

Esko Youth Baseball Meeting

1/09/24 | 8:00 PM | Esko Trails

Attendees: John Feely, Amy Feely, Rob Parrot, Samantha Martin, Tawnya Ridgewell, Ryan Pierce, Jared Anderson, Reid Smith, Matt Hayes

Rob motions to begin meeting at 8:05 pm , Jared Seconds Seconds

1. **Treasurer Updates:** Amy gave updates on financials. Amy also gave updates on registration dates. We plan to have registration open February 1st - 23rd with late fees being added after that date. Emails will be sent to all previous registrants and papers will be sent home with grades K-3.
2. **President Updates:** Rob brings the idea about having practices pre scheduled for teams at all levels. All seem in favor of this. It will help coaches and families plan their schedule. Schedules will be completed by level coordinators.
3. **Level Updates:**
 - Intermediate - Will need to determine the number of team potential of 3 or 4 depending on numbers. Quad cities is moving to AAA level format, not sure if we will want 1 or 2 AA teams, we can wait to decide after we see registration numbers. Additional discussion about the evaluation process. Suggestion of an outside evaluator for this group as we do not intend to just place travel teams into league play. Amy will reach out to community ed to get gym time reserved.
 - Majors - John Motions to move to AA level. Amy seconds. Board votes to approve. We will divide teams up equally through the draft.
 - Rookies - will stay in house another year. We did seem to have a lot of positive feedback based on end of the year survey that was sent out.
 - Developmental - no new updates . Schedule will be done by Cloquet and games will be at Braun Park and Chub Lake. There is some desire to see if we could implement our own in-house league at this level, however with field space we will not pursue that this year.
 - Fun League -no new updates

4. Miscellaneous:

Freeze Travel Baseball: John motions to bring freeze baseball under EYBA authority. Ryan seconds, none opposed. This would give the board more oversight on coaching selection, tryout process and player move ups. A policy document is being created with additional details. This will be an ongoing project to get implemented before the seasons start.

Field Project Updates: Running list of items we still need. Bases, back stop, updated fences, gates, hydro seeding, (2) pitchers mounds, storage shed, outfield fencing, and dugout fencing.

Jared had some updated prices and will take care of ordering what is needed. John again brought up the idea of a storage shed located near the upper field. More discussion will need to happen with the school on logistics.

Concessions: Need to determine if the previous parent volunteer is willing to take this on again. Amy will reach out.

Other Topics: Sam is working on apparel through Advantage. We hope to have it live before registration opens. Kristin is willing to help Amy with sponsors again this year, Amy will follow up to finalize details.

9:34 pm meeting adjourned. Tawnya Motions and Reid seconds.

Next Meeting date: Wednesday February 28th @ Esko Trails