

League Committee Meeting #7 – Wednesday, April 29, 2009, Stella's, 7pm

Attendees: Christine D., Ernie D., Kristen V., Megan O., Missy M., Amy S.

- I.) Personnel Changes – League Committee Member Shannon informed us she could no longer serve due to other commitments. The Committee discussed how to proceed given this change.

- II.) The Draft – The Committee finalized plans for the draft. **The draft will take place Tuesday, May 5, instead of Sunday, May 3.** The Committee agreed that this is a rebuilding year and that managers must be more open to adding players during the season.
Action items:
 - Amy will send the updated draft procedures and equipment budget info to Kristen
 - Kristen will send managers the draft procedures and instructions for contacting their new players after the draft along with a list of changes to the rulebook and an explanation of the equipment budget
 - Ernie (and all managers) will familiarize themselves with draft procedures
 - Ernie and Megan will reiterate the rebuilding message to managers before the draft
 - the LC will verify that managers have contacted their players and then will post draft results on the website

- III.) Publicity and Recruiting – The Committee received updates on P&R items from previous meetings. Christine informed the Committee that ABC-7 is interested in doing a feature on us and needs to tape a practice. The Committee discussed possible times and locations to have the practice. **The practice will be held Wednesday, May 6, at Winnemac (Foster and Damen). The segment is scheduled to air on Sunday, May 17.** The Committee also discussed how recruitment and exposure factor into our need to build momentum for next year by having activities outside of or after the regular league schedule.
Action items:
 - Elizabeth is asking Portillo's about sponsoring us
 - Christine is emailing the Sox guy and other media outlets
 - Missy and Dana will coordinate the softball league flyering for next week
 - Everyone will put flyers up everywhere in their neighborhoods
 - Missy will send the Bike the Drive evite out to the rest of the league
 - Ernie will invite league members who aren't part of the Gems Facebook group to join
 - Everyone should change their Facebook status, etc to reflect baseball
 - Ernie will try to set up some sheets of business cards that people can print
 - Missy and Dana will take over monitoring the Players Sports and Chicago Sport and Social message boards. Kristen will continue with craigslist, meetup, and any others brought to our attention

--Christine will check with Katie about the e-form. Kristen will send an e-form to Shannon

IV.) Opening Day – The Committee discussed plans for Opening Day festivities.

Action items:

--Christine will ask Joelle's brother to sing the National Anthem again

V.) Logistics updates – The Committee received status updates on fields and umpires.

Action items:

--Christine will call Alicia tomorrow about fields