

De Pere Baseball Booster Club – notes from 09/24/08 meeting

Attendees

In attendance at the meeting on September 24, 2008 were:

Todd Hendricks, President	Coach Dick Bos	Rob Lennon
Deb Ott, Secretary	Suzanne Rukamp	Renee Ginnow
Jay Siebert	Cindy Nehring	Mike Dawson
Dave Albers	Kris Liedeka	Stephani Dawson
Suse Riddle		

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

No minutes were reviewed due to the summer break of meetings.

Finance Report

Beginning balance as of 5/21/08 in checking was \$2,240.59, ending balance as of 9/24/08 was \$4,279.22. Major income was from concessions, t-shirts and Fall Ball fees. Major expenses were for apparel, concession supplies, insurance, bus upgrades. Beginning balance as of 5/21/08 in MMA was \$13,001.43. Interest income was received and \$3,000 was transferred from checking. Ending balance as of 9/24/08 was \$16,020.67. Combined balance of checking and MMA is \$20,299.89.

Motion to approve the Finance Report was made by Cindy Nehring and seconded by Jay Siebert.

Coaches Update

Coach Van Rens could not attend, but had sent an email with 2 topics:

- Open gyms will start in fall, around Thanksgiving
- Indoor batting cage has holes that need to be fixed – safety issue

Coaches Requests (from Coach Bos)

- coaches requested \$ to send 6 coaches to a coaches clinic, total cost \$600
- 2 new L-screens
- 2 nettings for the current L-screens
- backstop for BP – netting needs to be replaced

This, along with the catcher's gear/other equipment requests (below), will be sent Coach Riddle for him to take first to the Athletic Department for funding. Any of these items that are not funding by the school/baseball program can be brought to the Booster Club next month for consideration.

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Committee/ Fundraiser Updates

Concessions Update – Profit to date just over \$3,500 with 3 weeks left in Fall Ball.

Travel Team Uniform – Travel team uniforms/belts were returned to and inventoried by Deb Ott (Travel Team Uniform Manager). Uniforms are in good condition. There are 45 belts, which were just enough for this year's team, so some additional belts should be purchased for next season.

Travel Equipment – Equipment was returned to and inventoried by Todd Hendricks (Travel Team Equipment Manager). For next season, will only need to purchase baseballs, line-up cards and scorebooks. Everything else is in good condition.

Travel Team Committee Update – As a result of some issues with our Travel Team program this summer, a review and update to our Travel Team Process/Policy is needed. Mike Dawson will lead this committee. Additional committee members include: Dave Albers, Steve Rukamp, Cindy Nehring, Deb Ott and Coach Bob Van Rens. Mike will solicit other committee members from the younger age group in order to have a broad group participating.

Sign/Tarp Takedown – Planned for Sat, Oct 18, 9am. The Booster Club will provide donuts and beverages. A reminder will be sent out next week and the weeks/days preceding this to remind everyone to be there.

Old Business

Batting Cage – The netting/cage purchased by the Booster Club to replace the netting/cage at Redbird field was installed by the school/maintenance crew. A backstop was also purchased, but was not installed – Deb to check on this. A doubled-up netting was added to the back wall of the cage, which will help. The netting should be raised during the winter months to keep it out of the snow/ice. This will be done on Oct 18 when the signs are taken down.

Outfield Field Fence/Warning Track – Some discussion took place on the warning track, but it will not be pursued this year. The main concern the coaches had raised when talking about the warning track was regarding keeping balls from going under the fence. Todd will check with the school to see what can be done to fix this, as there are gaps between the fence/ground.

Donation Policy – More work needed on this, but the initial policy on this is that as a non-profit organization, we should not be giving \$\$ out. Jeff Hoeksma will provide more on this next month.

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New Business

Paving around the concession stand – Jay Siebert provided an update indicating that the paving would be completed this week. Jay working with the contractor on the exact date. Cost will be around \$7,000, which is higher than last year's bid due to increase in blacktop cost. The paved area will also be reduced - up to the dugouts, not behind him, due to increased costs. Once paving is completed, bleachers will be moved back in place

Bat Replacement – Three(3) bats from Varsity were damaged and were replaced under warranty with upgraded versions of the same bat.

Equipment - Discussion regarding bats for the JV and Freshman teams, as well as catcher's equipment on the Freshman & JV teams came up. These requests will be directed to Coach Riddle, as these should go thru the program first. If funds are not available via the High School Baseball Program for necessary equipment, then a request can be made to the Booster Club.

Elevated Deck along the first baseline – Dick Boss provided estimates for a 34' X 10³/₁₄' raised deck - materials \$3,300, labor \$2,000. Discussion took place regarding the layout of the deck, dimensions, use, etc., with further options discussed. More work is needed to finalize this – approval of plans by the school, finalize total cost, gather bids, etc. – to include deck and protective netting. Because this has been an item that we've wanted to do for some time, a motion was made and accepted to approve spending up to \$8,000 to construct an elevated handicap accessible deck along the first baseline to include the deck, railings, two levels and protective netting, all built to code and approved by the district. While built in benches were originally discussed, the deck will not include them. Rather picnic tables or benches will be looked at for use on the deck.

DADS Update (via Suse Riddle – DADS 13-15's Coordinator) – On Sept 19, the DADS executive board met to decide what to do with the 13's program. The City of De Pere will not spend additional \$\$ on Humana, which will no longer used beyond 2009 season as the lease expires. This means that as of 2010, 13's will no longer have a field to play on. The City of De Pere will also withdraw all stipends into all city programs (not just baseball). For this year, that amount was \$5,000 for around 150 participants – this will require an increase in player fees. DADS does not want to spend \$\$ to upgrade Humana. Instead, for 2009, if USDD approves, DADS would like to move the 13's program to the Middle School diamond. For now, a FYI to our Booster Club.

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New Business (continued)

Meeting with Nike Rep – This items was on the agenda, but not discussed – we will bring in a rep during our Oct or Nov meeting

Volunteer Form – Deb to work on this with other committee leaders to ID smaller ‘chunks’ of work to be put out for people to sign up for (patterned after the Parent’s Club sign-up sheet). Target completion date for this is the end of October. The form will be emailed, as well as posted on the website.

History Page – A new page will be added to the website for De Pere Baseball History. Rob volunteered to help on this, as yearbooks for many years back are likely available via Doug Stangel/DPHS.

Booster Club’s role with Fall Ball – This agenda item was postponed until after the season.

Insurance – A policy was purchased and is in place. A copy will be provided to the Athletic Director, as requested.

Non-Profit Status/Public Records – Suzanne indicated that as a non-profit organization, our records need to be publicly accessible. Suzanne to check with AD to see if there is a location at school for this.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 7pm @ De Pere High School – back commons area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.
