

CTAA GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by President Barry Rotz.

The minutes of last month's meeting were distributed and read silently. There were no objections to the minutes. Motion to accept the minutes were made by Doug Eckstrom and second by Kevin Costello.

TREASURER'S REPORT – WAYNE JOHNSON The treasurer's report was distributed. We currently have \$153,301.81 in the checking account and \$42,520.44 in our Capital account.

SIGNS & SPONSORS – JENNIFER BARNETT asked all managers and coordinators to see that see get all of the team's rosters. She needs to match up sponsorships. Some sponsor will only sponsor a certain team. We have collected \$25,000 so far this year, This exceptionally high for this early in the season. Great job Jen.

CONCESSION STAND – DAN POWELL There will be a Manager's meeting on March 23 from 7-9. So far we have 42 people sign up to be managers and 79 teen workers. **PLEASE REMEMBER: Only those teens on the list can work this season at the concession stand. There are no exceptions.**

UMPIRES – MIKE GRIFFITH The umpire clinic will be held on Saturday, April 10th, 9-12 at the Pony field. Mike is looking for volunteers to take two-week shifts in helping to schedule the umpires.

COMMUNICATIONS- JIM MCKINNEY is asking for all team names and managers from coordinators. He also reminded coordinators that Dan Pollock needs all rosters, with team names, child's name and number ASAP. Jim would still like to attempt a CTAA Program to sell at the concession stand, but he needs all the team rosters with numbers as soon as the uniforms are passed out. If you have any scheduling problems call Anthony. Jim is only responsible for batting cage schedules. A reminder that you can only schedule batting cage time, 2 sessions at a time. When you have used your second session you can then request future time slots.

DONATIONS – Jim has been talking with the Cranberry Library about us donating books as a memorial for deceased members. The Libretto will purchase what books will tell them with our monetary donation and will put a dedication label on the inside jacket of the book. The book can then be set aside so that family has the first chance to check that book out.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT – RICH INMAN There will be a Player Development Meeting on Sunday, March 21 at 7:00pm.

FIELD MAINTENANCE – DAN PORTER Field Maintenance Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 27th. Dan is still in need of 7 Field Coordinators. We will be doing more field recovery this year than field purchase. Thanks to Dan, we now have a nail dragger, leveler and sprayer – all new. On the new rowan field all the fencing is done except the backstop. Tony Poletti has graciously stepped up to assist Dan with the electronics on the scoreboards. The Bronco field fence still needs ordered. We usually put that in 1 – 2 weeks prior to the season. We are still looking for small metal boxes to hopefully be able to have supplies delivered directly to each field.

PRACTICES- DO NOT GO ON THE FIELDS IF THE FIELD IS SLOPPY. There are plenty of parking lots and dry grass around the parks and schools to have practice. If you know ahead of time you are not using your field practice call Jim so he can reschedule the field. If you need to cancel practice or a game at night, please call Jim, Barry, Tom Helisek, or anybody else on the executive board to have the lights turned off. Only Jim, Barry and Tom have the permission to have the light turned on. When have finished a game, make sure the volume is turned **ALL THE WAY DOWN** on the scoreboards and the scoreboard is turned off. If you do not turn the volume down, even though the scoreboard is turned off, it will still hum. If you notice a scoreboard is not working properly, email Dan Porter and he will take care of it. Limit the amount or better yet, don't use the music on the scoreboards.

REGISTRATION – DAN POLLOCK we still have spots open. A reminder to managers and coordinators that Dan needs all rosters.

UNIFORMS – JOE ARGRYOS – All uniforms are on order. Coordinators have all manager shirt orders in by March 29th. All orders must come from the coordinator and a single check for your entire league must also come from the coordinator. No shirts will be ordered without the money. These shirts are \$10.00 each.

EQUIPMENT – TOM GRAY The equipment is back from the cleaners. We are in the process of putting the equipment bags together. All equipment will be passed out on Field Maintenance Day. You will receive plain balls for practice; the logo balls will be distributed at a later time and will only be used for games.

SOFTBALL – JOE DECRISTOFORO –All is well and ready to go. Farm and Junior Slow are set. The Intermediate drafts are finalized, major draft as well. In COED we still have openings – we could use some boys. We currently have 11 with 7 girls and 4 boys.

BASEBALL – ANTHONY STORTI Colt tryouts are March 28, with a rain dates of April 4 & 10. We will be hosting the Colt World Series on July 16-18. It is the first tier of the World Series.

All drafts will be complete by March 16th.

We will adjust Pinto 7 to 12 teams.

Bronco 12 will only have 6 teams.

The practice schedule will be released later this week.

The Federation teams have been picked

Just a note, we are insured year round so there is no problem practicing prior to April 1st.

We have been approached by the Pony Organization to host Mustang, Bronco and Pinto World Series Tier games. We will look at the calendar and see what we can handle. If you pass when offered the offer might not come back.

NEW BUSINESS

MEMORIALS – Barry has been looking into the Memorial options for Sue Branscum and Pat Wertz. Jennifer Barnett has been passing around the Journals through the organization for people to put their thoughts and stories down for the families. We hope to present them to the family when we do the other memorial. One option we have been exploring is a bench at the park with a plaque on it. If it can be done, Memorial Day Weekend would be a good time to present this to them.

We have guest tonight his name is Keith, he an Assistant Professor at Duquesne University, in the Athletic Training Department. He is doing a study on Youth Baseball Safety. He is asking all of us to fill out a short survey. He had brochures on safety for us to have. When the study is complete he will send us the census.

Joe Argyros is putting together a Membership Committee. He would like to have 2 people represent softball, 2 from baseball and 4 board members. They will meet between now and April General Meeting and hopes to have some findings at that time.

The meeting was adjourned – motion made by Doug Eckstrom and 2nd by Joe Coennen.