

# MINUTES

**In Attendance:**

Jeff Delisle	Brad Busse	Mary Busse	Jeff Grubb
Mary Hannen	Scott Swensen	Madonna Rykken	Cyndi Mee
Doug Nelson	Doug Hadac	Frank Fertal	Tom Workman
Chris Howells	Scott Christensen	Kelly Dale	Randy Giester
Sharon Elander	Kris Ditommaso	Candy Wibbens	Janet Blanshan
Gary Lattery	Bob Henrich	Mike Mansfeldt	

**Equipment:**

Ordered, some from TPS and some from Metro Sport, including the replacement gear but added helmet repair kits for each coach, replacement magnets for the coaches board. Also ordered agility balls to use at practice.

**Clinics:** Madonna

Started tonight. Clinic was just one session and was full. Starting up another pitching and catching clinic to accommodate the extra players requesting the session. Looking for just a few more to make the 8 max. Session to start on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Talked about and want to come up with some clinics or evening training for In-House coaches. Some of them are looking for some training on the pitching. Getting the girls ready for traveling and/or making in-house even better. We will get something together before the In-house season starts.

Another way to get parents, coaches and players aware of the traveling program it was thought of to have a scrimmage night during the season. Try to have either a couple of scrimmage games between some of the traveling teams at the same time at the high-school or multiple ones at the ponds. Then invite the in-house girls over to watch. May-be the same night as the High-School game Gary Johnson is going to put on.

**Coach's Clinic:**

Dates are Jan. 18-19, 2008 at the Opus Marriot in Minnetonka. Signed up for 10 coaches,

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Jeff Delisle	Kelly Dale
Doug Nelson	Kris Ditommaso
David Jelle	Gary Lattery
Chris Howells	Barb Everson
Madonna Rykken	Jeff Grubb
Tim Workman	Janet Blanshan

Coaches were reminded to go on line and fill out the apps.

**Website:** <http://playinfo.org/aboutus/home.htm>

Team Formation procedure and In-house and traveling Calendar was added.

Randy gave update on the plan to improve the web-site. It is works to make things more uniform and add people to the list that can help maintain the site.

PLAY will look into the option to change the sport page to read softball and then break down to in-house and traveling instead of separate out.

Things to add to the web-site:

Individual web-sites for each team. Randy and Jeff will try to get something to work, whether it is by links or using the actual site.

Add the registration price; it is now on the front page.

Add the list for the volunteer opportunities during the open gym. Parents can now go on line and see the times and jobs. Then sign up for one with the volunteer coordinator(s).

Posting the meeting Agendas now before the meeting. That way it is known a head of time what is going to be discussed.

When the team's schedules are known they will get posted. If the team web site isn't ready then at least on the main traveling page.

Les will be holding classes for the registration web-site in the near future. This class is for the coaches. The web-site has many ways to post information, get emails out and update the parents. 3-4 classes are set to take place in the next couple months.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Sharon

30 T-shirts ordered to give away. They will be available to buy as Spirit wear. Plenty of help in each time slot.

Winners listed below will receive gift cards to Dicks in the amounts of 1<sup>st</sup>-\$75, 2<sup>nd</sup>-50, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$25

Brynn Howells	20	11	\$161.00	1	1	19	10
Hannah Schultze	20	11	\$136.00	4	1	16	10
Bailey Klingfus	12	8	\$104.00			12	8

Sales seem to be down a little this year form the past. We discussed ways to improve sales. Some things brought up, possibly adding a raffle to the tickets (using donated items). More emails out as it is going on. Check with other groups and try to separate the fundraisers out a little more, might be hitting friends and neighbors up to often. Randy to put an add in the paper.

**Suburban League Qualifier Dates:**

10's, 12's and 14's June 27-29 2008

16's and 18's July 12-13 2008

We put Prior Lake in the hat to host one of these. In-House (Kris Ditommaso) will work with us to have the space. We will let you know what happens.

14 A may be different; there is different leagues and club leagues. Waiting to find out what the plan will be. There is a league meeting in Feb.

**Openings on PLAY Board:**

Randy let us know there is at least one person for each position. Voting will take place at the annual election in February.

**Openings on Traveling Board**

**Volunteer Coordinator** – Filled by a team, Barb Johnson and Cyndi Mee.

**Purchasing/Fundraiser**- Position filled by Sharon Elander.

## **Coaches**

PLAY decided we could not reimburse the head coach as discussed in the last meeting. We will have to thank them another way. Sharon, will find what Shorts and/or Sweat pants to get for them. Match the Coaches shirts form last year.

## **Open Gyms/Tryouts:**

Dates are Saturday **Jan 26<sup>th</sup>**, **Feb 2**, **Feb 9**, **Feb 23**. Gyms will be reserved from 8am – 6pm. **Tryouts are March 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>** **Volunteer options are posted on the web-site.**

Parent's night will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> on March. In-house and Traveling will be there. The plan is to do the In-house first and then traveling. With hopes of keeping some of the in-house parents around to hear a little about the traveling program. Kris and Jeff will come up with an agenda; bring it to the February's meeting so we can fine tune it.

## **Commitment Letter:**

Discussed this briefly, probably will not come up with a commitment letter as much as an expectation letter. Laying out what is expected form the players and parents in the participation of practice and games. Give the coaches a guide line to follow for play time if there are any issues. Chris will grab the one baseball uses, modify it and bring it to the next meeting.

## **High School Coaches:**

David, Kris and Mike were all talking with the coaches trying to get them to spend more time at our events. It was discussed and decided to use just Kris as the contact to get with them. Stop any confusion and to keep it more structured.

## **Other items:**

Depending on registration we might have 8U team

Our Tournament, keep 12 and 14's, add some national births to entice more teams.

Mike brought it up that we are still losing more girls to the Club teams. We will look very serious in starting a PLAY Lakers team. This will be a team that will play year round and travel to more tournaments giving the girls exposure to the college coaches. Mike, Jeff, Kris and others will get together and figure out ways to do this.

**Next Meeting:** February 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30 at Triple Play Sport. Moving the meeting due to the Super bowl and then the City Hall room will be taken.