

Ida Recreation Public Meeting Minutes

October 3rd, 2011

Present: Ed Marshall, Kim Marshall, Carrie Sampson, Jennifer Pfeiffer, & Scott Assenmacher.

Absent: Ray Jackson

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Board Members looked at the new 2012 All-Star application form. Correction to the due date was corrected along with combining two questions into one. The board has now approved the application and it will be posted online. Any coach applying for an All-Star position needs to submit a new application each year.

The 2012 Registration form was updated with many corrections. The Ida Recreation Board has dropped the "Early Registration Fee" and will be going with one deadline date. In addition we will not have a cut-off date as we are not comfortable turning any child away. We will in turn, state that after March 16th a spot is not guaranteed due to the number of kids on each team and they will not receive a T-Shirt. They will be referred to Ricks Sports if they would like to purchase a team t-shirt on their own.

The pricing this year will stay the same as last year. The Boys Juniors League was corrected as it was misprinted last year from \$45.00, it should have been \$50.00. The Board also agreed to keep the \$5.00 multiple child discounts.

The Board has also agreed that we will accept cash this year, as we had many parents come to the in-house registration with cash only and we had to turn them away. We do not want to turn anyone away this year.

Coaches meetings are now going to be spread out into a three day period so that we can have our meeting with individual leagues. The Board feels that this allows us to have better one on one communication with the coaches and makes us more available for questions and in turn we can hear from our coaches what is working and what is not. Coaches meeting dates are set up as follows:

March 19th 6-7 PM Co-Ed T-Ball, 7-8PM Boys Intermediate 8-9PM Boys R.R. & Girls MCFP
March 20th 6-7:30 PM Boys Juniors, 7:30-9 PM Boys Seniors
March 21st 6-7:30 PM Girls Juniors, 7:30-9 PM Girls Seniors

Practices will begin the week of April 16th, Games will begin the week of May 21st, and games will end the week of June 24th. This year we are going to test a new system of 1 game 1 practice in a week instead of two games a week, giving the kids and coaches more opportunity to teach and work on the fundamentals. More information on this will be given at the Coaches Meeting.

Jenny brought up that we never stated what phone number the coaches should call as we had issues last year with separated parents not getting information. This year we are adding "Preferred contact for Rainout?" Scott Assenmacher also suggested that we add a question as to how the parents would prefer to be contacted as a lot of his parents liked receiving texts.

Last year there was a lot of issue with parents choosing the incorrect shirt size for the kids as they didn't see the "Youth" on the form. I have highlighted and changed the font color to red so that it should be seen. Also, I spoke with Rick from Rick's Sports and he will give us samples for the Registration.

Janet from the Elementary office asked that we not state that the parents can drop the registrations off at the office, so I have changed to wording informing parents that the registration can be dropped off in our Ida Rec mail box located in front of the Elementary office. I also asked that the registration form and payment be put in a sealed envelope.

This year we will be sending out a form with descriptions of each league with the hopes that the parents will be better informed on what league to enroll their child in. Last year we had a couple of parents want to move their children around because they were not aware of the leagues level. Scott Assenmacher also stated that this was nice for the coaches so they have more of an idea of what the coaches should be teaching in each league.

Division breakdowns were discussed. Everyone was happy with the way the divisions ran last year and with the form explaining our league levels, we feel they should be left the same.

Shari Lambert has vacated her position this year. Therefore we are in need of a Girls Softball Director. We brought up a couple of people's names. Carrie will be making a phone call to a person she knows and we will hear back from her at the next meeting. We also have the position of Baseball Director open.

Jenny found a form used a few years back with the weather conditions and our rules that we use. We will include these rules on our game schedule forms.

All forms were approved and they will be posted on line.

The terms for the Board Members are tabled and will be discussed at a later date.

Field Clean up, Packet and Equipment pick up date is tentatively set for March 31st. We will check with A.J. Gianino and a few others to make sure this date is ok with them as they offer a lot of help to us.

Jenny Pfeiffer spoke with Rick, from Ricks' Sports and he is willing to offer a coupon for us to hand out with our registration forms. Rick is going to offer a 10% off apparel and merchandise. Rick has already sent Jenny the form to print off the coupons.

Carrie Sampson is going to work on a date for another Splash Universe Fund Raiser. She will get back to us with details at the next meeting.

Ed Marshall and Scott Assenmacher discussed the possibilities of dug outs. Ed advised us that there are many things that need to be looked at such as the track field, measurements of the fence and distance between the fence and field as the fence could possibly have to be moved. A gate was also discussed along with how much space we would gain. However, the first thing needed would be the approval of Ed Wylie. It was also brought up that we may want to invite Mr. Wylie to a meeting once we get some of our information together.

The next Ida Recreation meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 7th 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Elementary All-Purpose room.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm