

## June 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members								
Dave	Morissette	X	Matt	Smith	X	Paul	Imbimbo	X
Troy	Gilbert	X	Chris	Crawford	X	Rick	LaFleur	X
Lee	Rollick	X	Lorraine	Crist		Doug	Lenihan	X
Ed	Gullison	X	Brett	Elmore	X	Bob	Stephens	X
Brian	Hoyt	x	Todd	Gibbons	X	Bryan	Wall	X
Guests:	2					Bruce	Fielding	
						Don	Perreault	

- Meeting convened at 8:05pm
- Guests/introductions: Welcome Peter Mocklis and Tim Bond
- Motion to approve May minutes by Rick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed. All in favor with no abstentions.
- Treasurer's report – Ed: money coming in from raffle. If we stay on track we'll have some money to put into Unitil field. Ed introduced Tim Bond who is interested in joining the board, specifically the treasurer position.
- Unitil field – has drainage issues. Ed asked if Bob could come look at the field. To be discussed further at a later meeting.
- Rookie Update – Rick: season going well.
  - Rookie day – 6/14 @ Currier: to make it easier this year pizzas will be ordered instead of grilling burgers.
- Fundraising Update – Chris: Homerun derby was a success – raiser ~\$500+; Raffle going well, raised \$17K so far.
- Post-Season Tournaments – Paul: Exeter put on the wait list for Roger Allen tournament so we declined and are playing in other tournaments; Bryan gave leads on other tournaments as well. Need new cars for new players – Troy will order.
  - AS coaches listed and approved:
    - ❖ 1 coach discussed re: his focus on his own kid; motion to approve listed coaches by Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Troy. All in favor with no abstentions.
  - Tourney registration and checks needed: collection in progress
  - AS payments - \$75 per player
  - AS needs - schedules, binders, ID cards, certification, AS meeting, etc.
  - ❖ 10yo NE – Paul
    - Field needs, volunteers, etc.
  - ❖ 12-60' State Tourney at Currier: 6/26 - 29
- Wooden Bats – Discussed the idea of switching to wooden bats. Overall agreement was that it's not a bad idea but that it should be gradual – start with Majors & AAA then trickle down. Troy know someone who would bring bats and do a demonstration. Brett expressed concern for the kids that aren't big hitters and that they might not even hit out of the infield swinging a wooden bat. Suggested that we talk to Danbury, CT who switched for regular season ball to see if there is an adjustment curve. Rick will contact Danbury to ask. Doug notes that Brown U. did a study that showed the speed of the ball was the same coming off both bats. Matt asked if it's just the batter we're worried about if they should wear masks. Possibly do a survey monkey to parents to get their feedback. To be discussed further at next meeting.

- Peter Mocklis took the floor to discuss his desire to build the EJBL brand. Worried that club teams are eroding EJBL. He suggests getting the brand out – on the uniforms, apparel etc. Wants apparel to be more readily available to parents/family. (Dave noted that this was already in the works.) Provided suggestions for fundraising ideas: ad books and a year book done annually. Suggested the league hire a marketer who would be responsible to organize and run these. Money raised to fulfill long term goals: build a field of dreams that could be rented out to raise more money for the league. To be built in phases. Discussion ensued about whether or not it goes along with our bylaws to do this. Overall agreement was that we need to make changes or our numbers will keep dwindling. Subcommittee created to start process: Brian, Rick, Todd, Bryan, Doug, Matt & Peter.
- Field report – Matt: repairs made; lime and field saver restocked
- A (Monday June 16<sup>th</sup> Currier 6pm) and AAA (Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup> Currier 6pm) League Recognition Games
- Sportsmanship awards, tourney trophies – Paul: Dave gave Paul names of recipients, trophies ordered and will be ready.
- Equipment update – Brian: will announce 2 or 3 days with 1-2 hour windows to drop off rather than 1 whole day.
- Uniforms update – Todd: A/S uniforms sized and ordered.
- Closing ceremonies
  - Staggered games this year
  - Pick raffle winners
  - Announce scholarship winner: Cylas Jackson
- Summer ball this year – yes: Shawn Roussin to lead
- Next meeting Aug 7, 7-9pm
- Motion to adjourn by Doug, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brett. Meeting adjourned 10:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Lee Rollick*

EJBL Secretary