

Chatfield Diamond Club Meeting Minutes

Date: 04/14//10

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Coach Yansak's Office E116

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, May 5th, 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

· Coach's Update:

- o Coach Yansak addressed Summer Ball scenarios.
- o At this point, there will likely be five Summer teams created, however this is subject to change.
- o If there are five teams, there will be an A team (Varsity), a B team (JV) two level C-2 teams and a C-1 team.
- o Coach advised that Coach Chamberlain feels that with the 8th grader players coming up, we could field to C-2 teams and a C-1 team.
- o Coach advised that five teams is too many teams to play on Chatfield's field so many C-2 and C-1 teams will be played at Dante Bichette.
- o Coach advised that current coaches will not all be coaching during the summer.
- o Current coaches will be asked to stack rank each player for each position and hitting.
- o This stack ranking will determine if and which Summer team they make.
- o There will be try-outs as well for the Summer teams, most likely in mid to end of May, once all teams' seasons wind up.

- o Players who did not make a Spring team this season can try-out for a Summer team.
- o Coach stated that while rare, there have been instances where players who didn't make a spring team, made a Summer team and continued to play.
- o Coach advised that we will be only playing in one league this year, as opposed to the two leagues that we played in last year.
- o Players can expect to play approximately 40 – 50 games. (Some schools play as few as 30 or as many as 80)
- o Chatfield will host a tournament July 7th – 10th. Also scheduled is the Columbine JV tournament June 3rd – 6th. There will be a level C tournament June 10th – 13th, but not at Chatfield.
- o Varsity will go to the Worth Double Decker Tournament in Omaha this year which is June 16th – 20th, if we make it to the final 8, which we have only done once before.
- o Coach also mentioned that some players choose to play club ball during the summer for Slammers, Play Ball, or others – these clubs seem to be expanding each year and more lately, they have been going after younger players.
- o Coach also advised that we would be utilizing Krush Hitting group again this summer. He would like to have them take the hitting sessions to the next level, such as pitch recognition and the mental aspect of hitting.
- o The Krush Hitting clinics will be over three days, 3 hours per day.
- o Feedback from last year was mostly positive regarding Krush.
- o Coach is implementing a new strategy this year himself as well. There will be no games on Tuesday nights. Tuesdays will be reserved for targeted skills practice.
- o Skills addressed such as bunts, scenarios when players are on different bases, etc, will be taught thoroughly to all players during the Tuesday sessions, from Varsity down to 8th grade.
- o Coach is extremely concerned about the current grades of our players.
- o Currently 1/3 of our players has a D or an F.
- o Coach feels like our baseball program should hold kids to a higher standard than what Chassa requires and be perceived as having higher standards for obvious reasons.
- o Coach mentioned that few players will actually ever make money playing baseball. Some may get some college paid, but it doesn't do any good to go to college and get D's or F's.
- o He also doesn't like the game some kids play, skirting around the chassa rules by barely meeting the grade requirements to play and having mostly D's for example.

- o Therefore, Coach is considering implementing tougher grade requirements next year in order to play.

- **Approval of 2/3/10 Minutes:**

- o 2/3/10 minutes were approved.

- **Treasure's Report/Financial Discussion:**

- o Jeranelle handed out a detailed statement of the CHS Diamond Club 2010 Cash Flow and Budget.

(See attached.)

- o Jeranelle pointed out that baseball is a very expensive sport to maintain and approximately \$75,000 ran through the bank accounts this year.

- o Also handed out was the player commitment vs. actual spreadsheet. **(See attached.)**

- o There are currently over **\$6,000** in uncollected player fees that still need to be collected. It is imperative that these fees be collected. Besides the regular high fees to maintain our field, new uniforms need to be purchased next year.

- o Dave also went over the unsold Rockies tickets. Currently at least one player from each team has not met their ticket sales goal.

- o Some players have not even attempted to sell their tickets including two Varsity players who actually got to play on Coors Field this year.

- o No one has approached any Diamond Club Board member with a hardship request and there have been several fundraising opportunities as well to alleviate any hardship situations, ie; Raffle, Texas Hold 'em. There have also been several grocery store and tournament sales events opportunities for players to participate in to sell their Rockies tickets.

- o Therefore, it was decided that Dave will send out one more reminder regarding the player commitment and Rockies ticket sales. Greg Sheldon has graciously offered to set up one more grocery store sales event to help anyone who needs to sell Rockies tickets, if there is enough interest.

- o Players who don't meet their commitment and/or Rockies Ticket sales by 4/23 will receive a written request from the Diamond Club handed to them on 4/26 from their team's Coach.

- o It was suggested that players who don't pay their committed player fees may not be able to attend the banquet since the banquet is part of what is covered by their fees. This is currently under consideration.

- o If any hardship cases arise at this late date, there may be an opportunity to work something out by selling more Rockies tickets.
- o Coach Yansak stepped in and reminded us that Summer Ball is different than Spring and players will be required to pay their fees before they can play.
- o There are no scholarship monies for Summer ball.

· **Nomination / Election of Officers for Next year.**

- o Jeranelle is leaving as treasurer. She has done an outstanding job and created great spreadsheet/balance sheet templates which she can pass on. With \$75,000 running through our bank accounts for such things like winter work-outs, apparel orders, Rockies Tickets and everything else, this is a time consuming job which requires experience.
- o Greg Sheldon has expressed interest in being treasurer. Dave praised the great job he has done handling the Rockies Ticket sales and he has experience as Treasurer for Jefferson County's Montessori Peaks Academy from 2004 - 2006, where he managed an operating budget of about 3 million dollars a year.
- o A motion was made by Christine Mann to keep the board the same and add Greg Sheldon as Treasurer. Vicki DeLeon seconded the motion. All present agreed.
- o Vicki DeLeon also has the template for the Rockies program to turn over to someone next year.
- o It was agreed that better communication to the parents of younger players is needed to let them know that they can take out an ad for their player. Many felt this was only for Seniors.

· **Scholarship Program:**

- o Jeranelle handed out the scholarship paperwork to all eight seniors. This paperwork is due on April 26th. Jeranelle also sent an email regarding the scholarship.
- o Mike Miks is in charge of evaluating and making the final decision as to who receives the scholarship.
- o Mike asked for volunteers to help him with the evaluations. Christine Mann, Karen Brown, Kristin Walker and Coach Epperhart will meet with him early May to help with the evaluations.

- **Next Texas Hold 'em event:**

- o The next Texas Hold 'em event at The Mirage will be May 8th.

- **End of Season Banquet:**

- o The banquet is set for Tuesday, May 11, from 6:00pm – 9:00pm
- o Payment is due by April 23rd. (**See attached for invitation and payment information/address.**)

- **New/Old Business:**

- o It was suggested that next year, Varsity players shoulder more of the responsibility for selling the Rockies tickets than the younger players since they are the ones who get to play on the field.
- o It was also pointed out that some schools' players have to run during practice until each team member has sold their allotment, which puts peer pressure on the team members to sell.
- o It was also suggested that Coach have his players sell tickets during practice as he had previously presented as an option.
- o Dave reminded us that this is the first year we have had an actual budget and player commitment.