

Chatfield Diamond Club Meeting Minutes



Date: 11/02/2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Library

Meeting called to order by Tom Rodgers.

Diamond Club Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of every month in the Chatfield Library. Next meeting is Wednesday, December 7th, 2011

Chatfield Senior High Diamond Club Board Members:

President:	Tom Rodgers
Vice President:	Mark Brozovich (Membership/Communications)
Vice President:	Denise Chamberlain (Fund Raising)
Treasurer:	Dawn Olson
Secretary:	Kristin Walker

- **Welcome/Introduction of Diamond Club (DC) Officers:**
 - See above.
- **Bricks for Baseball:**
 - Nancy Fenimore reviewed the Bricks for Baseball fundraiser. A friend of Coach Chamberlain has volunteered to donate the labor to lay the bricks. Leave a legacy for you player by purchasing a brick to be laid in front of the concession stand. Brick orders are due by December 16th, 2011. **(See attached hand-out and order form)**
- **Financial Review:**
 - Dawn reviewed the Diamond Club Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual from November 2010 – October 2011. Currently, there is approximately \$8,800 in the DC account and \$1,200 in the Raffle account for a total of about \$10,000, (\$3,000 of which needs to be reserved for next year's expenses) so we have about \$7,000 to work with at this point. **(See attached)**

- **Fundraising Philosophy:**

- Tom explained that the yearly budget is set by the Diamond Cub and Coach Yansak and based on the needs of the organization. The current Diamond Club funding philosophy divides the number of players in the program by the anticipated yearly budget and comes up with a per player goal each player (or player family) should fundraise to contribute. The DC provides several fundraising opportunities for players to fundraise to meet their goals. Player families may also simply choose to write a check if they do not want to participate in fundraising activities.
- Tom explained that all funds raised through Diamond Club fundraising efforts can only be used for Chatfield's baseball program. Questions had been asked previously if funds raised above the goal could be used towards player baseball fees, South Jeffco Level III fees or towards uniform, equipment or wearable costs. Coach and Athletic Director Chad Broer asked officials at the Jeffco School board about this and they were informed that no individual could profit personally from Diamond Club fundraising efforts. All funds raised must stay with the program.
- This year's projected operating expense budget before any wish list items is expected to be about \$22,300. This, divided by about 60 players in the program comes out to about \$371 per player as a fundraising goal. Since we do have some money in the bank, this may be a little lower. However, keep in mind that the outfield is in dire need of major repair and funds may need to be reserved for that project.
- The Diamond club currently has three fundraising opportunities. The Texas Hold 'em tournaments, held at the Mirage, King Sooper's Re-loadable Cards and the Raffle/Spaghetti Dinner.
- Dawn Olson has King Sooper's cards available. See or e-mail Dawn if you would like to purchase one or more to hand-out to family members. They are pre-loaded with \$2.50 so each one costs \$2.50. They are good at any Kroeger store in the country. The hope is that alumni and family members will continue to use them to help raise funds for Chatfield baseball. Dawn explained that this is becoming a popular fundraiser and other sports are using them now as well. Dawn suggested that what many families of players in multiple sports do is using the card that corresponds to the season for each sport.

- **Rockies Program:**

- Tom explained that Lori Jackson is going to be in charge of the Rockies program this year. For those who don't know about this program, each year the Chatfield Varsity Team gets the opportunity to play one regular season game at Coors Field. Younger players are invited to come and see the locker rooms/dugout, etc. For this opportunity, we must sell 1,300 Rockies Tickets. These tickets cost us \$18 per ticket, have a face value of \$39 and come with a companion ticket to another game at the same face value. These are good seats, typically lower level infield. These tickets are a good deal. Last year we sold each set for \$20 or offered a set of 4 tickets (along with the companion ticket) as a package for \$75.00. That's a great deal for 8 tickets in the lower level infield. Lori may come up with additional ideas on how the Diamond Club can raise funds with this program.

- Each year we have a “Chatfield Day at the Rockies” on a weekend day and encourage all Chatfield students/teacher/staff to come on this day. This year’s “Chatfield Day at the Rockies” is scheduled for Saturday 4/28/2012 against the NY Mets.
- Additionally, this year the Chatfield Choir and Color Guard will also be performing during this game so their friends and family will likely purchase tickets as well.
- Coach Yansak tries to promote this very hard at the school so as many tickets as possible are purchased before we ask Baseball families to sell tickets. Last year each player was asked to sell 8-10 tickets.
- **Raffle Update:**
 - The tentative date for the Raffle/Spaghetti Dinner is Tuesday, February 7th, 2012. The DC Board met and decided there will be a charge this year for the dinner. The Board is currently getting catering bids to determine the cost.
 - We really need to hype up this fundraiser this year to make this fundraiser extremely successful! Denise is going to enlist Coach’s help to encourage and remind players to sell their tickets.
 - Winter break begins 12/19/2011 and tickets will be handed out before then to give players the opportunity to sell them during break.
- **Proposed 2012 Baseball Budget - Coach Mike Yansak:**
 - Coach Yansak handed out copies of his “Big Dreams for Baseball” which outlines last year’s wishes/needs and this year’s wishes/needs for the program. **(See attached hand-out)**
 - Coach handed out the projected 2012 Chatfield Charger Baseball Budget which explains what is needed to run Chatfield Baseball, why it is needed and the expected costs. **(See attached hand-out)**
 - Coach explained in detail the safety issues with the outfield and the need to build outfield repair expenses in to the budget. Since the band caused damage to the outfield, Coach has been working with them to secure \$2,000 per year for ongoing repair costs. Best case scenario would be to have this outfield work done next fall and pay over three years. Coach is negotiating with contractors and the Diamond Club will need to determine how to fundraise for the costs of the repairs and upgrade.
 - Coach also went over additional future wishes and needs.
 - Tom proposed that we vote to approve the Annual Operating Budget plus item #1 Video Package and item #3 Pitching DVD’s listed under 2012 needs from Coach’s hand-out. Lori Jackson motioned to approve. Dawn Olson seconded the motion. All in attendance approved the annual budget plus items #1 and #3.

- At the December Diamond Club meeting, Coach will have the outfield field contractor attend the meeting and we will vote on the outfield repairs at this meeting. **It is imperative that everyone read Coach's hand-outs and attend the December Diamond Club meeting to vote on the final 2012 Budget.**
- Coach explained that field day, scheduled for 11/5 will need to be pushed due to weather. Field day will probably be 11/12. Coach will update based on weather.
- Coach will send out an email shortly announcing a player meeting after school for Thursday 11/10/2011 to try on gear and determine sizes, pick up order forms and the schedule for off season hitting/conditioning/pitching. **(See attached General Timeline for Chatfield Baseball hand-out)**
- Coach advised that players can go to Slammers to try out bats.
- **Questions:**
 - A question was raised regarding the funding of the outfield repairs. If we plan to pay for it over three years and DC officers change every year, how do we stick to this commitment? Tom explained that the Diamond Club membership consists of all persons who attend Diamond Club meetings and/or participate in support of athletic events or fundraising activities associated with the Diamond Club. If the Diamond Club votes to make a financial commitment, it will have to be in the budget.