

## March 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees								
Troy	Gilbert	X	Lee Ann	Cammett	X	Brian	Hoyt	X
Jeff	Jackson	X	Lorraine	Crist	X	Doug	Linnehan	X
Lee	Rollick	X	Tom	Daly	X	Keith	Palmer	X
Ed	Gullison	X	Brett	Elmore	X	Andy	Singh	X
Jay	Swett	X	Todd	Gibbons	X	Bob	Stephens	X
			Jeff	Dickenson	X	Don	Perreault	X
guests		2						

- Meeting convened: 7:02pm Motion to approve Feb. minutes by Brett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom. Approved.
- Treasurer's report – Ed: Numbers look good, balance higher than this time last year due to increase in registration fees. Ed researching places to store all documents that is safe, secure and accessible. Google docs suggested. Lee said this would be a good place to store all Secretary documentation as well. Brian asked if umpire payment system would remain as it did last year. Yes. Brian needs to give umpire company Ed Gullison's email.
- Registration update – Lorraine: 75 softball players, 93 Babe Ruth, 148 11/12's, 156 9/10's, 108 Rookies (30 try-ups). Troy noted that East Kingston did not have enough U8 players to form a team at that level in the Seacoast Softball League. He or Don Perrault will reach out to see if they want to join EJBL. More scholarships awarded this year than any previous year: 8 full, 5 partial. All felt that was fine since our balance is strong. Discuss for next year asking for volunteer hours when families ask for full scholarships.
- Softball update – Don: sign-ups going well. Our 75 plus Hampton has 75-80. Uniforms need to be ordered – Don to meet & discuss with Todd. Need equipment – will assess needs and talk to Lee-Ann. Fields – looking at old ESH field, Exeter Lacrosse uses most of the area. Jay suggested talking to Dick Wendell about usage.
- Evaluations March 10
  - Checking the kids in: Lorraine, Lee-Ann, Lee
  - Drill Stations: Brian & Keith to organize
  - Setup & Cleanup: everyone available; Lee to see if we're able to drop equipment off the night before
  - Miscellaneous assistance: Lorraine to order lunch; Lee to check that locks have not changed at shed
- A - Majors League Draft Night Friday March 16 - TLC Café: Tom needs to give Lorraine big paper for player listing
  - 4-5 Volunteers needed to help run each league's draft: Lee-Ann, Lee will attend
  - Pick draft order for each league: Keith & Jay completed
- Approve Coaches: A League: Mark Craig, Ed Gullison, Peter Lendrum, Rich Doherty, Bryan Wall, Randy Currier, Mark Leighton\*, Scott Bly\*; AA League: Ethan Shapiro, Eric Farrar, Bob Stephens, Brett Elmore, Tom Daly, Todd Gibbons; AAA League: Brian Davis, John Garey, Brian Hoyt, Mike Lawson, Eric Lipsitt, Chris Crawford, Don Archambeault; Majors: Matt Malila, Keith Palmer, Nat Hawkins, Doug Lenihan, Bob Burns, Bruce Fielding. All approved without objections. Motion to approve by Jay, Lee 2<sup>nd</sup>.
 

\*added 3/12
- Opening Day committee – need committee volunteers: Tom, Lee-Ann, Jay & Keith volunteered.
- Meritorious Service Award nominees: John Brescia – 1<sup>st</sup> by Keith, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Andy; Matt Carbone – 1<sup>st</sup> by Brian, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed; Terri Hersey – 1<sup>st</sup> by Jeff J, 2<sup>nd</sup> Troy. All in favor with no abstentions.
- Equipment update - Lee-Ann: picked up and will be distributed at Coaches Meeting

- Uniform update – Todd: to be picked up Wed., 3/14 and distributed at draft night.
  - Apparel update – Troy: As requested board members placed orders to test Coed Sportswear's ability to deliver products as promised. Some orders have not been received, some took 3 weeks. Keith motioned not to promote Coed Sportswear on our website, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor with no abstentions. Jeff J will call Don Lane to let him know.
  - Coach's clinic – 3/24 at coaches meeting –Tom: Jeff J, Brett & Tom will run through warm-ups/drills for coaches to keep consistent throughout all levels.
  - EJBL Appreciation Day at Dick's - March 24 11-4, need volunteers to man table from 11 – 4pm; Troy will email asking for volunteers
  - Fundraising – Lee: raffle sale locations have been secured, fewer days granted than previous years. Tickets have been purchased. Hoping to have game schedules secured but coaches meeting to have coaches pick sales dates then.
  - Picture Night – Keith: Wed., April 4<sup>th</sup> Lincoln Street gym
  - Field Day – Jay: Sat., March 31<sup>st</sup>, raindate 4/1; Jay will make checklist & email date to league. Jay & Nat Hawkins are applying for volunteers to come from PEA. Currier needs a larger dumpster. Jeff will order larger size.
  - Tournaments – Andy: fields in Kensington booked; requested organizational binder from Londonderry.
  - Ed's Playoff suggestion – Ed: discussed changing current playoff schedule to be 2 weeks long and be double elimination. Recognized that it's too late in the season for this year, tabled until next year.
  - Sponsors update – Brett: 6-8 new this year; Exeter Hospital requested online advertising, all agreed since they paid for the new sign that we'd give them free online advertising.
  - Chose League Coordinators: Majors: John Brescia, AAA: pending; AA: Jay; A: Keith.
  - Scheduling – Bob: this year practice to be organized by asking coaches for their top 2 requests and Bob will try to accommodate. Jay to send Bob field reps names for all towns for scheduling.
  - Babe Ruth – Jeff D: From email dated March 4th from Troy to board members:  
*"Current Great Bay BR President Mike Sack is stepping down and there is no replacement. Organization has been poor for several years. Due to this leadership void, Oyster River has already pulled out of the league and joined Barrington.*  
*After careful review, we recommend the following:*  
*- Exeter charter as its own Babe Ruth league*  
*- We treat this as a pilot for the upcoming season after which we can evaluate.*  
*- Exeter can invite the other GB teams to join us in our new league (Sanborn, Stratham, Northwood, Newmarket)*  
*The primary advantages:*  
*- Disband a dysfunctional Great Bay organization*  
*- Obtain more direct control over our Babe Ruth affairs*  
*The impact to EJBL is minimal:*
    - BR Coordinator – moderate impact as role grows to include more overall coordination and website maintenance.
    - Treasurer – minor impact; few additional checks to pay, few additional less to pay.
    - Uniforms – minor impact; three additional Exeter BR All-Star team uniforms
- Jeff and I have talked about this at length over the past couple weeks and agree that this is the best option for our BR kids. It eliminates our reliance on the Great Bay organization which has been very unstable. And it puts us in control of the BR experience for our kids.*  
*The reason I'm talking to you about this now is because Jeff needs to meet with the other BR teams to let them know of the change and to get them on board. If anyone has any opposition to this plan please let me know."*
- Motion to absorb Babe Ruth into EJBL by Tom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Andy. All in favor with no abstentions.
- Open items/new business: Brian asked what we should pay umpires this year: 70' - \$52.50, 60' - \$45, unpatched - \$25. Bob brought up changing our name, postponing until after the season to

see how softball goes. Tom inquired about new field in East Kingston: Todd stated field is in great shape, fence installation was postponed due to snow but should be in week of 3/19. Andy brought up paying board president a stipend for all the work that is required of them. Other boards do this. Item tabled until next meeting due to time.

- Motion to adjourn by Bob, Ed 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned 9:15pm.
- Next meeting Thursday April, 5 pm

#### ACTION ITEMS:

- Brian needs to give umpire company Ed Gullison's email
  - Don to talk with Todd re: ordering softball uniforms
  - Don to asses will assess softball equipment needs and talk to Lee-Ann.
  - Don to secure fields for softball
  - Lee-Ann to distribute equipment at Coaches Meeting
  - Todd to distribute uniforms at Draft Night
  - Jeff J to call Don Lane re: not posting CoEd Sportswear link on our website
  - Troy to email asking for volunteers for EJBL table at Dick's on 3/24
  - Jay to make Field Day checklist & email date to league
  - Bob to ask coaches for their top 2 practice field/time requests and organize.
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