



RC Softball Assoc. – Committee

Mtg.

October 8, 2008

6:00 PM – Whiting Hagg and Hagg

Attendees: Tim Callahan, Jena McNabb, Angie Boeve, Jim Bussell, Keith Morell, Stacy Morell, Maria Allen, Chuck Clark, Mike Miles, Guy Jobgen, Amy Jobgen, Rick Boeve

Season Update:

Regular Season – the season was VERY wet.

Forfeits - 154 total forfeits (82 of which were called in ahead of time) compared to 128, 55 of which were called in ahead of time in 2007.

21 teams w/ 1 forfeit ea., 21 teams w/ 2 forfeits ea., 3 teams w/ 3 forfeits ea., 4 teams w/ 4 forfeits ea., 4 teams w/ 5 forfeits ea., 5 teams w/ 6 forfeits ea., 2 teams w/ 8 forfeit ea.

Thank you to the 132 teams that had ZERO forfeits.

Ejections – The word must be out, there were 9 total ejections in 2008 compared to 24 in 2007!

3 – profanity /arguing calls, 2—unsportsmanlike conduct, 1—altered bat, 2—using banned bats, 1—self ejection (player asked to be ejected to avoid future problems) These ejections resulted in verbal warnings, fines, game suspension, and probation.

Team Placement – tabled until next meeting

Fees for 2009 – player and team fees have not been increased since 2005. Currently each game costs the team \$22.73 and the player \$2.05 per game. Player fee will increase to \$55 per player in 2009.

Rule Changes for 2009 – none mentioned

Players in trouble for 2009? – There are 3 players on probations for 2009.

Letters of intent- There has been a lot of trouble trying to collect the fees promised in these letters of intent, they will no longer be accepted from sponsors. This information will be posted in the January newsletter that is included in the manager's packets as well as posted on the website.

Co-ed Season

Forfeits - numbers were not available

Ejections – ZERO, one player had metal cleats on, but when confronted removed them and played the rest of the night in slippers.

Fees for 2009 – The fees need to be reviewed, as it stands, each game costs the team \$20.83 and the player \$1.67 per game. Almost every year co-ed season loses money; the rates need to be made more comparable to the regular season.

Complex Update

Fall projects

Concrete replacement – this is for some of the retaining walls, with matching funds for the City of Rapid City it is the hopes that this project will start next month, weather permitting.

Aerate the fields

Spring projects

New scoreboards

Addition to the small concession stand

Scholarship Program

Amount – there is enough money for 2 – \$1,000 scholarships.

The application and guidelines will be included in the January manager's packet.

Umpires Contract

Regular Season – they will be offered a 3 year contract

Tournaments – there will be a contract with the umpires this year, all information in regards to pay etc. will be called out in the contract. i.e. drink tickets (rainouts), food at tournaments

Sparks National Tournament Fee

Sparks approached Jena about RCSA sponsoring them for a national tournament in Reno, NV. After great discussion it was determined that the team manager needed to contact Gary Harrington at a State level and that our association would not be able to sponsor the team.

AED Machine

It is the hope of the RCSA to purchase 2 AED machines, one for each concession stand by the beginning of the 2009 season. Each machine costs approximately \$1,500. A very informative presentation was given by Jim Bussell, who is a member of the RC Fire Department and a ball player. Jim has arranged to teach a CPR certification class that will include teaching us all how to use the AED machines properly in December and another in January to all committee members, board members, umpires and concession stand workers. The class itself will be free, but \$3 per participant is required to pay for the CPR certification card. Jim is doing the training for us as his co-ed team fee.

Board Member Payment

Not much discussion, Board pay will remain the same in 2009.

Pepsi Contract

The Pepsi contract expires in January 2009. Maria agreed to have the Pepsi contract reviewed by Mr. Hagg to ensure that we terminate the contract properly. More information will be available at our next meeting.

Website

A player from Cubra Libra would like to help with the website, this will be discussed more when Chris can attend one of our meetings.

Tournaments - Mike

Entry Fees – fees were last increased 7 years ago; we should expect a \$25-50 increase per tournament in 2009.

Currently it takes 8 teams and a \$500 outside sponsor just to break even.

Prizes – Currently 3rd place gets their entry fee back, 2nd gets double the fee, and 1st gets triple the entry fee.

Formats – options are 3 game minimum, pool play, round robin, double elimination and consolation and spotting runs when combining divisions.

Open Discussion

It was recommended that the 2008 budget be placed in the January packets.