



Exeter Junior Baseball & Softball League
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2015

2014-2015 Board Members Attendance:

Dave Morissette	X	Doug Lenihan	Paul Imbimbo
Troy Gilbert	X	Lorraine Crist	Matt Smith X
Stephanie Brackett	X	Mike LaNigra X	Don Perreault
Tim Bond		Rick Lafleur X	Bryan Wall
Shawn Roussin	X	Eric Roffman X	
Todd Gibbons	X	Bruce Fielding X	

Guests: Brian Hoyt

- Meeting convened at 7:45 pm.
- Motion to approve April minutes made by Dave, Rick 2nd. Minutes approved with no abstentions.
- Treasurer's Report: Please see email below from Tim, submitted in his absence.

CHECK REGISTER

1. Thanks for everyone for the exceptional effort in getting me copies of receipts for expenses. It is greatly appreciated and makes this job easier.
2. Now that we have paid for field prep, I don't expect any more major expenses other than the weekly umpire fees. Please e-mail me with any questions.
3. Please ask Todd to work with Don and Floyd regarding some extra money we had to pay out for softball unis (payments to Keith Kondrat on register) and hats to determine if we paid for items that we did not receive.

IF ANYONE SEES MISTAKES OR DUPLICATE PAYMENTS OF SOME SORT ON THE REGISTER, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

BUDGET

Look at last column on right that shows where we are compared to what we budgeted for the year (Variance). I will briefly make the following comments.

Revenues

1. Obviously most registrations dollars are down (hence the numbers in parentheses). I did not add any new registrations for April, although perhaps Bruce, Don, and/or Lorraine could speak about this for Babe Ruth and Softball.
2. Concessions are down due to late start and I should not have budgeted so much for April. Those numbers should adjust accordingly as we proceed.

Expenses

3. Registration and Insurance Expenses were lower than expected. I think the registration was not properly budgeted (unless I owe Lorraine a lot of money) and we elected to carry less insurance.
4. Advertising and Fundraising expenses are higher than budgeted but for good reason. Way to go Mike!
5. I have not yet paid Doug for anything related to the snack shack so we were ahead there for the month, but I suspect that variance will go away next month.
6. Baseballs. That variance will go away in a month or two as we bought more baseballs/softballs up front this year.
7. The Uniforms and Babe Ruth expenses are down, as we would expect, though I need to get some

numbers from Bruce.

8. We did not spend the additional PEA expense budgeted so we will have an extra \$1,200 in the bank there.

- Field Report: Matt stated that he has had to change locks and combinations at the snack shack due to recent break-ins and theft. Board members discussed changing from combination locks to key locks if break-ins continue. Matt also stated that wood chips were being delivered to Walsh/Currier field on Thursday, needs a volunteer to help distribute. Brian Hoyt offered to help out.
- Rescheduling Games: Eric expressed his concern over requests to reschedule games due to school or family functions. The league has always done a good job of scheduling the season around major events, ex: May 5K Run, holidays, etc. It is impossible to accommodate all schedules. At this point if a team has a minimum of 8 players, they need to play. Games will be rescheduled if postponed due to weather.
- Scoreboard Update: Stephanie. The plan is for Joe Brackett to move forward with the installation. Dave, Troy and Joe will meet at Currier Field to mark placement of the scoreboard. Dig Safe will be called per Dick Wendell's request. Electrical services to be provided by Brad Berube of Alltek Services (labor donated), building materials provided by Exeter Lumber (probable donation), excavation provided free of charge by Mark MacDonald of Sandbox Excavating, all other labor donated by Joe Brackett. Plan is to set up solar power as well as hardwiring the scoreboard.
- Fundraising Update: Mike submitted report.
 - ✓ As of now the league has obtained 41 sponsors! Go Mike! Total money raised to date is \$30,600. As of right now Mike has received \$24,850 or 81% of that total. Money continues to roll in from sponsors who have made payment arrangements, etc. Cost of the signs made to promote sponsors cost approximately \$5,000. The league stands to make a profit of \$25,600 in sponsorships. THANK YOU MIKE!
 - ✓ The total money raised to date from the annual Red Sox Raffle is \$8,809.80. All tickets and money due by 5/30.
 - ✓ Fisher Cats Tickets: Mike is getting emails when families purchase tickets but he cannot see how many tickets they have purchased. There is also no indication on the website as to how families will receive the tickets once they are purchased. Troy will update the website alerting families they will receive the tickets from Mike. Troy will update Paypal, giving Mike access to see when tickets have been purchased and how many.
- Umpires Update: Please see email below from Paul, submitted in his absence.

Of the 12 new students who took the umpire class, 6 have umpired for EJBSL to date. And a total of nine have been given an opportunity but had to decline due to a conflict. I should have everyone scheduled for at least one slot no later than Monday. We did get off to a slow start the first week as some games were canceled or rescheduled due to the weather and last week was vacation.

2 have had an opportunity behind the plate. My goal is to have myself or Bruce do the bases or be there as an observer the first time. After the first time and they look like they can handle themselves I will try to average 2 games per week per umpire. I think they all have done a great job.

Please remind all coaches and board members to show respect to the umpires/kids and encourage the players and parents to do so also!!!!

Please ask Tim how often I should submit spreadsheet so the base umpires can get paid. Is every 2 weeks okay? The umpires who work the plate will be getting paid from Steve Durance, he will handle all the booking of games and payments.

- Rookie Update: Per Rick, Rookie League to start on schedule the 13th. No further updates at this time.
- All Stars Selection Night: Board discussed that although teams have been selected prior to Memorial Day weekend in the past, this year is unique in that the season started a week late and Memorial Day is a week earlier. The board felt that there has not been an adequate amount of play at this time to select All Star candidates. The selection night will be pushed back a week to May 28th. Action- Dave to book room for selection night at the high school. Teams will break down as follows.
 - ✓ 9 yr. olds
 - ✓ 10 yr. olds
 - ✓ 11 yr. old 60 ft., 11 yr. old 70 ft.
 - ✓ 12 yr. old 60 ft., 12 yr. old 70 ft.
 - ✓ ? Tournament team

Due to a decrease in player participation this season if the league cannot field 11 and 12 yr. old, 60 ft. and 70 ft. teams, then we will only field a 70 ft. team. There may not be enough players to have a Tournament team this season. If a parent/coach within the league would like to step up and field a Tournament team the league may consider sponsoring them. At this time the focus will be on the above stated teams. Action- Dave to break down ages of players on current teams, check how many 9 yr. olds are in AA.

- All Star Uniforms: Todd to check with Floyd to see if uniforms can be done in time with the selection process being pushed back a week.
- Open Items:
 - ✓ Shawn to bring the PA to Currier Field and store it in the shed. Any parent who would like to announce the game is more than welcome.
 - ✓ Eric stated that Chris Crawford has been contacting him regarding field time for softball at Kensington. Per Dave this has to be handled between Keith Palmer and Don Perreault.
 - ✓ Matt stated that Chris Crawford asked if girls could have access to bathrooms while at CMS. Discussion ensued around placing a Port-o-potty at the field. Action- Dave will ask Dick Wendell if that is an option.
 - ✓ Bruce asked if the fields at CMS could be addressed, readied for season. Action- Dave will ask Dick Wendell if Brad Poole can get on to the fields.
 - ✓ Stephanie has made contact with Lisa Almand of Infinite Imaging in regards to having car decals made for the league. Awaiting quote. Will send out to other board members once received.
- Next meeting, June 4th 7:30pm.
- Motion to adjourn made by Matt, Stephanie 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm.