
- Update website to include registration dates listed above

Fall ball equipment distribution
- Manager bags will be distributed September 8
- Equipment bags will be numbered and inventoried before they are signed-out by managers

- Game balls will be given out separately before games start

ACTION ITEMS:
- Paul needs more first aid kits for managers
- Send out email to managers about bag distribution date

Uniform approach for Spring. Ideas include:
- Keeping with MLB teams
- Switching to college teams
- Naming teams after sponsors
- Reversible jerseys
- Each team has a home and away jersey
- Teams need to have different color jerseys to avoid confusion

ACTION ITEMS:
- Send email to past managers to solicit opinions

Batting cages at McGrath
ACTION ITEMS:
- Order new pads for soft toss
- Anyone who can help Scott make repairs please let him know

Scoreboard upgrade
- Pitch count scoreboard will cost approximately $1,500
- Would be an add-on that attaches to current scoreboard
- Would be helpful for big games
- Could put us in better position to be able to host part of the county tournament
- No radar option is available with Varsity Scoreboards

Field light usage
- Scott received a letter indicating that we will be charged $10/hr per field for lights
- Costs could mount to $1,000/wk
- Scott told the city that we don't have the budget for it in the fall season
- We may need to play games on Sundays
- We will need to raise registration fees in the Spring to cover lights

ACTION ITEMS:
- Scott will go back to the city to try to negotiate a lower fee for fall ball since we've already registered players and can't raise the funds needed to pay for lights at this point

Safety Manual
- We failed the safety plan due to some omissions

- The manual was reviewed, updated and corrected

ACTION ITEMS
- Jeff Whitehead will make corrections and resubmit Safety Manual

Spring season
- Registration – November 14 through December 8
- Late fee for registration begins December 9
- In-house registrations will be held every Wednesday 5:30pm-7pm and Saturday 10am-12pm between November 14 and December 8
- Tryouts – Saturday, January 16
- Junior/Senior tryouts – Monday, January 18
- Softball/Make-up tryouts – Wednesday, January 20
- Umpire Clinic (for EGLL), Safety Clinic, Manager Mtgs – Saturday, January 23
- Draft Day – Saturday, January 30
- Practice begins – Monday, February 8
- Coaches Clinic – TBD
  - Mark Cherry will contact Ernie Russo to set up
- Team Mom Meeting – Saturday, February 13
- Coaches Clinic – Saturday, February 13
- Opening Day – Saturday, February 27

Opening Day Ideas
- Radar gun
- Face painting
- Rock climbing wall
- Bounce house
- Basket raffle
- Balloon guy
- 50/50 raffle
- Helicopter ball drop
- Marathon baseball game

ACTION ITEMS:
- Contact Chip Wiebe about running the radar gun again this year
- Collect information about procedures for marathon baseball game and pledges
- Investigate possibility of conducting helicopter baseball drop
- Start contacting bounce house, climbing wall etc. providers about Opening Day

The board meeting minutes are current on the website

Next Week
- Review Operating Rules
- Discuss draft
- Fall Ball Uniforms – shirt and hat

Next Meeting:

No time or date was set for the next meeting.

These minutes prepared and submitted by:

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Secretary
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