

April 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees								
Troy	Gilbert	x	Lee Ann	Cammett	x	Brian	Hoyt	X
Jeff	Jackson	X	Lorraine	Crist		Doug	Linnehan	X
Lee	Rollick	X	Tom	Daly	X	Keith	Palmer	X
Ed	Gullison		Brett	Elmore	X	Andy	Singh	X
Jay	Swett	x	Todd	Gibbons	X	Bob	Stephens	X
			Jeff	Dickenson	x	Don	Perreault	
Guests:								

- Meeting convened: 7:08
- Approve March minutes: motion made by Tom, Keith 2nd. Unanimous approval.
- Treasurer's report – Ed: not present, report distributed by Jeff J
- Discuss rule change about 10's sliding from AA to A league: current ruling allowing players to slide from AA to A stands, exceptions can be made and will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Suggestion made to change evaluation report to include previous year team/level.
- Discuss how we can improve Rookie League: discussed various changes: kids pitch, use pitching machine, Todd shared East Kingston's league ideas – adjust diamond. Due to time, subject shelved to summer discussion.
- End of season player report card discussed: Subject well received. Question posed: what would be done with information collected? To be used only by President when questioned re: player placement. All board member coaches in agreement. Also discussed: league survey for coaches.
- Discuss how we can improve retention of 12's: concern that registrations for BR is down – Lee Ann suggested cause could be lower numbers in that age group overall in the SAU. Bob suggested that kids might be intimidated by the size and suggested changing the size from 90' to 80'. Jeff Dickenson responded that he has not witnessed any intimidation by the size change. Agreed that we need to raise awareness re: BR at the 12-year-old level.
- Creating a Coaching Coordinator position: Troy discussed need to recruit non-parent coaches. Discussion ensued re: improving coaching o/a. Jeff J suggested board member coaches to compile list of practice drills and send t Jeff to distribute to new coaches. League coordinators to coordinate single A coaches to come to AA practices/games to see seasoned coaches run practices.
 - Use college students as coaches? Idea well received. Future discussion.
- Fundraising update – Lee: Red Sox raffle organized and set. All coaches have selling spots and players are excited about the new “Every team selling over \$1,000 gets a pizza party” suggested by Brett.
- Softball update – Don: Don not present. Jeff J relayed that there was a meeting 4/4/12 that Tom Early reported as very well organized. 2 teams at 6th-8th grade, 3 teams at 3rd-5th grade, 2 teams at 1st – 2nd grade levels.
- Babe Ruth update - Jeff D: Participating towns agreed to framework. Need to adjust by-laws to include both Babe Ruth and Softball.
- Sponsor update – Brett: New signs ordered and will be put up prior to opening day.
- Assistant Coaches – Troy presented list of potential assistant coaches. Discussion ensued. Motion to approve amended list by Jay, 2nd by Jeff J. Unanimous approval.
- League Coordinators – approved unanimously.
 - Majors - John Brescia
 - AAA - Andy Singh
 - AA - Jay Swett
 - A - Keith Palmer
- Opening Day – might have to move to CMS

- Meritorious Awards - John, Matt, Terri
- Publicity - Keith
- Need setup help – need all board members to come help
- Program - Terri
- Honor last year's 11yo-70', 11yo-60' and 9yo AS teams
- First group of EJBL Softball players
- Other stuff? – Lee reminded Sportsmanship awards from previous year are recognized.
- Field report – Jay: all fields had good turnout except Kensington
 - Field Days/current conditions/repairs – Brentwood field needs major field repair. Bob suggested fix Olsen field and maintaining professionally. Motion to fix Olsen field by LeeAnn, 2nd by Brett. Approved unanimously. Keith motioned to set up maintenance program for both Newfields and Brentwood, 2nd by Brett. Approved unanimously.
 - Brentwood requested \$1900 to pay half of the field maintenance to the BR field. Jeff J suggested not to approve due to lack of irrigation and same problem will happen again next year. Discussion ensued re: town's participation in EJBL requiring to provide adequate field space. Discussion flowed to possible 70' conversion...
 - Possible Brentwood 70' conversion – Bob presented motion to endorse converting Brentwood Babe Ruth field from 90' field to convertible field for 70' use. Extensive discussion ensued re: need for more 70' field space. More information needed to financially endorse. 2nd to endorse plan by Brett. 11 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstained.
- Coed Sportswear revote: Jay reported positive conversation with Coed Sportswear regarding promoting their company via our website. Discussion ensued. Jeff motioned to promote Coed Sportswear to league on our website, 2nd by Jay. 2 in favor, 5 opposed, 3 abstained.
- Umpires update – Brian: umpire company set and ready.
- Rookie update - Doug – shelved to next meeting
- Equipment update - Lee-Ann: A – Major distributed. Rookies distributed Friday. Softball equipment to be supplied by Bases Loaded.
- Uniforms update – Todd: Every team is set up and satisfied.
- New business / Open items: Jay reported new player moving from Texas. Player will be placed according to appropriate age/level.
- Meeting adjourned 10:30pm
- Next meeting, May 3, 7-9

Action items:

- Lorraine: change evaluation report to include previous years team/level
- End of season player report card
- End of season coach survey to parents
- Board member coaches to compile list of practice drills and send to Jeff to distribute to new coaches.
- League coordinators to coordinate single A coaches to come to AA practices/games to see seasoned coaches run practices
- Post Season - Need to adjust by-laws to include both Babe Ruth and Softball.