

**Kennedy Baseball Booster Club**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 20, 2009**

Present: Coach Hanson, Nark Nordby, Jeff Carlson, Bob & Linda Fahlin, Jerry Olerud, Gary Post, Dave Beaner, Judith Thielen, Teri Houts, Mikel Baltes, Greg & Diane McConnell, Jeff & Sarah Olson, Sherry & Dave Horn

Upcoming Activities:

1. Gold Card Fundraiser – Gary Post is coordinating. Kickoff Day is April 8. The players will receive their cards to sell at 2:00 before their games that day. They will have a week to sell as many as they can before the Blitz Day on April 17<sup>th</sup>. On Blitz Day, the boys will meet at Kennedy at 10:00 and be divided into groups and driven by parent volunteers to selected neighborhoods to sell cards door to door. We are trying to get a grocery store on the card, but no certainty of that yet.
2. Parent Night May 5<sup>th</sup> – Mark Nordby is coordinating. Parents eat at Davanni's after the Varsity game.
3. Senior Night May 17<sup>th</sup> – Jim Schowalter is coordinating. Could use help making posters, etc. for senior players.
4. Youth Baseball Day May 20<sup>th</sup> – Gary Post will coordinate, but additional help would be good. Arrange for food and prizes, recruit volunteers to cook and serve during the game, publicize event at middle schools.
5. BEC-TV – Mark Nordby will coordinate having some our games filmed.
6. Alumni outreach – Mikel Baltes will work with Coach Hanson to gather alumni info and initiate contact with them. Linda Fahlin will help as well.
7. Poster/Calendar – Jim Schowalter is coordinating. The poster/calendar will be available at the Parent/Athlete/Coach (PAC) meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup>.
8. Winter Workouts begin Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mark Nordby has put together the work schedule for the players and Sarah Olson has posted the info on the website. Lori Baltes put an ad in the Sun Current.
9. Spaghetti Dinner & Auction March 6<sup>th</sup> – This will be a group effort. There is a lot left to do for this. We will have a meeting with the Legion Coaches following the January 10<sup>th</sup> Booster Club meeting. Need to discuss item donations, scheduling of workers, prep work for auction items and \$5 raffle table. Legion players will solicit donations, sell tickets and work at the event. Younger players on Kennedy teams will help sell tickets. Proceeds will be split between Legion team and Kennedy teams. We still need a high value item to raffle. Waiting to hear from Toro. Jim S. will check on a possibility of a trip donation from Ballards Resort and Mike Baltes will check on a donation from The Cages.
10. 100 Inning Game April 16<sup>th</sup> – Annette Murphy is coordinating and was not at the meeting for an update.

Coach Hanson's Report

1. Sent a reminder to BTBA coaches about Sunday night Workouts.
2. Free pre-season injury prevention screening is available for players on January 9<sup>th</sup> by docs experienced in athletic injuries. Email the coach if you are interested in participating.
3. The season schedule is complete.
4. Lake Conference Showcase for the Varsity will be Sat, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. College coaches will be there to see players. Takes place at Alimagnet fields in Burnsville.
5. Spring Trip update. Scrimmages are all set up. A discussion was held related to several families that are either behind in payments or have not paid anything yet. None of these families have initiated any contact with either Coach Hanson or Teri Houts about their intentions or to make special payment

arrangements. This is a problem because airplane tickets have been bought and rooms reserved. These are not refundable, so if players are not going to go, we need to know that right away. The group decided that anyone not paid up by Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> will be dropped from the trip. Sarah Olson was asked to send out an email to all Spring Trip families outlining this decision. The total due by January 8<sup>th</sup> is \$420. If people need to make special arrangements, we are open to that, but they need to talk to either Coach Hanson or the Treasurer, Teri Houts. No specific names were mentioned or part of the discussion.

Treasurer's Report – Teri Houts. Received BTBA check from double payment last year. No payments in the last period – only deposits. Teri suggested that our budget has reached a point that we should consider creating a more formal, annual budget with line items. We will look at this at our January meeting.

New Business –

1. McConnells brought a new idea for a fundraiser. An all you can eat waffle breakfast. There is a man who run the whole meal with some assistance from us. Belgian waffles with fixings and sausage. He charges \$3 per person and we charge customers whatever we choose. We decided we have enough going on this spring, but may look into doing it in the fall.
2. Linda Fahlin brought another fundraising coupon book Coach Hanson passed on to her. Looked interesting, but we decided to stick with the Gold Card this year.
3. Talked about ways to generate interest among Alumni. Promoting Diamond Club membership with membership levels and benefits/incentives. Start a Hall of Fame. Discussed doing a fall fundraiser with Alumni. Perhaps an Alumni vs Varsity baseball game around Homecoming or some other time in the fall. Game could be at Haddox. Perhaps tied to “Grand Opening” of new field. Could send an email appeal for donations and participation in the event. Could maybe tie in the waffle breakfast idea with this event. Will discuss more.....