



LOS ALAMITOS BASEBALL BOOSTER CLUB

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Minutes

1. **Welcome-**

Todd DeAngelis welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the '07/'08 school year and introduced the Board Members:

President: Todd DeAngelis

V.P. and Website: Mike Godoy

V.P. and Snack Shack: Ramona Wright

Treasurer: Flynn Olsen

Secretary: Alta Heacock

2. **Varsity Coach-Mark Clabough**

Coach Clabough welcomed everyone and thanked the Booster Club (BC) for the great work they have been doing in the past and looks forward to working with the BC in the future. Coach briefly reviewed the summer program playing American Legion and believes overall it was a good experience.

Coach introduced Coach Pat Muphy who has joined the coaching staff (Varsity) and Coach Castillo (JV). Both have great baseball experience and with their addition are making the 6th period baseball class a better working class for all kids in the program. There are currently approximately 50 kids in the baseball class (some are in football at this time).

Try Out Dates will be:

Saturday September 29th 10 am – 1 pm

Saturday October 6th 10 am - 1 pm

If needed, there will be a third tryout

Saturday, October 13th, 10 am - 1 pm

The results of the try outs will be posted on the website as soon as available, usually Saturday night or Sunday.

Typically there are 20 players per team.

We are planning on playing Winter League Ball with 3 teams, this is part of the Carson League, no schedule at this time, games will be on Saturdays, beginning November 3rd.

There will be a team playing in the Paramount League, beginning September 27th, playing on Thursday nights. This team will consist of older players, with the exception of the pitching group, which will be grouped by Coach each week. 7 (or more) younger pitchers will be playing in the games, one inning for each pitcher. This will give the older pitchers a rest, as they have been playing since last October and ended in August.

If any of the position players want to play on other teams, they may, and if they need help finding a team they should discuss with Coach who will be able to help them locate a team. Pitchers should NOT be pitching on other teams.



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Coach Clabough will be discussing with each player already in the program where they stand. A list will be posted, with a chart. If they don't understand the reason for their assessment, they should talk Coach so they know what they need to work on to improve their standings. Coach is looking for consistent effort and the ability to work on their own if they are not able to get the necessary practice in at school.

3. **Old Business:**

- A. May 2007 minutes were approved by Steve Hyman and Malinda Breedlove.
- B. Treasurer's Report
Flynn Olsen explained that we have slightly under \$20,000 in our account.

4. **New Business**

- A. Financial Statement/Budget
- B. Player Responsibilities-Dues
Each player will be responsible to pay \$550 for the program.
Returning players will begin paying in October, and new players will begin paying after tryouts, and this will be discussed at the October 2nd meeting.
Any player may offset the cost by participating in fundraisers, such as Taste of Los Al, Christmas Trees, Banners or other donations.

5. **Fundraising-Fundraising Chair Adrienne Biehl**

A. **Taste for Los Al-**

Silent Auction Adrienne Biehl

The Silent Auction portion of the Taste of Los Al is an event that we need everyone's participation. Donations towards baskets are welcome and will be collected at the Oct. 2nd meeting, or you can deliver them to the Najm's home. There will be an evening of 'basket work' coordinating/building baskets and wrapping the baskets, filling out bid sheets, there will be sign ups for set up at the event, assistance during, and close out, delivery of baskets to winners, and follow up for stragglers. Please plan on getting involved in this fundraiser, it is very important and one of our biggest sources of revenue for the Club.

Tickets Bill Tripp

Due October 2nd, Please bring ticket stubs and money to the next meeting, Oct. 2nd. If you need additional tickets call Bill. There are more clubs selling this year so it is important to get out there and sell those tickets now! For every ticket sold the Club receives \$15 and an additional \$10 will offset your players dues.



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- B. **Paper Drive** - Bill Tripp
This is a fundraiser that earned us \$6500 last year. The boys work the paper collection near Rossmoor Park every month. The boys earn 8 hours of community service and the Club makes money. Bill will distribute a schedule for the boys to work and distribute. If your son cannot work his scheduled shift, please make arrangements for someone else to work. Anyone high school age or older is allowed to work.
- C. **Christmas Tree sales** – Flynn
Last year we sold about 400 trees. This begins with a draft by the players to form teams and sell throughout Rossmoor. They have a lot of fun and it is a good team building night.
When the trees are delivered the boys work unloading them, organizing them and working the day of the tree pick up, carrying the trees to the cars, tying them down, etc.
We have coffee, hot cocoa, doughnuts and Griffin Baseball Gear sales at the Tree Pick up. Good event and everyone enjoys pitching in and getting in the holiday spirit.
- D. **Varsity Field Banner sales** - Chuck Simon
Sell the Field Banners, \$325 per Banner, \$150 credit toward your dues!
This is a great program. Makes the field look good, fast way to generate money.
- E. **Program Ads/Directory** – We will need someone to take this job, put together The directory and distribute at the beginning of the Spring Season
- F. **Griffin Gear** – Kathy Nakaki – will be coordinating the sales for Griffin Gear this Year. Kathy will be distributing a questionnaire to find out what type of ‘gear’ people are interested in purchasing. Shirts, hats, stadium seats, car decals, etc.
- G. **Snack Shack** – Ramona Wright will be managing the Snack Shack. Open during all games and tryouts. There will be a schedule for work shifts so everyone can participate. Donations of water, Gatorade, seeds, snacks, etc. are always welcome and helps build our fund!

6. **Wish List:**

- A. Additions to the Batting Cages
Netting, carpet, repair fence
- B. Bullpen improvements
Carpet, concrete
- C. Soft toss
Netting, carpet, repair fence

These are all projects we hope to see completed before the Spring Season.



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7. Communication:

- A. E-mail for LAHS Baseball ONLY
Please do not use the addresses for anything other than baseball information. Some people are receiving this correspondence at work and anything not pertaining to the program may be unwanted.
- B. Phone Tree – we need phone tree volunteers for each grade level. This will be necessary for last minute changes in game schedules. The more the volunteers the faster the calls go out.
- C. Website:
www.griffinbaseball.org
We have a great website, with lots of information, including the forms for our fundraisers, maps for directions to game sites. **We ask that you please check this website daily when there are games or special events.** You will see updated information regarding field changes, time changes, rosters for teams, tryout information and results, information about our Coaching staff, where our past Griffins are playing and much more.

8. Next Meeting-Tuesday, October 2nd, 7:00pm in room 500