

Minutes

In Attendance

Tim Workman	Kelly Dale	Janet Blanshan	Lorraine Teilburg
Madonna Rykken	Scott Christensen	Mary Hennen	Chris Howells
Tom Stephenson	Jeff Grubb		

Clinics: Feed back was given. The clinic was going well. A few comments were brought up about girls not getting enough one on one training as much as they would like. We will work on that. The catching clinic had some complaints. With the small group and some being young and starting out and others being advanced, the advanced catchers were not being challenged. Talked about changing the clinic to make sure there is more separation. Also it was brought up, instead of the clinic, have an instructor come in once a month all winter to work with the girls and the parents. Teach them a drill or more that best suites their abilities. They can work on that the drill for a month and then the instructor would come back and work them again. Will discuss some more and may try this next year.

Coach’s Clinic:

12 Coaches attended the coach’s clinic last month. All enjoyed it and learned a lot. WE (PLAY) will hold a day of training for the coaches in late March or April. We will have an ACE Coaches Certification class along with basic skills training. The basic skill training will be for batting, fielding and so on. This is to work at consistency in the teaching of the girls. (We are seeing feed back form parents saying that the girls are being told one thing in a clinic or by a coach then when they are with another coach they are told something different.) Another thing that will be gone over is the playing time guidelines and website.

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

Had meeting with members of the board. PLAY is working on a more user friendly site, starting with making a list of categories that each sport would start with. Move the registration link off the front page and into the registration category. Hoping that anyone wanting to register for a sport can read about the commitment, pricing and other issues before they start.
 Registration price; it is now on the front page.
 Open Gym and Tryout volunteer lists are on the pages.

Pancake Breakfast:

29 T-shirts given away.

	Total	1871	1116	\$15,690.00	\$5,897.00
	Expenses,				
	Tickets	1500	900		\$88.85
	Envelopes/Labels				\$62.16
T-shirts/Gift	Stamps				\$596.10
Cards	Walk Ups		754		\$754.00
	VFW Payment				\$1,607.72
	Profit				4,296.17

\$4296.17/180 kids equal \$23.87 it saved on registration per player. This was done by only 60 players actually selling tickets. Some of the parents donated all \$84.

We discussed ways to make it more even across the board.

Each player gets \$42 or so in tickets they have to sell, if they do not sell them when registration comes around the \$42 will be added to the fee. (Not to include new girls to the program)

Any player could get more tickets. We will still have incentives for selling more tickets. In fact Sharon brought up having it more equal by giving a \$ amount towards spirit wear for every ticket sold over the initial \$42. We will discuss this more in the following meetings.

Make sure In-House does know about the pancake breakfast also. If they want in they can.

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, No word yet.

MMFL State Dates:

10,12,14, July 11,12,13

16 and 18 July 19-20

Nationals:

July 21st -28th

Or July 30th - Aug 3rd

Rule changes:

Composite bats that fail testing, ASA will be posting the bats as they are tested and if they fail.
10U, Can run on dropped third strike.

14U, Gold level, this is where the Club teams will play and any A team that wants to.

PLAY Tournament:

May 30, 31 and June 1.

Opened to 10, 12 and 14, B and C

Offering ASA and AFA and USSSA NQ bids

Listed on FastSports and Pickasport

1 Team registered so far.

Openings on PLAY Board:

Voting is on the 19th. Update you at the next meeting.

Coaches

Coaches can order Shorts and or sweat pants to match the shirts this year. Form is ready. Need to bring some hats to the next meeting to decide which to offer.

Open Gyms/Tryouts:

One left, Saturday **Feb 23**. Has been low attendance and hard to get volunteers. For the volunteer hours it was brought up that some could help take care of the fields after practice. Coaches have been racking them.

As for the players, talked about next year, first three weeks, have more of a practice, open space in gym and work on what ever, depending on who shows. Drills, infield play, running bases, ect. Last week set up like the try outs.

Discussed making it mandatory for all the coaches (especially the ones that went to the clinic PLAY paid for) to be at the open gyms and help out.

Tryouts are March 1st and 15th To make sure all the girls do all the drills at tryouts, when they check in and get their number; the sticker has all the stations listed. At each station the evaluator checks it off when completed. When the girl leaves they turn in their number and we can verify they did everything. Sharon will bring camera to take pictures.

Parent's night

Will be on the 16th. 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.

Instead of Commitment letter, more of Playing Time:

Brought the letter and passed it out. We ran out of time in this meeting. Everyone was to take it home and read it over. Bring comments back to next meeting.

High School Coaches:

Coaches will be at the tryouts doing the evaluation. We are still working on the communication between PLAY and them.

Registration:

8U=	1	
10U=	7	2 are new
12U=	12	0 new
14U=	17	0 new
16U=	3	0 new

Other items:

Next Meeting: March 2nd 6:30 at Triple Play Sport.