



LOS ALAMITOS BASEBALL BOOSTER CLUB

Minutes of Tuesday, March 3, 2009 Room 153

1. **Welcome:** Todd D'Angelis opened the meeting at 7:06 PM.
2. **Old Business:**
 - A. Approval of March 2009 minutes by Steve Hyman, seconded by Mark Millar.
3. **New Business:**
 - A. The **Treasurer's Report** was given by Darin Minter, updated through March 1st. The report covered revenue projected from remaining player dues, snack shack sales, Griffin Gear sales, DVD sales, banquet ticket sales, and recycled newspapers. Estimated expenses include expenses for banquet, DVD fees, along with coach stipends, field maintenance, busing, and other budgeted categories. Selling more banners would help the overall budget.
 - B. **DVDs** of the 2009 season- All **orders** go to Mike Godoy. Please pay by check made out to LABBC. . Prices will go up to \$60 after this March 3rd meeting. **Senior** parents need to get their **8 pictures** to Mike by April 16th to be included in the banquet. Check the website for details (right at the top!).
 - C. The **LABBC Website** is the source for all scheduling updates including time changes, rainouts, or any other change. **NB.** Mike needs a volunteer to email Freshman, JV, and Varsity scores to him for posting on the website.
 - D. **Banquet** - Kathy Nakaki reported that plans were going well and that the original budget was trimmed by more than half. Kathy thanked Mike Godoy and Darin Minter for helping to keep expenses down by taking on the program and invitation printing. Invitations will be given out at the April 16th meeting. **Banquet is May 23rd.**
 - E. **Player Directories** for the 2009 season were distributed by JoAnn Springer. JoAnn thanked Cheryl Ferramola for designing the Varsity Game Programs for home games.
4. **Fund Raising**
 - A. **Banners** - See Chuck Lawhon to arrange for additional banner sales. There is no cutoff! We desperately need more banners! There have been 34 banners sold compared to 63 sold for the 2008 season. Some of the most recently sold banners are not up yet.
 - B. **Paper Drive** - Matt Lorenzini reported on successful February collection, encouraging families to bring their own print recyclables. "Many hands make light work." The next Collection is scheduled for **April 25th** staffed by players **Dave Shiotis, Kyle Roberts, Charlie Cravens, & Lucas Hyman.** Matt thanked parents for their help especially Mike Farris, Bill Mellen, Cathy Yaz, and Rich Nighswonger.
 - C. **Car Wash** - Rich Nighswonger thanked all for buying the discounted car washes that yield a \$5 profit for us and encouraged people to give their unused tickets to likely customers.
 - D. **Snack Shack** - Todd thanked Shari Mestrin for her amazing work with snack shack. **Donations of water, sport drinks, and candy** are ongoing needs. .



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- E. **Griffin Gear** still needs to be sold! It has been purchased and the inventory will bring in needed revenue before the end of the year.
- F. **Dawn Hyman** presented a **new fundraising idea**: pooling all families' **used baseball equipment** for one grand, well publicized sale either on land or on EBay. The response of the boosters was quite enthusiastic.! Timing was discussed.

7. Questions -

- A. **Busing**--The main question of the evening was about return busing being dropped for the spring season. This change in the busing schedule had been announced at the February meeting and posted on the Griffin Baseball website.
 - ** Todd, Darin, and Mike explained the direct correlation between monies raised this season and funds currently available for busing. Lower returns in this year's main fundraisers-- Taste of Los Al, Christmas trees, and banners – have not allowed for 2-way busing.
 - ** It was suggested that the Player Directories be used to set up rides for players whose parents could not attend a game.
 - ** The question of release forms was raised.

8. Coach Clabough

- A. **Coach announced that no coach would leave a game until all players had rides back to the school.**
- B. Summer ball was outlined in preliminary form. Coach made the point that previous summers have seen a steady decrease in the number of Legion games played. The change in CIF rules places more emphasis on Fall and Winter as prep time for the spring season. This summer there will be 2 teams that share 25-30 games between them, and a second league for younger players. Coach estimates a "big fall" schedule.
- C. Coach also suggested that if parents are seeking more baseball for their players, they should look for other teams outside of school, although pitching for two teams would be tough. Players and parents need to prioritize the high school games, if other team participation occurs.
- D. Coach thanked parents for all of their work in support of Griffin Baseball.
- E. He emphasized that playing time was based on player performance at practice. Practice offered equal opportunity to all players every day. Playing time is earned by work at practice. Coach also spoke to parents' role in maintaining a positive, supportive climate for their players. Parents' support of their sons and the coaches has enormous value.
- F. Stay tuned for more announcements on Spring Break practice.
- G. Concerns about player treatment can best be discussed between players and coaches. Parents can email or leave voicemails for Coach Clabough, if further coach input is necessary. Email is best. Please do not talk with coaches after games.
- H. Coach explained that umpires could not be paid before season starts, and that is reflected in some umpire attitudes, attendance, and punctuality.

- 9. **Next Meeting** - Thursday, April 16th 2009. President DeAngelis called for adjournment at 8:10 PM.