

August 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

New 2013-2014 Board Members								
Dave	Morissette	X	Matt	Smith		Paul	Imbimbo	X
Troy	Gilbert	X	Chris	Crawford		Rick	LaFleur	X
Lee	Rollick	X	Lorraine	Crist	X	Doug	Lenihan	X
Ed	Gullison		Brett	Elmore	X	Bob	Stephens	X
Brian	Hoyt	X	Todd	Gibbons	X	Bryan	Wall	X
Don	Perreault		Bruce	Fielding	X	Guests:		4

- 7:08 Meeting convened.
- Guests/introductions Welcome to Chris Rogers, Eric Roffman, Mike LaNigra, Shawn Roussin
- Motion to approve June minutes by Doug, Brett 2nd. All in favor with no abstentions.
- Treasurer's report – Ed: not present; Report reviewed and discussed. Account is low, 10yo Regionals cost quite a bit more than expected. Discussion ensued about the value of hosting. General consensus was that it was a good experience for the kids and the other towns were very complimentary of the job we did. Brett spoke to hosts at 12yo Regionals in Dover and they have committees each time they run a tournament, they make it profitable. To be discussed further if/when we agree to host again.
- Field Report – Matt: not present; Discussed having field clean up on 9/6, agreed that Matt needs to confirm availability. Discussed what could be salvaged when Walsh is dismantled: dugout roofs, benches; Dave asked Bruce if he wanted the use of the old high school fields – yes. Dave to relay this to Dick Wendell who offered the field to us. Bob asked if it would be possible to build the new Walsh Field before the old one is removed – no, that is phase 2 of the project. Bob questioned if drainage at Unitil has been addressed – unknown.
- Fundraising update – Chris: not present
- Sponsors – Brett: thank you notes will be sent within the next month.
- Equipment return – Brian: still missing equip from appx 6 teams. Sent out 2 nights for people to come drop at storage unit, will do one more soon. Needs for next year so far: helmets & catcher's gear. Discussed if these were necessary for every team? Will definitely need for 9-10 yos but older kids have their own. Discussed having a few new helmets and possibly keeping a set of catcher gear at the storage at each field. Troy asked that the eval equipment be kept at the front of the storage unit so we don't have to dig out the snack shack to get to it next year. Discussed installing shelving to alleviate space issues.
- Post-Season review: Great post season for all teams.
 - AS Tourney hosting next year? – Agreed that we should take a year off to build up cash flow to be able to finish Unitil field and build Walsh.
 - Regional Wrap Up – well received by guests. Thank you to Doug for the cookout & thank you to the Mocklis' for the donation. Huge thank you to the parents & families who helped pull it off.
- Summer ball follow-up: Shawn Roussin – went well, 2 teams every night. Thank you, Shawn!__
- Wood Bat – Paul spoke to Danbury, CT president. They have been using wood for 8-10 years, only the 12yo league. Their league supplies the bats. Bob researched and found that the ball comes off the composite bat 3-8% faster. He discussed his concern for the weaker kids who will struggle to hit with a wooden bat. Discussed having this be for only Majors and reducing the number of teams. Discussion ensued ending with a straw poll in favor of switching to wood. Motion by Bob to switch to wood and reduce Majors to 5 teams – no 2nd. Motion by Doug to switch to wood and keep league structure as is, 2nd by Brian. 6 in favor, 2 against, 3 abstained. Rule changes must be presented to league, Bob to draw up language before next meeting and send to Dave. Motion pending league notification.
- Board Member Recruitment – need to start now, as many as possible.

- Invite interested folks to September Meeting
- Any open issues?
 - Rick brought p that a coach was seen in the dugout using a vapor cigarette. Unacceptable behavior. Need to change code of conduct to include banning use of e-cigarettes as well. Lee to send verbiage used at PEA to address this subject.
 - Bruce brought up subject of BR and SB coordinators being board members. Both are free to run for open board positions at next election.
- Next meeting, September 4, 7-9pm
- Motion to adjourn by Lee; Rick 2nd. Meeting adjourned 8:51 pm