

Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association
First Newsletter, October 1968

Dear Members:

Welcome aboard. We have started our drive for membership in our Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association. We are getting very good returns at this time. We hope to be around 100 members our first year. Some districts are doing much better than others. At this time, each district representative will encourage the coaches in his district to join. If you have questions you wish answered, call or write any one of the representatives.

The district representatives are:

District 1 – NW Corner—to be named later.

District 2 – Don Burgess—Denison

District 3 – Keith Meyers – Shenandoah

District 4 – Elmer Starr – Mason City

District 5 – Clair Rierson – Iowa State University, Ames

District 6 – Bob Bielstein – Des Moines Lincoln

District 7 – Dick Olejniczak – Decorah

District 8 – Bernie Hitchison – Norway

District 9 – Bill Holmstrom – Iowa City, City High or Bill Freese – Davenport Central

We are making plans to hold one of the best baseball clinics the state has ever had. It will be held at Cedar Rapids Washington High School, February 28 and March 1. So far the men lined up are: Hal Trosky, former White Sox; Dick Rosek former Cleveland Indian; Hal Trosky, Jr., former White Sox; Gene Baker, former Cub; Joe Lutz, Southern Illinois; Cap Timm, Iowa State; Dick Schulz, University of Iowa; Bill Freese, Davenport Central; and Pat Daugherty, Centerville Junior College. These men all have volunteered their time so this first clinic can be a success. Each one will speak on a different topic.

We will have a dinner meeting Friday evening and will hold the first meeting for the association. We will adopt a Constitution, elect officers, and “talk about coaching baseball”. We hope to have a number of college coaches here to talk to the coaches about their prospects for 1969. There are enough hotels and motels in Cedar Rapids for you to stay. We will try to get the Holiday Inn or Town House Hotel as the central place for you to send for reservations for overnight. Bring your wife! Plan on staying overnight and make a good weekend of baseball.

Jack Ogden from the Cedar Rapids Gazette and Bob Nelson from WMT-TV will help with Publicity. The clinic will not be a success unless we as baseball coaches of Iowa work to make it a success. Make your plans and put this date on your calendar – February 28 and March 1 at the Cedar Rapids Washington Little Theater.

A new book coaches might be interested in is Jack Coombs, BASEBALL 4th Edition, published by Danny Litwhiler – Prentice Hall. I find it to be one of the best.

Congratulations to Norway for winning the Fall Title.

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Harold “Pinky” Primrose, Chairman

If you have any ideas for the newsletter, drop me a line and we will put it in.