

July 2013 Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members								
Troy	Gilbert	X				Paul	Imbimbo	X
Brian	Hoyt	X	Chris	Crawford		Doug	Lenihan	X
Lee	Rollick	X	Lorraine	Crist		Dave	Morissette	
Ed	Gullison	X	Brett	Elmore	X	Kristie	Reynolds	X
Jay	Swett	X	Todd	Gibbons		Bob	Stephens	
						Rick	LeFleur	X
3 guests						Keith	Najar	

- Meeting commenced at 7:05pm
- Guests/introductions: Welcome Todd Kingsbury, Paul Marcoux; Tim Ferris;
Guest queried about the purpose of the Tournament Team. Was it designed to be competitive and instructional? Guest feels that there is not enough practice and the coach is not playing to win. Discussion ensued and response was, yes, the design is for the players to play more baseball, be competitive and have fun. Ultimately the amount of practices is up to the head coach. Troy will get more feedback and talk to head coach.
- Motion to approve June minutes by Ed, Brett 2nd. All in favor with no abstentions.
- Treasurer's report provided by Ed; Ed wonders is Umpire in chief can manage paying umpires rather than Treasurer. Paul will check with Steve Durrance to see how other leagues do it. Possibly have Steve pay them and we pay Steve in 1 lump sum?
- Post-Season Tournaments - Paul
 - 10yo States wrap-up – tournament went well; other towns very complimentary
 - Hosting next year? Proposing that we host 11-70s at Roger Allen fields in Rochester. RA handles concessions and field maintenance. To be discussed further at August meeting.
- Field report – Jay
 - field closing Sept 14th
 - Inventory and put away signs – build hooks to hang in new storage shed
 - Brian H suggested site walks for each field. Jay suggested Brian make a list of needed repairs.
 - Currier new bleachers to be installed closing day
 - Jay to investigate new sound system at Currier; speakers installed did not sound good – returned and portable system used at tournament. Need permanent solution.
 - Guest suggested drawing up contracts with town to ensure continued use of fields. Many towns are renting fields out to travel teams. Brian noted that the existing agreement with town rec departments states that each town must provide a playing field in order to be part of the league. Maybe each year have them review and sign said agreement. To be discussed in the fall.
- Fundraising update – Chris- not present. Via email, "I owe Ed deposit slips and deposit book. No activity for the summer. Can Ed swing by this week to pick up deposit slips/book?"
- Unitil diamond – Chris has been in contact with people at Unitil regarding bringing back the field behind Unitil on Drinkwater Road. If we are able to bring it back they will install lights. Rough estimate \$45k which doesn't include a fence. Hoping to create a committee to explore the opportunity. Paul, Brian & Ed volunteered.
- Rookie wrap-up – Rick: rookie day went very well. Thank you to Lorrain & Lee for their help in feeding and organizing the kids; improvement to field & program made; still trying to get dugouts.

- Equipment Update - Ed
 - Next equipment return date: 7/20, 8am; Ed can't go, Brian H volunteered to cover. Rick will send out to Rookie Coaches.
- Coach Feedback Survey – received, not as much as last year
 - Player report cards – not all coaches have completed, Troy to send reminder.
- Seacoast Summer tourney wrap-up – Chris not present. Sent via email:
 1. Successfully completed. Demand much higher than expected. Expand for next year - expansion to other fields - conflicts with our own all-stars and storm rescheduling quite painful.
 2. Still have tournament fees to deposit - Lamprey River and Quintown checks need to be deposited. Will do so when I receive Orange Leaf shirt payment.
 3. Orange Leaf wants to only pay for shirts not the hats - their bill was \$362 and they only want to pay \$250 for two reasons, 1. they did not see the demand they were hoping for a return on their investment 2. the 20% off coupons are not being used as much as they had hoped. (Need sign off from Troy before accepting their concession).
 4. Trophies were beautiful and the kids loved them. Thank you Paul.
 5. Need to make tournament period longer - demand from players was that they wanted to keep going.
 6. Need to increase individual fees, require snack shack and field prep and increase external team fees. Next step, business case for next season's tournament.
 7. Second next step, meeting with Stratham, Quintown, Lamprey River, Nashua, Seacoast and Rye in March 2014 to organize 9/10 and 11/12 B tournament. Exeter to lead effort.
 8. Championship game for 9/10's July 18
- Local Rules discussion
 - Playoff rainouts – Ed proposed changing playoff game postponement rule to any game started and stopped will resume where game left off. Reason: time available for playoffs is short. This is in line with Cal Ripken playoff game suspension rules. Troy and Lee to word and it will be presented and voted on at the next meeting.
 - Mercy rule? Lee proposed invoking a 10 run mercy rule for regular season. Discussion ensued and agreed it should not happen as it sometimes allows coaches to let players be in positions they normally wouldn't. There is in place a "coaches agreement" where if the game is lopsided the coaches can agree to end the game if both are in agreement. Coaches will be reminded of this at pre-season coaches meeting.
- Summer Ball – starts w/o 7/15 Wayne Young managing with assistants.
- New board members, positions...start thinking now/suggesting names
 - Up for reelection: Ed, Lorraine, Doug, Todd
 - Positions to fill next year:
 - President
 - Field Manager
 - Snack Shack Coordinator
 - Website
- Next meeting August 1, 7-9pm
- Motion to adjourn by Brian 2nd by Ed. Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Rollick
EJBL Secretary