CA Heat Fastpitch

Cooper Armstrong Girls Fastpitch Association

Thursday October 8, 2015

7 pm Frankie's Pizza, New Hope

 Attendance: Kevin, Erin, Dave, Cherry, Tammy, Tia, guests – Jeff, Chris

**POTENTIAL CONCERNS REGARDIGN CA HEAT 18u TEAM PROPOSAL:**

* Accommodation of 18u Cooper/Armstrong girls.
* Jeff and Chris are seeking board approval to keep their fall ball team together and move to 18u for summer. Current pitcher ages out of 16u. Chris stated that they would be willing to take on additional girls to complete a team. They are in need of one additional pitcher. They currently have 9 girls.
* Non Cooper/Armstrong girls getting preferential team placement ahead of Cooper/Armstrong girls.
* Chris and Jeff, along with the Board agree that their team is a “CA HEAT” team. They played with us for fall ball and have stated their desire to stay with our program.
* Non Cooper/Armstrong girl getting a team to play on, Cooper/Armstrong girl losing out.
* A “Cooper/Armstrong” player coming in who has never played for CA Heat before would be given no preferential treatment based on where they are located vs. players who have already been loyal to CAGFA. Although everyone agrees we need to try to accommodate everyone as best as we can.
* 16u Cooper/Armstrong girls who want to play up.
* Erin suggested we could possibly do an all 16u tryout. Chris and Jeff could then choose the best players to build their team. They felt comfortable with that. But the Board doesn’t feel it would come to that. No one sees additional 16u players wanting to play up. All of Chris and Jeff’s players are 2nd year 16u. Board agrees we need consistency when dealing with players who want to play up.
* Too many 16u girls for one team but not enough for two.
* 16u girls returning to CA Heat.
* Question: Would Eric’s team want to move up? Or do 16uA? Unsure. Regardless…Chris and Jeff’s team would not affect the 16u numbers.
* Concern about setting precedent, allowing coaches to select town team.
* Board agrees this is a unique situation. Opportunity to have an 18u summer team is great. And ideally we would like to keep Chris/Jeff and their team together and with CAGFA.
* Board policy is to approve coaches, putting cart before the horse.
* We approved these coaches once. All agree we would want them again. Chris and Jeff stated they have completed the background checks.

Erin makes motion:16u Fall moves to 18u Summer together, which includes:

1. Returning CA Heat 2015 Summer players that age up get first chance
2. Get registration and $100.00 down payment from each player
3. Jeff Danovsky & Christ Staples are coaches
4. Allow other CA Heat players to try out, coach choice on who plays

Board clarification on motion and plan from Jeff/Chris:

(To Chris and Jeff) What do you need from us? They need to know if they have a “home” for their 18u team. They can then let the girls know and get commitments before they go to other teams.

Do we ask them to register now/take down payment? Board hasn’t decided upon Summer Registration fees. Chris and Jeff will collect $100.00 down payment from each girl. Dave/Kevin will supply an updated Registration form. Omit the full price of Summer Registration until Board approves that cost. Will email form to Chris and Jeff, as online Registration is not available yet.

Chris and Jeff agree to no practices until registrations are in. Team is covered under insurance through December 31st but any new girls will not be covered through that date. Chris and Jeff have stated they have trainings set up. 6 @ the SHED and 6 @ Grand Slam. Chris also stated funding for those are already take care of. Chris and Jeff agree that if players are to pay for the training they should pay the complex directly or send in to Cherry. No money should pass through coach’s hands.

Dave seconds the motion, Unanimous approval.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

MONEY STILL OWED FOR NATIONAL PINS: 4 girls still unpaid for National Pins. It was suggested that in future years we collect money for pins before they are given. Cherry feels comfortable with continuing trying to contact the families that are unpaid to obtain the amount due. Board agrees this is the best approach.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: Board agrees to remove the statement on the registration form regarding financial assistance. Question was asked; how do we make the assistance given out to players more standard and across the board? Setting up the payment plans was suggested as the easiest way. There were also concerns on determining eligibility? Board needs a clear vision on who should receive and how it is given out to provide some consistency and easier understanding of what assistance is available if it is needed. Will continue to discuss this, as the Board gets closer to finalizing feed for summer.

WINTER CLINIC FEES:

Everyone agreed that we should state the urgency to register early for the Winter Clinics as it will be a first come first serve basis. 2 timeslots per session, 10 players for each timeslot. Players will choose a timeslot (or Board will choose slots for players doing both hitting and pitching based on balance) and must stick to that slot for the entire session. We should ask that they email or mail the registration and payment in before the clinic start date. Kevin feels we need to try to have a few board members present on the first night, just in case we were to have any late registrations show up.

1st Session - 6 weeks

2nd Session – 8 weeks

Dave makes motion for the costs of the winter clinics to be as follows:

1st: 2nd:
Pitching - $100.00 Pitching - $135.00

Hitting - $30.00 Hitting - $40.00

Both - $110.00 Both - $150.00

Deadline to sign-up is before Session start date. First come first Serve.

Cherry seconds motion. Unanimous approval.

Dave will have Clinic Information on the website by Saturday. And will send an email blast out to the Master List.

**Annual Calendar**

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| **January*** email blast for summer tryouts
* flyer for schools ready to send
* email summer registration information
* open summer registration
 | **May** | **September*** organize winter clinics
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| **February** | **June*** email fall ball registration
* organize fall ball fundraising
 | **October*** email blast for winter clinics
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| **March*** order uniforms
* organize summer fundraising
* summer league meeting
 | **July*** organize fall tryouts
* order fall uniforms
 | **November** |
| **April** | **August*** fall ball league meeting
 | **December** |