



LOS ALAMITOS BASEBALL BOOSTER CLUB

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

Agenda-Room 154

1. **Welcome:**

Todd Deangelis introduced Coach Clabough noted that the program this year, has the most continuity ever and it's a great coaching staff. Coach Clabough agrees and mentioned with Ken Hanson, Ed Wilson and Jim Graves coaching the Freshman team they are in good hands, as the JV team is also with Guy Castillo and Klein.

The first official day of practice will be Monday, February 11th. The following Monday, February 18th is a holiday but that will be our kick off practice day, with two sessions of practice for Varsity. The morning will be defense and the afternoon will be hitting.

On February 23rd we will have scrimmages. The Varsity team will be at home, hosting Arlington and LaSerna. Varsity will play at 9 am and 3 pm. The JV team will be playing at Arlington in back to back games and the Freshman will be playing at LaSerna.

The tournament schedule is now on the website, please check for the Woodbridge, Millikan, Sonora and Gahr tournaments.

The yellow and white cards must be turned in by Monday in order to practice. If they are not turned in by Wednesday, Coach Clabough will assume that the player is not interested in playing and he will be out of the program.

The field has been laser leveled and it's in great shape.

Thanks to the Booster Club for everything we do for the program and our support. Coach Clabough spent some time explaining his view of the program and mentioned that he began coaching in 1984 with Andy Lopez who is now a Coach at Arizona, he's a great Coach and Coach Clabough learned a few things from him;

1. you must have a plan
2. you must be ready to go
3. play the right guys

On these points he said that he does have a plan, he is ready, and he thinks he is playing the right guys. We have 63 players in the program and that is a high number, for all of the teams. He feels that our Coaches are unbiased, while he realizes that it is difficult for the parents to be unbiased. The coaches want all of the players to succeed and he is concerned that they're picking the right guys. He will see the players in action in a few games before the league season starts.

Coach Clabough doesn't see himself getting the players ready for pro ball, only the very few get to that level. As they continue playing competition is more and more difficult. In all the years he has coached, he has only seen two players make it to the majors. He feels that we have a very talented group of seniors,



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and yet only one has signed for college. This is an indication of how much competition the players are facing.

Coach Clabough feels that more importantly he thinks the program is helping to prepare the boys to become responsible, participating members of the community, to be husbands, fathers and good people.

Coach Clabough went on to explain that if there is a player that feels he is not getting what he wants out of the program that player should step up and fight for what he wants, work hard to reach your goals, or change your goals.

Coach Majarris said " Too many parents are fearful of letting their kids experience disappointment, pain, challenges and failure" These, are the helicopter parents hovering over their children and doing too many things for them. Coach Clabough agrees and feels that the boys need to work on their own, face their own challenges and this helps them grow as people, develop character and succeed in life.

Coach Clabough will talk to the players about errors, effort, etc., Not in a game situation but at practice. He does not do this to berate the player but to challenge the player to work on their skills. He feels that what goes on at practice stays at practice. This is because we all know that as things get repeated, they are not repeated accurately and as a result what is talked about and repeated, is most likely not what was actually said.

Coach Clabough's door is always open, and he encourages player to discuss with him, if they have a problem with a situation regarding playing time or any other issues. Coach feels that the player should come to him to discuss this, not the parents. He will discuss with the parents, but really, it is the player that is involved and he should be the one to have the discussion with the Coach. Coach Clabough finished his discussion and asked if there were any questions or comments.

Donna Kesky had a question, she explained that someone has been filming the JV boys in the dugout, and she asked why this was taking place and explained that she felt this was an invasion of privacy, and should not be taking place. Coach Clabough replied that he could not comment.

2. Old Business

- A. Review
- B. Approval of January, 2008 Minutes
Ed Kesky and George Randolph

3. New Business

- A. Treasure's Report – Flynn
We have some bills to paid coming up, Buddy's All Stars (uniforms) and the laser leveling.
- B. Player Responsibilities (Dues) – Flynn



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- C. Opening Day: February 16th
Pictures 10:30 AM – Players please be at the field fully dressed by 9:30
There will be staging, grouping etc. to be ready for the pictures. Be sure to bring the form for picture orders
Games 12 PM – There will be 4 different teams, the JV will play the Frosh and the Varsity will be split and play each other.
In-N-Out 1-4 pm – bring your coupons, if you need more you can purchase them the day of the event
Needs: Ice Chests, EZ ups, Tables and Chairs
- D. Uniform Update-Mike
Mike had additional items at the meeting and he is waiting for some XL jerseys that haven't yet arrived.
- E. DVD update – Chuck Simon
Explained that the package this year for \$50 will include the DVD and Kevin will prepare a separate CD-R for each player with still photos, the # of photos will range depending on the player and how many pictures he was able to take. This package will also include a yearbook, one per player.
- F. Scrimmage Feb. 23rd All Day
All teams will scrimmage on the 23rd. Varsity will be at home against LaSerna and Arlington. They will play at 9 and 3. We will BBQ and need help and bbq's. JV will play at Arlington, back to back games and Frosh will play at Whittier.

4. Fundraising

- A. Griffin Gear – Kathy Nakaki
Kathy had orders available for pick up and will take more orders
- C. Banners - Chuck Simon/Chuck Lawhon
Outstanding year, we have sold approx. 50 – 60 banners. The Freshman families did a great job selling about 20 and that is good for the program, hopefully those will be repeat customers for the future years.
- D. Snack Shack - Ramona Wright
Running smoothly, need Gatorade and water, need volunteers to sign up for shifts.
- E. Paper Drive – Matt Lorenzini
Feb. 23rd Jacob Calderon, Jared Cortez, Charlie Cravens, Russ Mellen
Eric Small & Bill Austin
Working well, please make sure if your son cannot work his shift to find



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a replacement and let Matt know. It will be difficult as there are games coming up on every Saturday from now through the season.

5. **Field Improvements**

A. Updates-Todd

Working on Fence & Trees. Field has been Laser Leveled. We will have have the Infield Apron/Backstop pads

6. **Communication**

A. Directory – JoAnn Springer has volunteered.

B. Taste of Los Al tickets – Esther Randolph

C. Opening Day 2009 Deb Rivas

Still need more volunteers for Christmas Tree Sales, Banquet 2009, Snack Shack

7. **Questions**

8. **Next Meeting** - Todd DeAngelis - Tuesday, March 4, 2008

10. **Adjourn** -DeAngelis

Ferramola and Randolph