

Kennedy Baseball Booster Club

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2010

Present: Coach Hanson, Sarah & Jeff Olson, Bob & Linda Fahlin, Dave Beaner, Pete Rowland, Mary & Ed Huber, Jerry Olerud, Nick Cobb, Ron Nenovich, Dave Allmann, Steve Brown, Kent Ashland, Jeff Carlson, Dave Horn, Julie & Jim Schowalter, Mark Nordby, Teri Houts, Diane McConnell, Gary Post, Cheri Hoese, Mary Lindblom

Coach's Report:

They have received the new hats. There are plenty, so if parents want one, they should contact the coach. They will be meeting about uniforms this week.

Status quo for the Spring Trip. All the arrangements have been made. There is still one family that is behind in payments and has not made special arrangements with the coach. Teri Houts will call them to determine their intentions. People should check the website regularly for updates.

Workouts began last week. 23 young players came for the early session. Reemphasized the importance of the high school players coming to the workouts on Sundays and Wednesdays. Pitchers should work up to 80 pitches by March 23. Tryouts will be March 22-24.

Alumni Outreach:

Sarah shared the letter Mike Baltes wrote to send to Alumni. We would still like to plan a game and fundraiser for the fall. The key reason to reach out to the alumni is for fundraising and support for the program. We will plan to send the 100 Inning Game letter to alumni we already have contact info for. Another possibility for the future is an alumni golf event. Mike Baltes and Matt Hanson continue to collect names. Yearbooks are another good source for team info and follow-up.

Treasurer's Report:

Teri presented the proposed 2010 budget which was accepted unanimously.

March 29 PAC (parent/athlete/coach) meeting:

The meeting will be at 5:00 pm. In addition to the usual Coach's talk, several important things will take place at the meeting.

1. Team Photos. Mark Nordby is arranging this. There will be about 75 players and pictures should begin about 3:30 so they are finished by the time the meeting begins at 5:00. Players will be issued uniforms on March 26, so they will know which team they are on for pictures.

2. 100 Inning Game fundraising letter will be distributed. We will prep the letters and envelopes at the March booster club meeting so they are ready to hand out on March 29.
3. Spirit Wear order forms will be due that day. The boys will receive them at tryouts, so the turn around on orders will have to be fast.

Gold Card Fundraiser:

Gary reported that we can arrange a Team Feed Day at Chipotle after the neighborhood selling on Blitz Day, April 17th. The team can go there afterwards and eat together. At this time, the plan is to start the Blitz Day at 10:00 am. Players should wear team colors. Parents will drive cars, not players. No news yet on whether or not we will have any local grocery stores on the card.

Spaghetti Dinner and Auction:

There will be a planning meeting for this event after the Booster Club meeting.

All players who played on a Kennedy or Legion team last year is expected to participate in this fundraiser.

All players going on the Spring Trip or playing on Varsity or playing on Legion Gold are required to participate in this fundraising event. Each family needs to sell a minimum of 15 dinner tickets, 40 raffle tickets, solicit 5 donated items for the auction/raffle, and work at the event on March 6.

Because the half of the money from this fundraiser comes to the Booster Club for the Kennedy teams, the younger players will be expected to participate in the fundraiser as well. They will be asked to sell around 8 dinner tickets and 20 raffle tickets. They do not need to get donated items or work at the event, though they are welcome to do so.

Ron N. asked if we could send a letter to families explaining the event so that people would understand the process better – especially newer families. The hope is we will raise about \$6000.

A discussion was had related to complaints from families of younger players about participating in the fundraisers that support things like Spring Trip and new uniforms, etc. that their sons may not benefit directly from. The general agreement was that this is a 4 year program and all players need to participate in fundraising. They may not receive as much benefit as underclassmen, but will receive more benefits as upperclassmen. The parents of younger players who were present at the meeting were firmly in agreement with this attitude. All money raised by the group go into the general booster club budget to help pay for the needs of all the teams: coaches, uniforms, equipment, trips, etc.

Other Business:

Mark Nordby mentioned that there would be an opportunity for families to earn trip money stuffing Star Tribune papers on Saturday, January 16. Contact Mark if you are interested.

Next Booster Club meeting: February 21st at 6:00pm in the KAC Team Room.

Notes from the Spaghetti Dinner/Auction meeting:

These are the tentative volunteer needs for the event: