



# Exeter Junior Baseball & Softball League Board of Directors Meeting Minutes April 7, 2016

## 2015-2016 Board Members Attendance:

Mike LaNigra	X	Stephanie Brackett	X	Paul Imbimbo	X
Troy Gilbert	X	Russ Dean	X	Joe Brackett	X
Susan Marcella	X	Bryan Wall	X	Brian Hoyt	X
Tim Bond	X	Rick LaFleur		Steve Singlar	
Shawn Roussin	X	Eric Roffman	X		
Todd Gibbons	X	Bruce Fielding	X		

3 guests

- Meeting convened at 7:00 pm
- Motion to approve January minutes by Stephanie, Paul, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes approved, no abstentions.
- Mike welcomed guests Mike Favreau, Director of Exeter Parks and Recreation; Greg Bisson, Assistant Director; and Dan Conrad, Program Coordinator
  - Overview of the Exeter Recreation Park Engineering Survey – Mike Favreau, Director of Parks and Recreation for Exeter presented the concept plan for renovating and expanding the recreation park. It would add a baseball field, large multipurpose field, a gym, and office building. Will bring it to the town selectman meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Asking for the support of the Board at the meeting.
- Treasurer's report: Please see report provided by Tim, balance as of 3/31/16 is \$71,265; Tim will allocate expenses as they are incurred. See year/year comparison report.
- Registration update – Stephanie stated that registration finally had to be closed, had to turn kids away, year over year numbers are consistent, rookie numbers are up. Discussed a fall family fun day to generate more interest in the league before spring registrations. Down 6% year/year.
- Field Update: Scoreboard is up/done and looks great. Snack shack is all set. Bases will be set tomorrow (4/8), Distributing lime and game saver to all fields tomorrow (4/8), discussed opening day schedule and because of rain may have to cancel some games due to field conditions. Will visit each field and address before Saturday games. Has keys for the shed and gate at Currier, laminated cards with lock combos for board members.
- Opening Day Update: Board voted to move ceremony inside due to cold temps; Bob Berthel will video tape as in years past, Lorriane Crist will be there to receive award, WS team and coaches will be there for recognition and sign presentation, Todd to get players for first pitch, Russ to get players for "Play Ball!" Tim will man the table for golf tourney, Sue to pick up flowers for Devyn Bleakley (anthem singer) and Lorraine. Volunteers to be at the gym by 8 for set up. Players to arrive by 8:30, ceremony at 9:00.
- Concessions Update: Snack Shack has been cleaned and disinfected. Refrigerator has been cleaned and fixed, Paul will drop off dry goods and white board on Friday (4/8). Paul will go to field after games to pick up any money/will put together schedule to share responsibility of that with other board members.
- Softball Update: Bryan reported that Newfields needs port-o-pottie, moving Walsh benches to CMS field, looking for banners to display on opening day scheduled for 4/17 at CMS. Jamboree to follow.
- Umpire in Chief Update: Whole season (baseball) has been covered.

- Approval of 2016 Coaches: No formal approval until background checks come in. Mike will send out email for approval.
- Golf Tournament Update: \$2,400 in greens sponsors to date, raffle prizes keep coming in, 90 players needed, pullovers will be in and Eric asked for them to be worn at games, etc. to garner more interest. Putting posters up at each field.
- Mike thanked Cindy Tuttle for her continued help with new banner and logos.
- Stephanie discussed form for treating a minor, was built in to registration, had to okay to continue registration process, coaches do not need to hand out the paper form for parents to fill out.

#### April 2016 Assignment Summaries

- Scheduling – No formal Report
- **Rick LaFleur: Fundraising –**
  - First tag day was held on 3/26
  - Total of 6 baseball teams and 2 softball teams participated
  - Combined total of \$5,719 was raised
  - Raffle tickets will be handed out to the rest of the teams at Photo Night (4/6)
  - Tag days also scheduled for 4/16, 5/7 and 5/14
- **Bryan Wall: Safety, Publicity, Clinics-**
  - Picture night set and complete tonight
  - First Aid kits and ice packs in all sheds
  - Field Day for East Kingston is now Saturday. I will be at Foss helping with the work, so am not able to attend the ceremony. Field will be good to go for 1:00 game
  - Spoke to Jay from Seacoast/Exeter Newsletter. They will be doing a mention about opening day this week, then Ryan will be covering the Ceremony on Saturday for next week.
  - I will email all coaches Friday about game summaries, and will continue sending those to the Newsletter on a weekly basis.
- **Russ Dean: Rookie League-**
  - Held coaches meeting with Rookie League coaches on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, challenge with so many 8's moving up to A ball, but it seems to have worked out. All coaches seem very enthusiastic about the season and their teams.
  - Got 3 coaches to attend coaches clinic on March 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Filled out rosters for Rookie League with late additions and some 6 year olds
  - Gilman Park field day was held on Saturday April 2, 2016. Everything seemed to go well. The fence is up. First Aid kit is stocked.
  - All four rookie league teams are stocked with uniforms. Practices start this week. Monday's was cancelled due to the weather.
  - Still working (thank you Todd G) to get Brad Poole to the field. Weather has not been cooperative.
  - Rookie league games start Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Picture day issue with one team. Can't really reschedule.
  - Equipment – all teams are equipped.
  - Working on jamboree logistics for June with Kensington and Newfields.

Thanks for all the help from Rick L., Shawn, Todd, Roff, Mike etc. as we worked through all the issues getting the league ready to roll. It really is an incredible team of support and I am truly appreciative. Getting coaches was a huge !

- **Mike LaNigra: Sponsorship Update-**
  - Very strong sponsorship year
  - Committed from sponsors = \$32,600
  - Received to date = \$21,950
  - 2015 total = \$27,570

- **Todd Gibbons: Uniforms Update -**
  - Uniforms are in and submitted to all teams at this point.
  - I am working hard to get the 13<sup>th</sup> uniform for ( 2 ) teams currently. I am trying to get an update this morning if the shipment was released overnight delivery.
  - The feedback has been overall very positive on the Hat & Shirts
- **Bruce Fielding: Babe Ruth Update -**
  - Registrations are closed. Stephanie will update you on numbers. We will be taking waiting list kids if spots are open or get opened early into the season.
  - The other Towns: they are looking ok. Each town may have at least one team in each division. Some will have two depending on which division you are looking at. Final League design will be updated after the meeting.
  - Haven't been to storage yet to start bagging equipment as I wanted to determine size of the Exeter Teams.
  - Uniforms are being ordered.
  - Field Use Forms to be filled out. Sent SAU an email warning of our need for the field. Need to get to the office to get the forms and fill out.
  - Doesn't look like we are going to field the Xtreme team. Little interest in both players and a coach. The new BR Coord. Will have to figure it out.
- Next meeting Thursday, May 5 at 7:00pm. All are invited to attend.
- Motion to adjourn made by Bryan, Eric 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm

Respectfully submitted,  
 Susan Marcella  
 EJBSL Secretary