

## FMYSA Open Meeting – August 12, 2018

Meeting commenced – 6:31pm

Board Members / Admin in Attendance: Jeff Nelson, Kevin Roberson, Kevin Westdyk, Amy Burwell, Matt Jordan, Craig Brown, and Tracy Black. Not Present: Jack Fultz & Jeff Castellanos

Open Attendees: Scott Bryson, Jeff Fisher, Randy Wright, & Tony Apollaro

Meeting discussion:

1. Discussed results of AAYBA and possible format changes to next year. Financials will be presented at the next meeting.
  - a. There were approx. 300 teams this year for AAYBA. This was down 40 teams from last year. Out of town teams increased by 12 teams over LY. 2018 was the first year that the “Majors” division was separated from everyone else and it was well received.
  - b. Next year to avoid the mid-summer heat, Week 1 of AAYBA will be June 15-20 and Week 2 will be June 22-27. The schedule might include additional double headers in the early part of the week rather than just one game per day. There are also discussions of creating an “All-Star” division to separate those teams from AA and AAA teams.
2. Looking at the Master Planning Calendar, softball will begin practices on August 20, 2018. Rec and select practices will also begin on August 20. Applications for “select” coaches for the spring will be due on 10/29/18.
3. Rattler and Rec development nights will continue this fall. There will be 4 high school area coaches working with Rattler players on Tuesday nights from 6-8pm on Fields 5-7 for 12 weeks. Rec development nights will be on Mondays at Gerault Park for 5U-8U players on 8/27 and 9/3. Rattler coaches are asked to help.
4. FMYSA has rolled out a new Development program for players ages 3-5. Rather than having team scores, individual players will score points for mastering different skills. The curriculum and practice plans will be rolling out soon. We hope this will be a possible initiative for High School Rattler players to serve in a leadership / mentor role for these young kids and encourage their involvement.
5. New pitch count proposals are coming and will be rolled out soon. We want to make sure our pitchers are healthy, well rested, and not over used. The issue becomes how FMYSA will track, inspect, and enforce these new pitch count rules for both recreation and select players. Craig Brown suggested that coaches will be required to submit weekly pitch counts to the league. Tracy suggested a possible roll-out of Game Changer league wide where reports can be gathered easily. The hope would be to implement standard pitch counts for the fall and tweak it for the spring season.

6. Pre-lottery field assignments were sent out on 8/12. Remaining fields will be chosen at the coaches' meeting on 8/17.
7. FMYSA needs a few high school sophomores and juniors to become assistant tournament directors for the fall season. Please reach out to Tracy Black for more details.
8. Tracy Black discussed the agenda for Friday's coaches' meeting. Agenda will include teaching correct baserunning, following rules and teaching development, as well some guest speakers.
9. As of Sunday, 8/12, there are currently 1051 players registered for the fall season which do not include any select softball numbers. Last fall there were a total of 1260 players registered for all teams. Amy Burwell expects the final registration numbers to exceed last fall.
10. The group discussed the current contract with TSS for our baseball photography as we have been receiving many offers from other photography providers. The board will discuss at a later meeting what incentives FMYSA received from TSS and review other offerings for a vote before the spring season should we wish to continue with our current provider.

Open discussion:

1. Robbie Wright offered to take the open position of 10U age director. Craig Brown to meet with Mr. Wright after the meeting.
2. Tony Apollaro would like to see FMYSA implement a rules / umpire clinic for coaches which would also teach coaches how to deal with umpires. He also suggested FMYSA include some sort of online source to show FMYSA kids leaving for college and pictures depicting their days as an FMYSA player. Perhaps even an FMYSA "HALL OF FAME."
3. Tony also discussed the limited practice field situation and perhaps getting a master list of coaches / field times to discuss trading practice fields every other week. I.E. trading off 5:30pm at Bakersfield and Hilltop every other week so that more teams have access to the fields / amenities of Bakersfield.
4. Jeff Fisher mentioned that there are 1 x 10U, 2 x 9U, and 1 x 8U Premier teams for the fall 2018 season. Also talking over as Fall Premier Director will be Tony Del Muro. Jeff will be taking over as the new TEBA director.

Meeting adjourned – 7:52pm