

Branham Hills Girls Softball
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 5th, 2009
Call to order 7:15 p.m.

Attendees;

League Board: Joe Forney, Derek Bowers, Lisa Mandy, Tammy Klauser

Seasonal Board: Kelly Dierkes, Dave Millet, Dale Grogan, Steve Handell, Joe McKinney

Guests: None

Minutes from the February Meeting (Dated 02/05/09): Dave Millet motioned to approve. Dale Grogan second the motion. Minutes were approved.

Presidents Report – Joe Forney

- See “Old & New Business” below

Vice Presidents Report – Butch Coyne

- N/A

Treasurer’s Report – Lisa Mandy

- Lisa received the new copy of QuickBooks software.
- Lisa is working with the new tax person.

Player Agent’s Report – Tammy Klauser

- We may have more 14U/16U players register. If we get a few more, we may have enough for 2 teams in that division.

Secretary’s Report – Derek Bowers

- N/A

Umpire in Chief – Steve Handell

- Steve will have the umpires meeting next week.

Fundraising/Uniforms – Kelly Dierkes

- Kelly is working on the uniforms. Some were backordered and some substitutions were made in order to receive all of the uniforms by opening day.
- Kelly will send a reminder for the raffle basket donations.

Safety Director/Equipment– Dave Millet

- Dave picked up more softballs and we may need even more.
- Dave will get more of the yellow, heavy-duty tees.

Clinics & Coach Certifications– Derek Bowers

- Still getting ACE certifications from team staffs.

6U Division Representative –

- N/A

8U Division Representative –

- N/A

10U Division Representative – Dale Grogan

- Dale asked for clarification on the practice time limit. Joe will clarify and send an email out to the coaches and managers next week.

12U Division Representative – Joe McKinney

- N/A

Old Business:

- Website Update: Derek said that the website should be live within a few days or so.
- Tax Filing Deadline: See Treasurer's report above
- District Concerns / requests (from Butch to Joe to report)
 - o The fence is moved
 - o There were no complaints about the dust from the fields (It's been raining).
- Yearbook Finalization: Everybody saw the sample. Approximate cost is \$4500 for the 60 page book. proposed that we give it out free this year as a trial. Dave motioned to approve the expense and the give-away. Lisa second the motion. Motion was approved.
- A-Ball proposal: Kelly motioned to approve the proposal (attached at the end of these minutes). Steve second the motion. Motion was passed.

New Business:

- 10U, 12U & 14U Rules review: Dale clarified the 10u rules with board input over the past week via email. The board agreed on the rules and Dale will send out to the 10U division coaches and managers. Joe received the 12u and 14u interleague rules and will distribute. Derek will post all of the rules on the new website.
- Opening day plans:
 - o Steve to get umpires for the two 12U games.
 - o Hit A Thon starts at 9:00 AM. 6U on C, 8U on D, 10U on B, 12U & 14U on A
 - o Kelly to set up "check in" table and distribute shirts at check in.
 - o 10:30 line up for parade
 - o Kelly to get wristbands for "king-combo" payees and a regular hand stamp for jump activities only payees.
 - o Joe to recruit volunteers and send out a master schedule.

Next meeting Date:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 2, at 7:30 PM.

Adjournment: 8:40 p.m.

Attachment: The A-Ball proposal

February 4, 2009

To: Branham Hills Girls Softball, Board of Trustees
Prepared by: Derek Bowers

RE: Proposal to establish an A-Level travel team program

SCOPE: The scope of this document is to outline the basic concepts and budgetary estimates to establish an A-level competitive travel team program within the BHGS structure. The objective is to get board approval to proceed with the promotion and development of the program.

History and background:

BHGS has been around for many years serving the recreational girls softball community and also the (Thunder) B&C level competitive programs.

Each year, there are some players/families that leave BHGS in order to compete at a higher level of competition call A-Level, or A-Ball. The challenge for BHGS is that often, these families are some of the most active and involved people in the league in managing teams, coaching, board members etc. When these families leave, a lot of community friendship, knowledge and volunteer hours leave with them.

In recent years, the Thunder programs have grown and improved the overall skill levels of these players. The introduction of the 8u Thunder in 2004 and the increased emphasis of pitching and coaching clinics have contributed greatly. The Thunder players also return to the Spring season as leadership models. With this success, BHGS has also produced more and more A-Level caliber players. This has lead to more players/families leaving BHGS for A-Level organizations.

Pros and Cons of an A-Level program:

Pros:

If we establish this program, we will be able to offer an A-Level product to our existing BHGS community and thus possibly limit the number of families leaving the league. Also, the A-Level program should also attract more active and involved families as their players join the BHGS community (see eligibility below). The A-Level players may also have siblings that may join the recreational level teams.

Cons:

If we establish this program, the greatest challenges may be scheduling field use due to the limited field availability we have at BHGS. (It is understood that BHGS is a Rec-level league first and field use priority will be given to those programs as first priority.) This program will also increase the overall budget of the league and will require extra work to manage the program.

ASA compliance:

BHGS is affiliated with ASA (Amateur Softball Association) and as such, the A-Level program will be subject first to ASA rules as outlined in the BHGS by laws and procedure manuals. A-Level teams may register and participate in other organization tournaments and activities such as USSSA, NSA, iFA, and TCS but all players will be registered with ASA as first priority. All coaches and managers will be ACE certified.

Reporting structure:

We will create a new board position of A-Level Travel Director. This position will report to the board under the BHGS Travel Program guidelines. The A-Level Director will be the liaison to the board for the program and will be appointed by the board. Given the relatively large size of the A-Level budget and the year-round schedule, it is suggested that this board position is year round rather than our traditional seasonal board positions.

Fundraising:

Fundraising for the A-level program will follow established BHGS guidelines and procedures. Fundraising proceeds will be used to offset tournament fees, field use fees, and equipment costs only and will not be used for travel and lodging expenses unless pre-approved by the BHGS board.

Registration and fees:

Registration for the A-level program will follow the standard procedures outlined for BHGS Travel program. Due to the higher overall fees, payments may be collected in specified, scheduled intervals throughout the year.

The fees will be calculated per the budget and are intended to cover the costs of:

- Tournament fees
- Umpire costs (for friendly games)
- Uniform expenses and other equipment
- District and field use fees
- Insurance costs
- Training costs such as indoor batting cages, professional trainers etc.
- Any league fees

**There are no scholarships available for players in the A-level program. However, sponsorship (either personal or corporate) of a player for full or partial fees will be allowed upon board approval.

Travel Expenses:

Travel expenses (hotel, transportation, etc) are to be paid 100% by the parents. These expenses are NOT included in the registration fees collected.

Player Eligibility:

The A-Level players will not be restricted to the normal geographical boundaries as the BHGS recreational players. The only requirement is that the player be able to attend practices and meetings per the team's guidelines. A-Level players will not be participants on the regular recreation teams (as is required for Thunder). All other eligibility will conform to BHGS and ASA standards.

Team Staff:

The A-Level teams will have a Manager, Head Coach, and assistants. (All ACE certified) These are volunteer positions and the board will approve all team staff positions. BHGS volunteer forms and procedures will be used as well.

Members of the team staff (either manager, head coach, or assistant) will be encouraged to be active board members, or recreational coaches or managers during the spring rec season. This may increase contribution and involvement from the A-level teams.

One staff member, either manager, head coach, or assistant coach, must be a female over 21 years of age.

Tryouts:

The A-Level teams will hold general tryouts once or twice a year depending on the team's status and availability of players.

Spring/Summer tryout will be in November or December

Fall tryouts will be in August (if needed to fill roster spots)

The staff may have smaller, individual tryouts during the year to fill roster spots vacated by a player during the season.

All players must have some type of tryout to be eligible for selection to the team. A BHGS administrative board member, in addition to the Team Staff must be present at the general, group tryouts. This is not necessary for individual tryouts to fill a vacated roster position.

The Head Coach has the final say on the players selected for the roster.

Players will be notified, after tryouts, according to the BHGS Travel Team selection procedure whether they are selected for a roster spot or not.

Minimum play requirements:

There are no minimum play requirements for A-level teams. Innings played and positions played are at the complete discretion of the head coach. This will be clearly outlined in the parent information/agreement letter used as part of registration.

Proposed name and uniform colors:

A big part of the success of A-Level teams is its ability to recruit highly talented players to join the organization. When selecting a name and color scheme, care needs to be taken to distinguish these teams from any reference to a B or C level program. This may be a challenge for an A-level team affiliated with a “recreational league.”

The proposed name of the teams in the A-Level program is the “**California KRYPTONITE.**” This name was chosen because it was found to be unique among other A-level teams in CA. This name also lends itself to continue the green, white and black color theme that BHGS uses for the B&C level teams (Thunder) Adding “California” to the name helps identify the teams when competing in National events.

The name “California KRYPTONITE” will be reserved for true A-Level teams that are affiliated with BHGS under these guidelines. For example, if BHGS determines that a team like the B-level San Jose Blasters will continue, they will remain the “Blasters” or be changed to the “Thunder” team name.

The proposed KRYPTONITE colors will be neon green, white, and black. (Neon green was substituted for the Thunder dark green to further distinguish the team from the B&C level)

Saturday uniforms: neon green jersey, black pants, and neon green socks.

Sunday uniforms: black jersey, black pants, and neon green socks

Proposed logo (see below)

Logo on Black Jersey



Logo on Neon Green Jersey



Start-Up date:

The proposed first team will begin in the Fall of 2009. Tryouts will be held in August. Player recruiting and public promotion activities will begin immediately and continue throughout the summer. Derek Bowers is the proposed head coach of this team and is also the proposed A-Level director and liaison to the board.

The first fall team will be a 13U team (players born in 1996 and 1997). They will compete in 13u and 14u tournaments in the fall.

Tryouts will be held again in November and/or December for the 2010 roster. All of the 2009 fall players will be invited back to tryouts along with any new players that are interested. We will evaluate the team before the fall 2010 season to determine if another tryout is needed.

Proposed Budget:

The proposed budget for the 2009 fall season and the 2010 spring/summer season is noted below.

2009 FALL Kryptonite Budget						
Team:	13U		12	Total players on roster		
Income		Qty	\$ Each	2008 Proposed Total	Actual Total	Over/ (under) Budget
Registration Fees (full status)		12	\$ 421.75	\$ 5,061.00	\$ -	\$ 5,061.00
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				\$ 5,061.00	\$ -	\$ 5,061.00
Expense		Qty	\$ Each	2008 Proposed Total	Actual Total	Over/ (under) Budget
Tournament 1		1	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00
Tournament 2		1	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00
Tournament 3		1	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00
Tournament 4		1	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00
Friendly #1 (umpire fees)		1	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00
Friendly #2 (umpire fees)		1	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Uniforms Subtotal (see detailed breakout)		1	\$ 1,231.00	\$ 1,231.00	\$ -	\$ 1,231.00
USSSA Team Registration Fees		1	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 30.00
BHGS Field use fee & Insurance		1	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Indoor Training @ Cutting Edge 10 weeks @ \$150/wk		10	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Catcher's gear (shin guards, helmet, chest protector)		1	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				\$ 5,061.00	\$ -	\$ 5,061.00
Team Profit (Loss)				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Uniforms Expense (detailed this team only)		Qty	\$ Each	2008 Proposed Total	Actual Total	Over/ (under) Budget
Jersey (top)-Green includes numbers and logo		13	\$ 35.00	\$ 455.00	\$ -	\$ 455.00
Jersey (top)-Black includes numbers and logo		13	\$ 35.00	\$ 455.00	\$ -	\$ 455.00
Socks (green)		26	\$ 6.00	\$ 156.00	\$ -	\$ 156.00
Coach's shirts		3	\$ 55.00	\$ 165.00	\$ -	\$ 165.00
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Pants (players supply their own solid black pants)				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Helmets (wait until spring of 2010)				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Travel Equipment Bags (wait until spring of 2010)				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Jackets				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Note: any set up fees are amortized into total qty cost ea</i>				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				\$ 1,231.00	\$ -	\$ 1,231.00

2010 SPRING/SUMMER Kryptonite Budget

Team:	14U		12	Total players on roster		
Income						
	Qty	\$ Each	2008 Proposed Total	Actual Total	Over/ (under) Budget	
Registration Fees (full status)	12	\$ 1,076.33	\$ 12,916.00	\$ -	\$ 12,916.00	
			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
			\$ 12,916.00	\$ -	\$ 12,916.00	
Expense						
	Qty	\$ Each	2008 Proposed Total	Actual Total	Over/ (under) Budget	
Tournament 1	1	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	
Tournament 2	1	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	
Tournament 3	1	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	
Tournament 4	1	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	
Tournament 5	1	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	
Tournament 6	1	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	
Tournament 7	1	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	
Tournament 8	1	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	
Tournament 9	1	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	
Tournament 10	1	\$ 675.00	\$ 675.00	\$ -	\$ 675.00	
Tournament 11	1	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00			
Friendly #1 (umpire fees)	1	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00	
Friendly #2 (umpire fees)	1	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00	
Friendly #3 (umpire fees)	1	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00	
Uniforms Subtotal (see detailed breakout)	1	\$ 3,286.00	\$ 3,286.00	\$ -	\$ 3,286.00	
USSSA Team Registration Fees	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
ASA Team Registration Fees	12	\$ 15.00	\$ 180.00	\$ -	\$ 180.00	
BHGS Field use fee & Insurance	1	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00	
Indoor Training @ Cutting Edge 24 weeks @ \$150/wk	24	\$ 150.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ -	\$ 3,600.00	
			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
			\$ 12,916.00	\$ -	\$ 12,316.00	
Team Profit (Loss)			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Uniforms Expense (detailed this team only)						
	Qty	\$ Each	2008 Proposed Total	Actual Total	Over/ (under) Budget	
Jersey (top)-Green includes numbers and logo	13	\$ 35.00	\$ 455.00	\$ -	\$ 455.00	
Jersey (top)-Black includes numbers and logo	13	\$ 35.00	\$ 455.00	\$ -	\$ 455.00	
Socks (green)	26	\$ 6.00	\$ 156.00	\$ -	\$ 156.00	
Coach's shirts	3	\$ 55.00	\$ 165.00	\$ -	\$ 165.00	
			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Pants (players supply their own solid black pants)			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Helmets (wait until spring of 2010)	12	\$ 40.00	\$ 480.00	\$ -	\$ 480.00	
Travel Equipment Bags (wait until spring of 2010)	12	\$ 75.00	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	
Jackets	15	\$ 45.00	\$ 675.00	\$ -	\$ 675.00	
			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<i>Note: any set up fees are amortized into total qty cost ea</i>			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
			\$ 3,286.00	\$ -	\$ 3,286.00	