

Esko Youth Baseball Meeting

1/12/25 | 8:00 PM | Esko Trails

Attendees: Amy Feely, Rob Parrot, Samantha Martin, Ryan Pearce, Jared Anderson, Reid Smith, Kirk Luense, Kristin Piontek, Matt Hayes Mark Lewis **Absent:** Adam Upton

Rob motions to begin meeting at 8:02 , Sam Seconds

1. **Treasurer/Registrar Updates:** Amy will send updates electronically about financials to the group. We got updates about available gym space (very limited time available) Amy is working with community ed to find times.
2. **President Updates:** Rob gave an update from the quad cities meeting. We will need to vote to follow quad cities recommendations to have travel teams, regardless of age participate at AAA division. Sam motions to follow quad cities guidance, Kirk Seconds, all in favor - motion carries.
3. **Level Updates: (working on solidifying coordinators for all levels)**
 - Modified - Will need to encourage this age level to register early as evals will take place before formal registration ends.
 - Majors - will wait until registration is complete to decide what level we will play for league place
 - Rookies -Continued discussion about what is best for development.
 - Developmental - field space is always an issue for this level. We are in open discussion with Carlton about utilizing their field space vs playing in Cloquet.
 - Fun League - Amy booked turf space for 6 weeks starting in June
 - Bantams- No Updates

4. Miscellaneous:

Freeze Travel Baseball: We will need to hold evaluations earlier this year to accommodate spring break and to give us time to draft the other teams. We also need to discuss 3rd party evaluators who will be present. We are hoping to have high school coaching staff present.

- Reviewed all freeze coaching recommendations from the freeze committee. The following coaches were approved for the levels:
 - 9U: Scott Hedlund, Ryan Pearce, and Darrin Carlson
 - 10U: Reid Smith
 - 11U: Tom Zbacknik John F
 - 12U: Rob Parrot, Kirk Luense, Ryan Pearce
 - 13U: Jared Anderson, Kalin Kvitek
- Tournaments are filling up fast. Will need to get registered ASAP

Field Project Updates: We need to finalize a field maintenance day/weekend to get more parent involvement. Memorial Field needs updates to the concession shed , Kirk offered to help with this. Plus we need to cut overhanging branches and fix up the batting cage. We plan to hydroseed the upper field after frost is out. Current discussion is ongoing about what to do with the batting cage at this field. Would softball be willing to meet us halfway since they will also be using it?

Sponsors: Kristin is working on a sponsor list for team sponsors.

Background Checks: Matt gave an update on a safe sport/background check. Hoping to utilize a site where you can do both.

Concession Manager: Matt has two interested parents. He will follow up to confirm.

Equipment Needs: Jared will work on getting a list of what is needed for all levels.

Next meeting is scheduled for 2/9/25 @ Esko Trails

Sam. motions to end meeting at 9:50 pm, Reid seconds - meeting adjourned.