

February 18, 2014

Meeting called to order 7:33p

Chris Siple, Mauricio Coreas, Steve Lent, Justin Hall, Michael Swisher, Tommy Lo

Staff: Justin Wilt, Bob Bigney, Mary Bevis

### SPRING KICKOFF EVENT

Last year's event went well

- Attended by about 30-40 kids, enough to have a large co-ed game
- Kids came and went
- Started with 8v8, ended up with 2 fields and 4 games.
- Pretty easy to manage, and loose and easy. No scores, no brackets. Assign players to teams as they arrive.

For 2014:

- Field, space is tight: turf fields are full, bermuda fields not open.
- Waiting to hear back from County on availability
  - o If possible, we want to have it from 1-4p. 3 hours seems sufficient.
- Can use it as a recruiting tool – invite kids to the event, encourage them to register.
- Could serve to connect kids to teammates as they arrive
- Bob willing and able to handle on-field and equipment for the event if available
- Need volunteers to assist, be present, and help to register kids
- ASA staff will provide pinnies, balls, forms, pens (a box for the event)
- Outreach through coaches, any other networks. Email blast. Justin H. will send draft e-mail to Justin W. to send out.

For future, get something locked in with County earlier (demonstrate that this is an established program)

### SPRING SEASON update

- Boys, 9 coaches registered, only 32 players, all assigned
- Girls, moving along
- Practice space, Mary shared draft of practice space allotted. It is less than in years past with some fields out of commission
- Chris & Mauricio to ask coaches for a realistic estimate of practice numbers. Does it warrant combining with other teams for practices? This has worked for some coaches
- 8 games in the spring season;
- games begin March 29, play 2 weeks, then 2 weekends off for Spr Brk
- Mauricio interested in giving something to coaches. (suggested a t-shirt from HS program). Justin Wilt requested the committee propose something to him.
- Scheduling, Mary will put most HS games in afternoons. If we if we find out about prom weekend, share those dates.

### ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

- 8th graders playing in HS club
  - o Rec wants to be sure 8<sup>th</sup> graders are not playing in HS club
  - o Wants to safeguard number of teams for 8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - o ALL players MUST register properly
  - o Coaches, parents, or players may request waiver from Bob Bigney

- For Fall, a few girls registered as HS players, which the system allows. Managers will be attentive and ensure that doesn't happen.
- Group agreed that we would allow these players to play up for Spring season.
  
- PROOF OF AGE
  - Are we interested in requiring electronic proof of age when they register? (would be scanned copy of birth certificate, passport, or other proof of age)
  - Some concerns
    - possibility of undocumented kids not being able to show proof.
    - Challenge for those without access to scanning
    - Adds work to staff, coaches; presents problem of storage/retaining records
    - Is there a problem at this point? Doesn't seem to be a large issue
    - Our current rules state that we can ask for proof of age if there is a concern
    - Most kids, and all coaches have been aware of problems when it has arisen
    - Inform coaches in very clear terms that this will not be tolerated
  - DECIDED: leave status as is, size of problem doesn't warrant degree of effort needed to implement. Send clear message to coaches, and ensure that we are implementing any consequences. Inform coaches at coaches meeting, then email reminders from Mauricio and Chris.
  
- WEBSITE INPUTS
  - If you have any suggested edits, send to Justin Hall to compile and submit to staff.
  
- TEEN COUNCIL
  - Repeat what was done a few years ago, invite teen players from teams to offer their feedback, ideas, what they like, what they'd like to do differently.
  - May 18, proposed date for Teen Council Meeting for HS Committee

Steve moves to adjourn, Michael seconds.

Meeting adjourned 9:20p

Next meeting June 17, 7:30p