

December 8th General Meeting Minutes

Called to order @7:05

In attendance: Dave J., Rebecca H., Todd B., Chava E., Steve G., Terry G., Steve W., Cal M., Chris C., Aaron, Jim M., Dean H., Jess S., Mike Lord

Softball Area head Report

- New president – Dianna Hill
- Tournament talk
- Softball needs a big push this year so Redland can field teams
- Is there a way to advertise softball/baseball better
- Dean H. proposed a shorter season for both baseball and softball

Baseball Area head Report

- Premier league proposed for Federal Level – this would allow tournament teams
- Team fees to increase slightly
- Online rosters this year
- Bat restrictions at senior level
- RBSA to provide a “bat requirements” form at sign ups for parents

General notes

- Dean H. suggested portable mounds for Fischer’s Mill fields
- Chris C. to follow up with a person that builds mounds to see what he would charge
- Mike Lord (Assistant Coach) with O.C. Pioneer Baseball came and introduced himself to the group
- Mike says that O.C. will be trying to host many baseball camps for the players
- April 1st 4-6pm will be a coach’s clinic at O.C.
- Team camps in June – practice with the high school players
- O.C.’s approach will be a focus on pitching and defense
- O.C. coaches want to be involved in our program in some way – Coach’s clinics and camps
- Agreed upon by the group that we need better umpires
- Steve G. proposed using an outside umpire agency for this year.
- Field drying agent to be applied to Fischer’s Mill field this spring; to help with muddy fields
- Board decided to hold main reelection meeting in February after signups to help drum up more participation in the organization
- Chris C. volunteered to handle Jamboree organization with Dean H.
- Cal M. volunteered to do field maintenance again in 2012 with the help of another person
- Job description for coaches field responsibilities & field coordinator job
- Cal M. to write up and present field coordinator duties and January’s meeting
- Uniforms??? Are we buying shirts and pants? Are we doing away with pants? Jan. mtg solution.
- Dug out signs to be made and put up telling coach’s & team responsibilities before & after games.

Cal Ripken Talk

- Redland thinking about going to Cal Ripken for 8-12 year olds instead of JBO
- Dave invited Ray Pearson w/Cal Ripken to talk about the pros and cons and how it works.
- Inter league play, minors(8-10): 46' pitching & 60' bases Majors(11-12) 50' pitching & 70' bases
- Birthday cut off date is April 30th
- No leading off, can steal after ball passes home plate
- Kids are only allowed to play up one year.
- Rec league starts in the spring and is about 20 games then there are All-Stars in early summer after rec league play. Rec league play consists of teams with all skill levels. All stars consist of coach/board picked teams.
- There is a mandatory coach's clinic that all coaches MUST attend. (3hrs) All coaches are approved by the board before they can be a coach.
- Coaches are usually paired up with varying skill levels so that the less experienced coaches can learn
- 8 year olds are only allowed to play in the minors if they are picked in the first two rounds of the draft
- The 9yr old teams can have 4 outfield players
- There is a league tournament after Memorial Day.
- Games are played Monday thru Saturday with make-up games on Sundays, usually after 2 o'clock
- Question was asked "What is Redland trying to get out of changing to Cal Ripken?"
- For All star play, 9-10 and 11-12 are combined; try out practice held, then a draft held immediately after.
- All kids that want to play in all stars can come out to try to make a team

Suggested board members for Cal Ripken:

- President, Field Coordinator, 5yr-8yr Coach Scout, 9-12 coach scout, Player Agent, Field Maint. Equipment Coordinator/Uniforms, Secretary, Treasurer, Fund Raiser Coord. Special Events Coord.
- All teams are sponsored and wear logos on their jerseys

Adjourned @ 10:05