



Exeter Junior Baseball & Softball League Board of Directors Meeting Minutes December 10, 2015

2015-2016 Board Members Attendance:

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

Guests: Dean Borelli, Chris Mosher, Keith Palmer, Steve Singlar, Greg Maxwell

- Meeting convened at 7:05pm
- Motion to approve November minutes by Stephanie, Rick 2nd. Minutes approved, no abstentions.
- Treasurer's report: Please see report provided by Tim, balance as of 11/30/15 is \$22,735.26
- Dean Borelli and Chris Mosher from Play Ball (Salisbury, Salem, Nashua) discussed what they can offer the league in terms of partnering on programs, supplies and equipment needs, uniforms, etc. Willing to host tryouts. 5 multi use cages for both baseball and softball, offering the league a discounted rate on cages for practices. Interested in a sponsorship, Mike stated that the league will add any promotions they offer to the semi-annual newsletter.
- Keith Palmer (Sawyer Park) discussed the 10 year old tournament, stated that his goal is to get the cost for the league way down (flat fee-to be determined), and possibly having the Sawyer Park Trust sponsor the tournament. Don stated that he would like to have use of the park for softball games and possibly a future softball tournament.
- Babe Ruth Update: Bruce discussed probable change to BR program with 13-14 year old and 15-16 year old divisions.
- Equipment Update: Shawn is working with softball equipment coordinator on softball needs. Catcher's mitts need some care, will take home and condition over the winter, but may need to order before the season starts.
- Field Update: Joe stated that the scoreboard is up at Currier, will be putting marquee up on a future date. Brentwood and Newfields field maintenance are complete. Gilman will be completed in the spring.
- Fundraising Update: Raffle will be primary fundraiser, working on other ideas, and will have more to report at next meeting.
- Sponsorship Update: Thank You plaques are in, ordering a framed #15 jersey for Exeter Hospital/Core Orthopedics. Next year's letters going out soon.
- Registrar Update: Stephanie noted that the new registration flyer will be going out within a couple weeks. Need date for in person registration in February. Adding a check box for Code of Conduct. Don suggested adding a check box for anyone interested in trying out for softball all-stars and possibly making softball and baseball registrations separate.
- Rookie League Update: Russ discussed no Cal Ripken coaching class for Rookie league coaches. New bases are needed at Gilman (current bases have no anchors).
- Safety/Publicity Update: Bryan stated that he will work with Play Ball on a coaches clinic and will send out reminders of Bruce Joyce clinic (newspaper and newsletter)

- Scheduler Update: Eric met with Newfields-can have field 3x/week. Opening day tentatively scheduled for April 9, evaluations on March 12 (PEA cage and evaluators are set), Picture day scheduled for April 6
- Snack Shack Update: Nothing to report
- Umpire in Chief Update: Brian requested access to Umpire section of website. Holding an umpire clinic for baseball and softball – date TBD. Umpires receive \$45/Majors \$52/Base \$25. Bruce suggested increasing these amounts for playoffs.
- Uniforms update: Uniforms have been ordered.
- President's Report: Mike summarized meeting with Brentwood and Newfields (see handout) another meeting scheduled for January. Softball will have use of both fields for games. See handout for budget analysis/proposal for 2015/16.
- Softball Update: Softball committee has been meeting separately for several months to bring the softball program forward. Members of the committee are working with their counterparts in baseball. Brainstorming field issues. Softball opening day will be separate from baseball, games scheduled immediately following. Evaluations (only new players) will be held following baseball on 3/12. All star teams will be made up of players from Stratham and EJBSL. In process of scheduling winter clinics (skills and pitching). Mike to connect with Dick Wendell on using Talbot gym for pitching clinic. Don suggested a separate softball operating budget-tabled until next meeting. Mike noted that if there is a time sensitive issue to be discussed that email should be used, or a special meeting can be scheduled.
- Marketing Update: Sue spoke with Troy regarding using the EJBSL Facebook page for softball updates, Sue to open a Twitter account for EJBSL once email address is established.
- Baseball/Softball Order: Shawn placing order for \$5,400 worth of baseballs and softballs, ordering 4 sets of Rookie catcher's gear from Dick's Sporting Goods. Discussed issuing a helmet to each player at beginning of season.
- Cal Ripken Uniforms (MLB vs. EJBSL) Board in favor of staying with MLB teams.
- Next meeting Thursday, January 7 at 7:00pm. All are invited to attend.
- Motion to adjourn made by Troy, Eric 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm

Respectfully submitted,
 Susan Marcella
 EJBSL Secretary