

Chatfield Diamond Club Meeting Minutes



Date: 1/4/2012

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, January 4th, 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

- **Information from the President – Tom Rodgers:**

- Tom advised all in attendance that last meeting we agreed to make a bigger fundraising effort this year earlier on in order to raise money to pay for the new outfield.
- Next Tuesday, 1/20/2012 is the 1st collection of Raffle Tickets at the Hitting work out tunnels. Please have all of your player's tickets in number order from lowest to highest, and if possible, deposit the money received and write one check for the Raffle Ticket money collected or bring large bills. (We are trying to make the collection process easier and it takes a long time to count all of the small bills.)
- Tom advised that there will also likely be a couple of designated Raffle Ticket Sales Blitz days announced.

- **Current Financial Position – Dawn Olson:**

- Dawn reviewed our current financial position. It is pretty much the same as last month except the Raffle prizes have been purchased and there has been money received for Bricks for Baseball that has not been deposited.

- **Coaches Corner – Coach Yasak:**

- Pitcher started workouts in the morning with Coach Epp.
- Hitting practice started yester (Tuesday 1/3/) at the new location. Players seem to like the new location and its convenience.
- Coach Bucher has started work-outs after hitting practice at Chatfield. Coach's goal for this year is to work out the players much harder than in the recent few years.
- Casey Coy and Jake Davis spoke at the hitting practice about what it takes to be a leader.
- Coach spent much of Winter Break working out kinks and leaning the new video analysis equipment. Coach is anxious to use it at least on the older players.
- Coach reviewed the try-out procedures at Chatfield. Chatfield does one of the most complete tryout-outs in the league, lasting 5-6 days, using intricate analysis tool and grading system. Try-outs last 5-6 days depending on weather.
- If you did not pick up your gear at Slammers, Coach has it in his room and would like to get rid of it. Pants are in Coach's room. Batting gloves are on back order. If not happy with anything, helmets, sizes, etc., call Mike Coy.

- **Raffle Dinner – Denise Chamberlain:**

- Karen Brown stepped in to talk for Denise as her father passed away last week in a snowmobiling accident. The Diamond Club's deepest condolences go out to Denise and her family.
- 7 kids have still not picked up their Raffle Tickets. Please call Karen Brown to make arrangement to get them.
- The Raffle is set for Wednesday 2/8/2012 and all remaining tickets not previously turned in are due by Friday 2/3/2012.
- Tom/Coach reminded us that the only way to fund the organization and the outfield and to survive as a team is to fundraise and sell the tickets. Get out there and sell them!
- Mark explained that Raffle Tickets can be purchased through the baseball website via PayPal with no surcharge but there has been zero activity. Any tickets purchases via the website go to the general baseball pool, not toward a particular player.

- **Texas Hold 'em Poker Event – Byron Gaiter:**

- The date is set for Saturday 2/26/2012 at 6:00 PM at The Draft. There is apparently also a big fight that night that can be watched during the tournament.
- Bryan will get a flier printed soon and needs help/volunteers to come up with some prizes for a drawing during the tournament.

- **Rockies Tickets Program – Coach Yansak – Where we are:**

- Coach explained that all of the schools are upset with the Rockies this year because it took them so long to confirm the games we requested and the tickets aren't printed yet. Coach continues to call them but he still doesn't know when the tickets will be printed. As soon as he knows, he will announce this.
- The Face value of the tickets is \$39.00 and we will pay \$18.00 per ticket (plus get the free companion ticket.) This year, the companion ticket will also show a face value of \$39.00 on the ticket.
- The dates are set and they are as follows:

Chatfield day at the Rockies: Saturday 4/28 vs. NY Mets 6:10, companion ticket Wednesday 9/12 vs. San Francisco Giants– night game.

Sunday 1:10 5/6 vs. Atlanta Braves, companion ticket is Wednesday 5/30 vs. Houston Astros 6:40

Wednesday night 6/27 vs. Washington Nationals, companion ticket is Tuesday 8/14 vs. Milwaukee Brewers

Tuesday 6:40 vs. Pittsburg Pirates, companion ticket is Tuesday 8/28 vs. LA Dodgers

- Tickets can be purchased individually or by the whole bundle. In the past, the price was set at \$20 and \$75 for the bundle. Coach has tried to sell as many as possible to staff, etc. at Chatfield before asking the players to sell the tickets. Last year, Coach was able to sell about 150 – 200 through the school and some companies bought tickets in bulk. Each player was asked to sell 8 tickets.
- The Varsity Game is vs. Horizon and is Friday 3/23 at 3:00 PM., the Friday before Spring Break. Coach will allow players an early release to go play/see the game.

- **Transition to DC sales program – Lori Jackson:**

- Lori explained that Coach has had to bare most of the responsibility for this program in the past and she feels the responsibility should be transitioned to the DC. She has agreed to be in charge of the program this year.
- Prices have not been set yet but Lori is recommending a change from \$20 - \$25 per ticket and also coming up with a bundle price. No decisions were made.
- Lori explained that every player needs to be committed to the success of this program and she may come up with a prize or prizes for the players who sell the most tickets.
- Mark stressed the importance of getting the tickets as soon as possible so we can sell them before people buy their season tickets.
- Tom explained that he has contacts with ticket scalpers and there may be some opportunity to utilize this avenue, although don't rely on it.

- **Banquet Update – Karla Elliot:**

- Carla is going to be organizing the banquet. Coach will give her 3 dates that will work and she will proceed from there. Last year it was at Pinehurst Country Club and the players seemed to like that location and the food.

- **Volunteer Required for the 2012 CSH Diamond Club Scholarship Award:**

- Volunteers to review applicants/essays were asked for. Diane Reiff (Sophomore parent), Craig Turner (Junior Parent) and Meegan Jerecki (Sophomore parent) volunteered.

- **Miscellaneous:**

- Tom is going to try to hold another DC meeting next month even though we have traditionally held the Raffle/Dinner instead of a DC meeting. He will advise.
- Rod Carstensen and Jeff Wahl will work with the school to come up with a date for the Ice Cream Social.