

Chatfield Diamond Club Meeting Minutes



Date: 09/01/2010

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Library

Meeting called to order by Dave Treece. This meeting was addressed to parents of freshman players.

Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of every month from now on in the Chatfield Library. Next meeting is Wednesday, October Oct 6th, 2010.

Chatfield Senior High Diamond Club Board Members:

President:	Dave Treece
Vice President:	Mike Miks (Membership, Rosters, Distribution Lists)
Vice President:	Tom Rodgers (Communications and Field Operations)
Vice President:	Denise Chamberlain (Fund Raising)
Treasurer:	Greg Sheldon
Secretary:	Kristin Walker

Website Administrator: Mark Brozovich (Tom Rogers/Mike Miks)

Raffle Coordinator: Karen Brown

- **Welcome/Introduction of Diamond Club (DC) Officers:**
 - See above.
- **Welcome/Comments by Head Baseball Coach Mike Yansak:**
 - Coach Yansak welcomed the freshman parents to the meeting and Chatfield baseball.
 - Coach discussed at length the timeline for Chatfield baseball, expectations for multiple sports players, winter work-outs, etc. **(See attached handout provided by Coach.)**
 - Coach explained that there are usually four teams, Varsity, JV, Sophomore and Freshman. Sometimes there are enough freshman to field two freshman teams.

- Each year as players get older, baseball gets more and more competitive. The worse time of the year for the coaches is in the Spring, when they have to tell a player they didn't make the team they wanted to, or worse, that they didn't make a team.

- **Program costs: (Jeffco fees, Workout fees, Other program costs)**

- **(See attached handout provided by Coach.)**

- **Funding**

- Chatfield baseball receives only approximately \$1,000 from Jeffco for a sport that costs around \$23,000 per year to run for field expense, uniforms, equipment, etc. Chatfield is striving to become a top notch program in the state. (This figure does not include the new Rockies program – see below.)
- The Diamond Club (player parents) pays for the remainder through fundraising or direct payment.
- The Diamond Club funding philosophy is based on a per player objective/commitment that player parents are responsible for coming up with through either participating in our fundraising opportunities or simply writing a check.
- Basically, we take our projected budget and divide it by the number of players in the program to get the actual per player objective. Last year it was about \$350 per player.
- Baseball is an expensive sport. You could expect to pay \$800 to \$1,000 (or fundraise that amount) per year. Wearable items are an additional cost.
- The Diamond club doesn't want money issues to prevent a player from playing. That's why we have several fundraising opportunities available and if anyone has an issue with paying some of the fees, please contact Dave Treece or another board member for payment arrangements.

- **Fundraising Opportunities:**

- New this year – King Soopers reloadable cards. Dawn Olson has graciously offered to do the accounting for this program. These are reloadable cards that can be used, reloaded and once our group meets a certain threshold of spending, your player will get 5% of your personal spending rebated to their Diamond Club account toward their per player objective. Gas purchases at King Soopers are also included. Dawn had some cards available and will bring them to the October meeting as well or you can email her.
- Texas Holds 'em Tournaments at The Mirage Sports Bar on Wadsworth and Coal Mine. Started last year, these have been popular. There will be a tournament in early November and also mid to late February. Basically you buy in at \$40.00. \$20.00 goes toward your per player objective and \$20.00 to the Diamond Club. Any additional buy-in goes directly toward your per player objective.
- Raffle and Spaghetti Dinner: This is our biggest fundraising event with great raffle prizes such as flat screen TV's, Ipods, Laptops, Rockies Ticket Packages and more. It is held in the Commons at Chatfield. Raffle tickets are sold for \$2.00 each. In the past, anyone who purchases a Raffle ticket also gains admission to the Spaghetti dinner where we draw for prizes. This year, dinner may or may not be included in the cost of the raffle ticket, due to its negative impact on the overall fundraising effort. One does not have to be present to win a raffle item - - making out of town supporters great candidates for ticket sales. Sell to your neighbors, relatives, friends or even stand

outside at King Soopers and sell. The fundraising costs (per ticket costs for the event, such as dinner and the prizes) are subtracted from the \$2 ticket price. It's this "net" amount that is applied to a player's fundraising objective. Last year approximately \$1.75 of each ticket sold went toward a player's objective. (The rest goes toward the dinner and prizes)

- If you don't want to participate in any of the above fundraising events, you always have the option of simply writing a check for your per player objective.
- Please be aware, all of the fundraising opportunities take place before you know if your player makes a team. Any funds raised stay with the Diamond Club if your child does not make a team or chooses not to play.

- **Special Events/programs:**

- Spaghetti Dinner/ Raffle results: (see above)
- Rockies Program: This just started last year and we expect to participate going forward. Chatfield Varsity gets the opportunity to play one regular season game at Coors Field. Coach suits up 18 players and everyone involved in Chatfield baseball gets to warm-up on the field and get out of school early to go to the field.
- We are required to sell a certain amount of tickets to Rockies games for this opportunity. Some schools use this as a fundraiser but we have chosen to make the tickets a great deal financially so they are an easy sell. The seats are good, lower level infield, and you get two games for \$20.00. One of the games will be a "Chatfield Day at the Rockies" game, likely on a Sunday. All Chatfield students are encouraged to buy tickets and attend. Players will be required to sell a certain amount of these discounted Rockies tickets – last year each player was responsible for selling 10 tickets.
- Scholarship: Each year, the Diamond Club presents a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating Senior to help with college expenses.

- **Ways to get involved:**

- Ice Cream Social: A Freshman parent will be asked to chair this event. This is just after teams have been announced in the Spring.
- Player Program: We are in need of someone to take over the player program.
- Website: We are always in need of volunteers to help with the Diamond Club website.
- End of season banquet: Typically a Senior parent chairs this event.