



Exeter Junior Baseball & Softball League
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2015

2014-2015 Board Members Attendance:

Dave Morissette	X	Doug Lenihan	X	Paul Imbimbo	X
Troy Gilbert	X	Lorraine Crist	X	Matt Smith	X
Stephanie Brackett	X	Mike LaNigra	X	Don Perreault	X
Tim Bond	X	Rick Lafleur	X	Bryan Wall	X
Shawn Roussin	X	Eric Roffman	X		
Todd Gibbons	X	Bruce Fielding	X		

Guests: Brian Hoyt

- Meeting convened at 7:05pm.
- Approve March minutes: Motion to approve March minutes made by Matt Smith, Troy 2nd. All approved with no abstentions.
- Treasurer's report: see report, approximately \$42,500 in bank at end of March. Matt to update previous budget for facilities given to Tim and email it to him.
- Coaches – Motion to approve Head Coaches made by Stephanie, Matt 2nd. All approved with no abstentions.

Majors

Braves: Brett Elmore
Astros: Mark Constance
Cubs: Ethan Shapiro
Marlins: Bryan Wall
Pirates: Eric Roffman
Reds: Todd Gibbons

AAA

Dodgers: Brian Hoyt
Angels: Shawn Roussin
Athletics: Randy Currier
Royals: Eric Norman

AA

Red Sox: Eugene Pikul
Blue Jays: Bill Pease
Orioles: Mike LaNigra
Cardinals: Scott Bleakley

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Rangers: Jay Gamble
Phillies: Neil Vorster
Rays: Jonathan Young
Twins: Ben Darby

Rookie League

Durham Bulls: Conor O'Brien
Batavia Muckdogs: Rick Lafleur
Lakewood Blue Claws: Chris Crombie
Portland Sea Dogs: Steve Kavanaugh

- Fundraising update: See Mike's report. Cindy Tuttle made signs for raffle sales/tables. Mike getting raffle tickets from Infinite Imaging tomorrow. Working with Summit Signs on signs for fields. To be put up on fencing during Field Clean up day. Discussed option of selling Fischer Cats tickets at cost for \$6 vs. increasing price to make a profit. Todd and Tim both expressed that they felt we should make it a special event and sell tickets at cost to families opposed to making a profit. All members in agreement. Lorraine offered to sell Fischer Cats tickets at a table during Opening Day Ceremony. Bruce suggested we set up a page/link on the website to sell tickets after Opening Day.

Action: Troy to work on getting the link up on the webpage. Great incentives in place for the top selling team and top selling player of raffle tickets. Top team will be on the field for the national anthem during the EJBL night at the Fisher Cats on June 5th. The top selling player will throw out the first pitch at the game that night!!

- Babe Ruth update: Bruce sent out a survey to see why Babe Ruth has had a drop in numbers. Action: Bruce will share the results of the surveys at the next meeting. Registration to close on April 10th. There are only 2, 13 y/o teams. Three within the league, may need to travel, go to larger schedule. Currently 4, 14 y/o teams.
- Softball Update-Relationship with Stratham progressing nicely. Don is hoping to continue to grow the relationship and possibly have games scheduled together in the future. A U14 team of 6 Stratham players and 4 EJBSL players has been created with a Stratham coach. Stratham players have agreed to reimburse EJBSL for their uniforms but will use their own equipment. Prize cash calendar in the works. EJBSL day at Margaritas on May 4th. 15% of proceeds returned to the league. Motion to approve softball coaches made by Matt, Mike 2nd. All approved with no abstentions.
- Snack Shack Update: Doug will need help opening and closing the snack shack at times. Action: Doug will draft up a letter with the responsibilities of the position and then Troy will send out a mass email. Dave will reach out to Exeter High School, re: kids who are looking for volunteer opportunities. He will send it send to guidance counselors as well.
- Schedule Update: The fields will not be ready for play by April 11th. Dave feels they will be ready for play by the 18th. Dave would like to try and make up 1 game from the first week and have all teams play 16 games. Eric stated that we should not reschedule any games until we have an official start date of the season.

Dave to send out letter to the league stating that we are not opening fields on April 11th but we will hold Opening Day ceremonies as scheduled.

Field Clean Up Day will be held on April 18th starting at 8am. The league will move games from opening day schedule to the 18th so all teams will be playing that day. Rookie league will hold separate clean up day on May 9th. Rookie League will start playing on 5/13.

- Opening Day
 - Meritorious Service Awards –Dave will be in contact with Paul regarding plaques for recipients.
 - Publicity –Bryan to handle getting information out to local newspapers.
 - Need setup help-PA system/cones Troy and Shawn, 2 pitching rubbers and 2 home plates, baseball and softball
 - Lorraine-signs
 - National Anthem to be sung by Devyn Bleakley, Stephanie to get flowers to present.
 - Equipment swap-table with box for donation to Dominican Republic.
 - Photographer? -Plan to reach out to Linda Allard to see if she would be willing to take photos.
 - Programs –Lee Rollick
 - Tables-Lorraine to bring 3 tables
 - Lorraine and Bruce to sell Fisher Cats tickets for EJBL night, to be announced during ceremony
 - Honor last year's 2014 Champions- 12 year old 70ft
 - Other stuff? League volunteers/coordinators to arrive by 8:00am. Teams report at 8:30am.
- Field report: Fields not ready for play. Will coordinate Field Day for 8:00am on Saturday April 18th.
- Umpires update: Bruce and Paul. Good turn out at clinic. Umpire Test proved to be hard for kids. Looking like 10 kids for A league. Will not be ready for first 2-3 weeks of play.
- Shawn Roussin- Organized the storage shed, THANK YOU! He went through the storage unit after coaches came and got equipment. Looks as though we will have an excess of balls for next year.

Shelving for storage unit- Paul will look into obtaining a used “pallet rack” unit. Shawn and Paul will measure unit to see if this is a viable option. Otherwise Joe Brackett is willing to build units for ½ the quoted cost of the purchased shelving presented by Shawn at a prior meeting.

- Shawn has a concern regarding the safety of certain kids with minimal baseball skills. He has concern over kids who are 11 y/o and playing AAA with little to no baseball skills only because of age. Todd stated that you position these players perhaps in outfield more until skills develop. Avoid putting these kids in positions that they are more vulnerable to injury. No further discussion ensued on the matter.
- Rookie update: Rick stated starting day for Rookie League is 5/13. As stated previously a separate date for clean up of Gilman Park will be held. Awaiting uniforms.
- Toilets: Port-o-potties to be delivered to fields. Action: Troy to organize.
- Open Items:
 - Dave to email Dick Wendell to have the water turned on.
 - EJBSL Stickers- Stephanie to research cost of having EJBSL stickers made using the Hawk logo. Action: To discuss next meeting.
- Next meeting: May 7th, 7-9pm.
- Motion to adjourn made by Rick, Mike 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

ADDENDUM: Assistant Coaches Approved by a 15-0 vote. Please see the final list below of coaches for all teams.

<u>A Coaches</u>	<u>Head Coach</u>	<u>Assistant Coaches</u>
Twins	Ben Darby	Marc Chabot, Josh Bardwell, Derek Yeager, Tim Allen
Rays	Jonathon Young	Jason Kelsey, Tim Kerber
Phillies	Neil Vorster	Grant Labutte, Andrew Verville
Rangers	Jay Gamble	Brad Rice, Harry Duffin

AA Coaches

Orioles	Mike LaNigra	Joe Brackett, Dave Allard, Tim Johnson
Blue Jays	Bill Pease	Michael McGinley, Keith Najjar
Red Sox	Geno Pikul	Leo Godin, Steve Gregoire
Cardinals	Scott Bleakley	Matt Perodeau, Michael Dumaresq

AAA Coaches

Athletics	Randy Currier	Jeff Fahey, Dave Smith
Angels	Shawn Roussin	Joshua Hagan
Royals	Eric Norman	Tom Quinn, Dennis Boyle
Dodgers	Bryan Hoyt	Greg Maxwell, Rick LaFleur

Major Leagues

Reds	Todd Gibbons	Peter Lendrum, Bill Mautz
Marlins	Bryan Wall	Matt Smith, Tony LeClerc
Astros	Mark Constance	Joel Beason, Todd Kingsbury, Brad Poole
Braves	Brett Elmore	Phil Putney, Peter Mocklis, Matt Clark
Pirates	Eric Roffman	Tim Bond, Mark Leighton, Rich Doherty
Cubs	Ethan Shapiro	Jacob Verge, Jessie Smith