



Irondale Homerun Club

Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2019

In Attendance: Coach Lynch, Ellen Elmquist, Tanya Jorgenson, Amy Moe, Joel Swanson, Eric Bowman, Autumn Vargas, Amy Howard, Laurie Haugen, Jonathan Maze, Mark Strong

Welcome

- Attendees introduced themselves and stated the name and grade level of their player.

Meeting Dates for the year

- Meetings will be held on the 1st Wednesday of each month: 6:00 PM @ Irondale.
 - One exception: January's meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8.

Treasurer's Report

- 2018 – Started the season with \$15,000. There was no fundraising held during the season.
- 2019 – Started the season with \$8225.65. Ended the season with \$8690.12. Held a fundraiser at Cowboy Jacks prior to the start of the season.
- 2020 – Balance in account is \$8670.48 which is ~\$19 lower than expected. After an extensive search for the \$19 receipt/payment, the board agreed to write this off and start the season with \$8670.48. We will be doing the Cowboy Jacks fundraiser again this season.
 - Side note: We are a registered non-profit. Joel Swanson will look up the details on renewing this each year.

Coach's Report

- Irondale Youth Baseball League (IBL) will officially be forming traveling teams (assuming we have enough turnout) and will be part of the MYAS program. Going forward, ALL NEW youth players living within the Irondale boundaries will play for IBL, not Shoreview Area Youth Baseball (SAYB). Current SAYB players can continue to play for SAYB if they choose.
- The youth baseball clinic is scheduled and will be held at Irondale in December/January. IBL will handle signups. Coaches Lynch, Peterson and Scardigli will run the clinic along with the IHS players. A coaches clinic is planned as well. Details to follow.
- Winter field cleanup is complete. Next cleanup will take place in the Spring when weather permits.
- Parent/player fall meeting will take place Monday, November 11 @ 6:00 in the IMC. Coach will send out an email.
- Training sessions at Compete Game have been booked. More info to follow at Monday's meeting.
- National Sports Center is available Wed, Thu and Fri during spring break from 11:30-2:00. Cost would be \$2100 for the entire space and use of the equipment. All teams would attend these indoor practices. The board agreed to book the space for \$2100. Coach will check on the cancel policy in case the weather cooperates for outdoor practice during that time. Players that are going to Italy for band get a pass on attending spring break practices.
- Uniform needs: matching practice shirts for all players, new Legion jerseys (to match varsity hats), new VFW jerseys with patches. Coach will get pricing on the jerseys. We might wait until next season to order new VFW jerseys. TBD. Legion/VFW undershirts would also be nice.
- Summer tournaments: VFW played in three tournaments last year, and Legion played in two.

Suggestions for this season:

- 1. Legion - Go down to one tourney (Mendota Heights), and scrap the Gopher Classic Tourney. The Gopher Classic is right before playoffs, there are a lot of games, and we go

through a lot of pitchers. On the flip side, there are a lot of scouts that attend the Gopher Classic, and once we are out of the tournament it will be very hard to get back in.

- 2. Legion - Play in Gopher Classic and one other tourney (Mendota Heights).
- 3. Legion play in Mendota Heights tourney, and VFW play in St. Louis Park tourney. Gopher Classic tourney is joint between the two teams.

Other thoughts:

- Possibility of Legion and VFW playing in an away tournament/overnight trip?
- Wood bat tournament for Legion?

Decision:

- Everyone likes the idea of an overnight tournament for both Legion and VFW. It's a great bonding opportunity for the players (and parents!)
- VFW will play in the St. Louis Park tourney, Legion will play in the Mendota Heights tourney, and Coach will check out the Alexandria tourney for both teams. If the VFW and Legion tourneys don't coincide in Alexandria, Coach will find another option.

POST MEETING UPDATE: The Alexandria VFW tourney is already full. One spot remains for the Legion tourney. Sioux Falls has openings for both teams the weekend of June 12-14. Everyone is in agreement that both VFW and Legion will attend the Sioux Falls tournament.

- We've lost three coaches since last season: Danny Larson accepted the head coaching position at another high school. Ben Danielson is joining him as assistant coach. Our Freshman coach is not coming back this season. This leaves us with three coaches: Bobby Lynch, Matt Scardigli and Andy Peterson. Matt Youngquist of Complete Game is a possibility to coach JV. A student at Northwestern is also a possibility to help coach. If you know of someone that would be a good coaching candidate, please reach out to them.
- We may not have enough players to field four teams this season. Announcements regarding the upcoming baseball season and Monday's parent/player meeting will appear in the daily announcements and via email. Special emphasis will be placed on recruiting new Freshman.
- Captains Practices will be starting soon. All the senior players are considered captains this season. We will need a parent to help run these practices.
- Both parents and players can purchase apparel. We may have two opportunities to order: one before Christmas and one in the Spring. Details to follow.

Fundraising

- Cowboy Jacks has agreed to host our fundraiser again this season. We are focusing on Saturday, April 4. Ellen will check the school calendar for conflicts. Johnny Herlofsky has agreed to book the entertainment. We will need plenty of raffle items. More details to follow.

Pictures

- Liz will contact Dave White regarding taking action shots throughout the season.
POST MEETING UPDATE: Dave White has agreed to take pictures of each team this season @ \$45 per game. He is requesting occasional access to the team dugout instead of taking all pictures through the fence. Dave has also offered to make the year end video @ \$50.

Website

- We need someone to maintain and keep the website up to date. Liz volunteered to take this on.

Amazon Smile

- We will receive 0.5% of all purchases made through Amazon Smile – Irondale Homerun Club. A detailed email will be sent out with instructions on how to do this.

Upcoming Events

- Monday, November 11 – Fall parent/player meeting @ 6:00 in the IMC
- Wednesday, December 4 – Homerun Club meeting @ 6:00, IHS room TBD