



Exeter Junior Baseball & Softball League Board of Directors Meeting Minutes November 5, 2015

2015-2016 Board Members Attendance:

Mike LaNigra	X	Stephanie Brackett	X	Paul Imbimbo	
Troy Gilbert	X	Russ Dean	X	Joe Brackett	X
Susan Marcella	X	Bryan Wall		Brian Hoyt	X
Tim Bond	X	Rick LaFleur	X	Don Perreault	
Shawn Roussin	X	Eric Roffman	X		
Todd Gibbons	X	Bruce Fielding	X		

- Meeting convened at 7:10pm
- Motion to approve October minutes by Stephanie, Mike 2nd. Minutes approved with no abstentions.
- Treasurer's report: Please see report provided by Tim, balance as of 10/31/15 is 23,050.52. Balance is down to about 20K after some field maintenance. Received \$750 from Verizon in the name of Chris Crawford. Tim is going to open a 2nd account for fundraising in order to better identify fundraising efforts. Starting in January, in addition to the register, Tim will complete a budget comparison between this year and last year expenses.
- Babe Ruth Update: Meeting scheduled for Nov. 10th. Rule changes scheduled for 2016. Merging 13/14 year olds, 15/16 year olds, Senior 16-18 year olds. Oyster River is interested in joining league, waiting on approval from state. There will be a small decrease to the registration cost for 15/16 division. Bruce will have figures next month to vote on.
- Softball Update: Mike updated in Don's absence. There was a meeting held on Nov. 1, with 17 in attendance. Many topics discussed including fields, equipment, umpires, uniforms, registrations, marketing and bringing the website up to date. Volunteers signed up to work with baseball league counterparts. Will not do a calendar fundraiser this year, as it was not well received last season. Will incorporate softball into the Red Sox fundraiser with baseball.
- Equipment Update: Shawn inventoried baseballs, will order pony balls for both practice and games due to better quality. Bruce to give Shawn list of Babe Ruth needs. League will not need to purchase team bats or helmets. Most players bring their own. Paul suggested assigning helmets to player without one (possibly assigning at evals). Player would be responsible for turning it in at the end of the season. All in favor. Will need new catcher's gear for Rookie league. Still have \$600 in gift certificates from Dick's Sporting Goods that Shawn can use at any time. Suggested using these certificates to purchase catcher's gear/mitts.
- Fields Update: Footings are moved and to spec for the scoreboard. Goal is to get it up before snow. It was suggested to board it up to deter vandals, but most agreed it would draw more attention to it. Continued discussion of putting a motion detection light near/on snack shack. Unutilized light near snack shack, will call to have bulb replaced. Snack shack has been painted. Currier infield grass has grown in and looks great. Took down batting cage at Foss and stored in shed. Joe is planning on doing inventory at each field.
- Fundraising Update: Nothing to report.
- Sponsorship Update: Thank You plaques are being worked on and will be distributed.
- Registrar Update: Stephanie is meeting with Lorraine to get materials.

- Rookie League Update: Nothing to report. Russ will meet with Rick and have more to report at next meeting.
- Safety/Publicity Update: See email from Bryan W. Discussed separating equipment from snack shack, putting a steel door on snack shack to deter vandals. Stephanie suggested that one member from snack shack committee collect money and lock up shack after games, home team coach would have to stay until that was done. All in favor of 2 different coach's meetings/clinic instead of one clinic. All in favor of keeping Lifetouch for pictures. All in favor of using the larger first aid kits kept at each field. Bryan would provide each coach with some ice packs, and ensure that the larger field kits have a few as well. Bryan will check kits periodically throughout season and replenish as necessary.
- Scheduler Update: Eric gave board a copy of the cancellation policy. Troy will post it on the website. Parents will be given a cancellation policy to read and acknowledge at registration (whether hard copy or "check box" on website).
- Snack Shack Update: Has been cleaned, will be organized. Will take stock of items and will stay consistent in the future. It was agreed to continue offering both hamburgers/cheeseburgers and pizza.
- Umpire in Chief Update: Brian H. will email Steve Durant and get girls as well as boys trained as umpires. Working on getting a good pool of umpires for softball. The softball schedule goes out later than baseball, so most of the umpires are gone at this point.
- Uniforms Update: Todd had samples of new tech shirts, which were well received. Will no longer offer socks to help defer the cost of the shirts. Tim suggested making each team an Exeter team with different colors instead of MLB teams as in years past, possibly getting players to wear shirts throughout the year instead of just during season. Troy would like to see the teams remain as they have always been. Discussion tabled.
- Discussion ensued around school enrollment and the overall decrease in all surrounding towns. Registrations are down in both baseball and softball. There were suggestions of having a T-ball division to bring players in to the league at an earlier age, keeping the Rookie teams together as a town, bringing Stratham into district.
- 10 Year Old State Tournament: Exeter has been awarded 2016 10 yr old state tourney. Will need to reserve Sawyer Park. Mike to meet with Keith Palmer to go over details and confirm dates.
- Golf Tournament: Scheduled for May 21. Brochure to be put together explaining the structure of the league and tournament details. Prizes offered (Hole in One Car-Wall's Ford), silent auction of signed sports memorabilia, looking for raffle prizes, other donation solicitation. Tee/Greens sponsors. Possible to raise \$5000-\$6000.
- EJBSL Night: Fisher Cats game, dates still being worked out, suggested having it the night before Golf Tournament.
- Mike went over the list of priorities for the coming year, such as expanding the league, field improvements and community involvement.
- Next meeting Thursday, December 3 at 7:00pm. All are invited to attend.
- Motion to adjourn made by Troy, Eric 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Respectfully submitted,
 Susan Marcella
 EJBSL Secretary