

March 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

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	X	Brett	Elmore	X	Bob	Stephens	X
Brian	Hoyt	X	Todd	Gibbons		Bryan	Wall	X
Guests:	2					Bruce	Fielding	
						Don	Perreault	

- Guests/introductions: Welcome Gino Pikul & Jared Sheehan.
- Motion to approve February minutes by Troy, Ed second. All in favor with no abstentions.
- Treasurer's report – Ed: Report provided. Balance lower than this time last year. Registration \$s lower. In need of fundraising money this season.
- Registration update – Lorraine: Numbers across 9s, 10s, 11s & 12s are pretty even. Rookie numbers dropped significantly. Majority of last year's 7s have moved up to 8s, big drop in 7yos. Lower population o/a in that age group could be the cause. 49 Rookies, 127 9-10yos, 125 11-12yos, 92 Babe Ruth.
- Evaluations March 8
 - EVERYBODY needs to be there who can be. We'll need people for:
 - Checking the kids in – Lorraine, Lee, Kate
 - Working the stations – USATC, board members
 - Setup & cleanup – all
 - Miscellaneous assistance
 - Items needed:
 - 2 L-screens – @ shack/shed
 - Tarp with method to hang it - @ shack/shed
 - Extension cords - @ shack/shed
 - Cones
 - Both pitching machines - @ shack/shed
 - 2-3 large tables - @ shack/shed
 - 10-12 folding chairs – few @ shack/shed; everyone bring – low beach chairs, too
 - Rating sheets and clipboards - Lorraine
 - Many pens - Lorraine
 - 2-3 cases of bottled water - Lorraine
 - Whistle – Troy, Brian
 - Dick's Sporting Goods coupon books - Brian
 - 5 Buckets of balls - @ storage unit: Brian
 - Empty buckets - @ storage unit: Brian
 - 2 Bags of helmets - @ storage unit: Brian
 - Plastic bases - @ storage unit: Brian
 - Lunch - Lorraine
- Friday March 14 - EJBL Draft at EHS Cafeteria...5.30pm - 4-5 Volunteers needed to help run each league's draft – Lorraine, Lee, Paul, Doug, Troy & Rick will be there.

- Draft order selected at random during the meeting:

<u>Majors</u>	<u>AAA</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>A</u>
Pirates	White Sox	Orioles	Rays
Cubs	Athletics	Rockies	Indians
Blue Jays	Angels	Red Sox	Tigers
Marlins	Dodgers	Cardinals	Rangers
Reds	Royals	Diamondbacks	Twins
Braves		Padres	

- Head Coaches selected – thank you coach selection committee. All coaches selected were approved with no discussion. Pending background checks, the coaches for 2014 are:

Majors

- Mark Constance – Blue Jays
- Brett Elmore - Braves
- Todd Gibbons - Reds
- Bryan Wall - Marlins
- Ethan Shapiro - Cubs
- Bob Stephens - Pirates

Triple AAA

- Brian Hoyt - Dodgers
- Mark Craig- Royals
- Randy Currier - Athletics
- Joel Beason- Angels
- Jon Flewelling & Jared Sheehan- White Sox

Double AA

- Peter Lendrum - Cardinals
- Eric Roffman - Orioles
- Ed Gullison - Rockies
- Eric Norman - Diamondbacks
- Scott Bleakley - Padres
- Mark Leighton – Red Sox

Single A

- Chris Rogers - Tigers
- William Pease - Indians
- Jonathan Young - Rays
- Eugene Pikul - Rangers
- Michael LaNigra - Twins

- Opening Day committee – Dave, Troy, Lee, Lorraine, Ed
 - Need to find anthem singer – Meredith from last year?
- Meritorious Service Award discussion – decision closed. Ed, Lorraine & Lee to arrange recipients to be there.
- Equipment update – Brian: balls ordered – game & practice. Balls to be handed out at draft. Dick's days scheduled for 3/22 from 11am – 3pm. Lee to send out email looking for shifts to be covered. Dick's coupons arrived & to be distributed at evals.
- Apparel update – email to go out when website is live soon, open for 10 days.
- Field Day – Matt not present, report given via email: Field day is March 29 or 4/6 as back-up. All materials ordered. Field Coordinators contacted. Matt to walk fields with Jay 3/22&23 to prep for field day. Matt & Troy met with Newfields to discuss storage. We have been offered the use of half the building that is there to store materials. Need to hire someone to build a wall inside to separate space. Lee suggested hiring Chuck Fitzgerald who spent most of closing day last year building shelving in the new shed.
- Coaches clinics – Brian: to be held Wed., 3/19 from 6:30 – 8. To be run by Bruce Joyce.
- Fundraising – Chris: not present.
 - Raffle updates – Email stated that Red Sox raffle was at a standstill because game tickets have yet to be purchased. Ed purchased tickets to keep the raffle on schedule. Thank you, Ed.
- Sponsors – Brett: going well. Renewals coming in, some new sponsors. Approximately 50 signs total.
- League Coordinators: Majors: Doug Lenihan, AAA: Keith Palmer, AA: Jay Swett, A: Paul Imbimbo, Rookie: Rick LaFleur.
- Any open/new items?
 - Unitil field – since we're not losing Walsh Field this year it's been decided to not use Unitil Field until next season. This follows best practices with any newly built field.

- Umpire clinic – went well. Going to start the new umps out covering 1st base at Single A games to get them used to calls. Eventually will move behind the plate when they are comfortable.
- Softball: numbers from Newfields is only 9 currently. If they cannot field a full team Don will have to split them up and spread them across other teams.
- Time to get new locks for all field storage units. Use same combo for all.
- Brett asked why there was no bubble last year at the draft and would that be the same this year. Lorraine/Troy responded last year it was due to the number of kids. Won't know about this year until after the evaluations.
- Brett asked why the evaluation sheets have a 6 point scale with no "Average". Troy replied it was created to make the evaluator choose the closest ranking rather than relying on giving many kids "Average".
- Guest Jared Sheehan asked about the evaluations & draft and how it worked. Troy explained the process.
- Next meeting April 3, 7pm
- Motion to adjourn by Ed, second by Troy. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Rollick

EJBL Secretary

Dates to remember:

- ☐ Saturday March 8 - Evaluations at PEA Cage from 8-3:30. Head coaches only can attend to view players.
- ☐ Friday March 14 - EJBL Draft at EHS Cafeteria...5.30pm - Head coaches only, draft times to follow. Uniform and equipment pickup this night as well.
- ☐ Saturday March 22 - Mandatory Coaches meeting at the EHS Cafeteria 8:30am
- ☐ Wednesday April 2 - EJBL Picture Night at Lincoln Street School
- ☐ Saturday April 12 - EJBL Opening Day and Ceremonies at Exeter High School