

League Committee Meeting #2 – Sunday, February 22, 2009 @ 10am, Lido's Caffe

Attendees: Christine D., Dana W., Elizabeth E., Ernie D., Kristen V., Megan O., Missy M., Shannon W.

CWBL President Christine D. ran the meeting.

- I.) Logistics Update – Christine provided an update on fields. **We will likely have Bedford Park again and will try to keep the alternating Saturday/Sunday schedule from last season.** The Committee discussed various scheduling scenarios and backup options in case problems arise.
Action items:
 - Elizabeth will talk to the guy in Elgin about fields for early June if necessary
 - Ernie will stay in touch with Alicia about Bedford Park

- II.) Returning Players Update – Elizabeth provided the current count of returning players. The Committee agreed we should aim to create a culture where everyone is very enthusiastic about baseball and the league. The Committee also began discussing league dues.
Action items:
 - Kristen will get the ability to add people to the email listhosts
 - Kristen will send Megan the list of player emails

- III.) Team Formation Update – The Committee continued the discussion on how the teams will be formed next year.

- IV.) Practices and Try-outs Update – The Committee discussed where and when to hold winter/spring practices and try-outs. **BASH is reserved for practice on 2 Tuesday nights in March (the 3rd and 17th or the 10th and 24th), April 7th, and April 21st.**
Action items:
 - Megan will look into renting gym space for March 13th and other Friday dates
 - Dana will look into reserving the Bridgeview golf dome for Sunday afternoon tryouts in April and May
 - Elizabeth will send the spreadsheet of player addresses to Shannon
 - Megan will send a list of practice facilities to Shannon
 - Missy will create a Google map with all player locations flagged and send to Shannon
 - Megan and Shannon will organize the first practice on March 13th

- V.) Social Events Update – **There will be a social event on March 20th.** The Committee also discussed possible events for later in the season.
Action items:
 - Missy is in charge of planning the event on the 20th

- Shannon will call Portillo's
- Shannon will talk to her contact person at Chicago Indoor Racing

VI.) Publicity and Recruitment Update – Shannon handed out the contact info for her friend in PR. The Committee discussed topics or events for interest pieces. We agreed that before we do anything, we need to set try-out dates. The Committee then followed up on recruitment actions set at the last meeting.

Action items:

- Missy will look into things we could do at a Cubs game or Sox game
- Christine will call the marketing guy for the Sox
- Christine will ask Amy's friend about updating the logo
- Shannon will work on a flyer
- Kristen will begin posting the weekly Craigslist ad
- Elizabeth will give the Sportsmonster email info to Dana
- Missy will ask her friend to help set up a complete, searchable list of Chicago-area batting cages for the website
- Kristen will clarify with Amy who's on what email list so that new people aren't receiving inquiry responses from multiple Committee members
- Ernie will take outdated information off the homepage of the website

VII.) Fundraising Update – The Committee followed up on fundraising actions set at the last meeting. **There are fundraising events tentatively scheduled in April and June.**

Action items:

- Megan and Missy will work together to coordinate the June event
- Megan will try to get Wicker Well for April 18th

VIII.) Next Meeting – The next League Committee meeting will be on Saturday, March 7, at 10am at Lido's Caffe, 122 N. Marion St, Oak Park.