

Chatfield Diamond Club Meeting Minutes

Date: 02/03/10

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Chatfield Library

Meeting called to order by Dave Treece

Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of every month from now on in the Chatfield Library. Next meeting is Wednesday, March February 3rd, 2010. Location is the Chatfield Library.

Chatfield Senior High Diamond Club Board Members:

President: Dave Treece

Vice President: Mike Miks (Membership)

Vice President: Tom Rodgers (Communications)

Vice President : Denise Chamberlain (Fund Raising)

Treasurer: Jeranelle Yost

Secretary: Kristin Walker

· **Approval of 1/06/10 Minutes:**

- Dave introduced the Diamond Club Board Members (see above) and asked if there were any questions regarding the January Diamond Club minutes.
- There were no questions and the minutes were approved.

· **Treasure's Report:**

- Jeranelle handed out a detailed statement of the CHS Diamond Club 2010 budget. **(See attached.)**
- The Diamond Club currently has \$25,557 in the bank now, after the Raffle. The projected need for the year is \$31,067, leaving a shortfall of \$5,510.

- Jeranelle reminded us that we do want to end the season with \$3,000 in reserves as a beginning balance for next year's club.
- Dave explained again how the financial objective per player is calculated and how this commitment can be offset by participating in fundraisers, such as the Raffle and Texas Hold 'em for parents who don't simply wish to write a check, which is still always an option.
- Dave handed out a detailed spreadsheet which shows what every player has earned toward their commitment to date and how they earned the credit. **(See attached.)**
- If anyone thinks there is a mistake, email Dave or Denise.
- The raffle fundraising estimate per ticket is \$1.58 for every ticket sold and that figure was used for the spreadsheet.
- The exact final financial commitment per player will not be known until after tryouts, as we need to know how many players in the program there are.
- Dave mentioned if someone still has difficulty meeting their financial objective, even after the fundraising opportunities, they may contact Dave discretely to see what can be worked out through the Diamond Club. The Diamond Club does not want a financial issue to prevent a kid from playing baseball.
- There will be at least one, possibly more fundraising opportunities still available through upcoming Texas Hold 'em tournament(s).
- A question was asked about how the concession money is allocated. Dave answered that at this time, it goes to the Diamond Club general fund.
- Another question was asked about players who have raised funds who don't make a team. Although unfortunate for the individual player, those funds would be retained by the Diamond Club to support Chatfield baseball.

· **Coaches Update:**

- Coach Yansak explained that Sat. 2/6/10 is Spring Field Day.
- The players have been informed. Field day will start at 9:00 and end early afternoon.
- Off season work-outs continue and will transition to tryouts.
- Live pitching will start this week at Slammers one week before tryouts will be standards testing.
- Coach mentioned that if players test on the high end, obviously this is better but also looking for what players have done to improve on their own.
- Coach mentioned that if you want to be an elite player, you need to be doing something 5 days a week on your own.
- Tryouts will begin on Monday Feb 22nd this year, the first year tryouts have started on a Monday.
- **All athletic paperwork, physical forms and a check for \$125 for their athletic fee is due by 2/11/10. Players who do not have this turned in cannot tryout until it is turned in. The checks are not cashed until Varsity and JV teams are chosen.**
- Freshman and sophomores are eligible to make Varsity or JV teams.

- Players who do not make a Varsity or JV team will immediately be given their check back and will need to pay their fees to South Jeffco if they make one of the Level 3 teams.
- Coach reminded us how hard this is for the coaches who have to make hard decisions when kids don't make a team or the team they wanted.
- Tryouts will last most of the week and for Level 3 may go through Saturday.
- Coach informed us that as a rule, Varsity and JV Coaches cannot be involved in Level 3 decisions, although the Level 3 coaches will certainly know their evaluations of the players who didn't make the JV or Varsity teams for their consideration.
- Practice begins immediately after teams are chosen, in fact tryouts are considered practice.
- Practice will be 6 days per week, Monday thru Saturday for Varsity/JV.
 - The Level 3 schedule will be different with practices likely being held at Dante Bichette or the Peak fields and hopefully using the Chatfield batting cages once there is more daylight.
- Coach discussed the rosters and numbers of players per team. He stated that JV usually carries more players than Varsity, although there have been exceptions in the past where Varsity had 16 players because 3 were pitchers only, so everything just depends on the situation any given year. JV can take no more than 18 players.
- The Level 3 teams are budgeted at 15 players each.
- Over Spring Break, the Varsity Team travels to a tournament and JV has an in town tournament.
- No one seeds Level 3 teams yet so there is no way of knowing if any of the Level 3 teams will play over Spring Break.
- Coach mentioned that Doug Marshall is no longer coaching and Jeff Hampton may work with the freshman team.
- A question was asked if players who were in winter sports can start attending the Slammers workouts now. Coach advised that unfortunately, Slammers is already too crowded but if weather permits, during standards testing week, he will open up the batting cages for practice.

· **Fundraising:**

- Denise updated us on the Raffle and Spaghetti Dinner and it was agreed by those in attendance that it was once again a very successful fundraiser.
- The Raffle netted \$18,167.21 and there was a little over \$4,000 in expenses.
- 9,000 tickets were sold.
- Because of state law, a separate bank account for the raffle funds had to be opened which Denise and Karen Brown handled.
- Dave complimented all who helped make the raffle such a huge success, with a special "shout out" to Denise Chamberlain and Karen Brown for all they did to make it happen.
- Mike Pacheco advised us that he has reserved two more dates for Texas Hold 'em tournaments at The Mirage for additional fundraising opportunities this year.
- The dates are Saturday Feb. 27th at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday March 27th at 6:30 p.m.

- It will work the same as last time. Participants should arrive around 5:30 as tables will all be seated by 6:30 and play will begin. Last time, we ended at about 11:15.
- Mike said, with better weather than last time, we could expect about 120 – 140 players.
- The Feb. 27th tournament is set and depending on how this one turns out will determine if we do the March 27th tournament.
- Remember, the entry fee is \$40, \$20 of which goes to the Diamond Club and \$20 goes to your player for his fundraising goal. All additional buy-in goes to your player.
- The flier is on the Chatfield website, Tom Rogers will get it on the South Jeffco website again.
- Come play and bring your friends!!!

· **Rockies “Play at Coors Field”**

- Dave introduced Greg Sheldon as Chairman of this committee.
- Coach Yansak announced that the tickets should be available to sell/purchase tomorrow morning 2/7.
- Greg outlined the pricing and how we anticipate the sale of the tickets to take place.
- It was decided to sell the tickets at a price of \$20.00 for two games (\$10/game) – which is a GREAT deal!
- The first game is Saturday, 4/16 against the Marlins with the complimentary game on 9/8 against Cincinnati. These tickets each have a face value of \$38.00 and are lower infield seats.
- The “Chatfield Day at the Rockies” game is Sunday, 5/16 with the complimentary game on 8/4 against San Francisco. These are also lower infield seats and have a face value of \$30.00.
- Coach Yansak and Coach Moore will attempt to sell the tickets at school for the first 2 – 3 weeks to staff and families, etc. Coach Yansak has already been promoting this in school.
- He told the Seniors that this would be a great way to be together and unwind after finals are over, among other things☺
- For the younger players, he suggested they get a bunch of friends and ride the light rail down together.
- The staff is interested in attending with their families and he may reserve a block of 200 tickets for the staff.
- Please let your player know that these are not general admission tickets, so it would be best if they get their group of friends together and buy the tickets at the same time.
- Players can go to Coach Moore to buy their tickets.
- Anyone who wants to purchase a block of tickets, for corporate or business purposes or any other reason, please email Greg Sheldon.
- Also, let your friends and neighbors know this deal is available. If they want the tickets, your player can get the tickets for them from Coach Moore.
- Cash and Checks are accepted.
- Greg has also arranged with South Jeffco to do a broadcast email offering the tickets for sale. South Jeffco will be selling them for \$25.00, making a slight profit or at least covering their processing fees. South Jeffco has the ability to accept credit cards via their website, so you

can also refer people to their website who want to purchase with a credit card. This is great that there is an opportunity to purchase with credit card as many people ask if this is an option.

- There is a Little League clinic this Saturday so Coach will also offer the tickets to people who attend the clinic.
- **Again, volunteers are needed to help with this committee – please email Greg to Volunteer. Greg was asked if players could help staff the booth and this may be possible as long as we have adult supervision. If your player wants to volunteer, email Greg.**
- Additionally, Lori Swihart has secured dates at Safeway and King Soopers to sell tickets if needed.

· **New/Old Business:**

- Wendy Ahrens presented a Sports Physical offer from Ultimate Health Chiropractic. The fee for the physical is \$30.00 and \$10.00 of this goes back to the Diamond Club. This is good anytime, not just now. **(See attached.)**
- Marianne and Steve discussed the Season programs;
- The programs will be available sooner this year than in the past.
- Personal ads can be submitted through the Chatfield website.
- We still can sell ads if we want to, just not going the fancy route. If someone wants to advertise, they can provide their business card.
- Going to try to get individual pictures done the first week of March.

- Val Soma will chair the Ice Cream Social this year.
- The Ice Cream Social will be Tuesday, March 2nd at 6:30 in the Chatfield Commons area.
- The ice cream is being donated.
- Freshman Parents are required to provide the toppings.
- Val will email the freshman parents to ask for volunteers to help set up/clean up and to volunteer for toppings.
- This is a fun event and is when all of the teams are announced.