



TOWNSEND ASHBY YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

DECEMBER 13, 2017
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS

Position	Person	In Attendance
President	Keith Turgeon (KT)	X
Vice President, Baseball Director	Gary Donia (GD)	X
Secretary	Jen Callahan (JCal)	
Treasurer	Beth Arsenault (BA)	
Community Relations & Safety Officer	Jessica Fellows (JF)	
Concessions Chairperson	Jessica Donia (JD)	
Softball Director	John LeCreta (JL)	
Player Agent	Mark Arsenault (MA)	
Facilities Director	Josh Chapman (JC)	
Newsletter Editor	Pam Deveny (PD)	
Umpire in Chief	Jason Vettese (JV)	

OPEN ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- Balance – Beth
 - \$12,603.70
- Outstanding bills that need to be paid – Beth
 - No information - deferred
- Need to open registration – Gary
 - We will not be changing pricing from last year
 - Gary will be opening registration this week. Registration will run until February 28th, 2018. Late fee of \$25 will be charged for registrations after January 31st.
 - Flyer needs to be made and delivered to the schools to be sent home with the kids.
- Need to schedule indoor evaluations – Gary
 - Gary is going to review options and select two days in January – to be conducted at the Tyngsboro Sports Center
- Softball Update – John
 - Need to get approval to use Hawthorn Brook fields – John to secure approval
- Winter Practices Update – Jess
 - Jess is working to secure Monday nights at both Spaulding and HBMS from 6-8pm
 - Will need coaches to be able to do this
 - No cost for to us for use for school gyms
- Craven Irrigation System Repair / Water Department Notice Update – Josh
 - Irrigation system was not able to get completed prior to the ground freeze
 - Since it would require an infield tear up, we will need to schedule this for next year after summer ball. We will go into next season with no water at Craven field.
- Craven Fence Repair from Tree Damage Update – Keith
 - Received two quote Gate City for \$1,675 and Builtwell Fence for \$1,050. Builtwell confirmed they will get the fence repaired prior to the start of our spring season. We will move forward with Builtwell.
- Spaulding Fence Repair, Spaulding Tree/Netting Removed – Keith
 - Spaulding Fence Field is in bad shape and is a safety concern. Quote of \$3,286 for repairs. Decision deferred.

- Spaulding Field Open is bad shape and is a safety concern. Quote of \$2,405 for repairs. Decision deferred.
- The net between the Fenced field and 119 is currently down. A tree company came in and took down the tree that held up the net and just left it on the ground. We did not install the net, and will not be replacing it.
- Newsletter Update – Pam
 - Pam send out information request to board members, with nobody responding. Please review and respond.
- New Bat Rules for 2018 / Purchase options – Keith
 - All existing bats without the USABAT stamp from T-Ball thru Major 70 are now illegal for play – Spoke with Littleton President who spoke with our Insurance Carrier, and he stated that any injuries with illegal bats we will be liable.
 - I am reviewing if doing the bulk purchase option for our parents is feasible.
- Annual Parents Meeting Discussion -Keith
 - We will move forward with a preseason “state of the union” meeting for parents, likely at the Townsend Library meeting hall.
- Patriot Pizza Night need to schedule -Jess
 - Will continue again this year, Jess will schedule this event
- TAYBS 10th Annual Golf Tournament – Who wants to run it?
 - We need someone to take this on ASAP. We are required to make a deposit of \$1000 by December 31st if we want to do this again next year. If somebody is not willing to step up to take this on, we will lose about \$4,000 in fundraising dollars.
- Texas Roadhouse – Decision to continue or not?
 - Decision made to cancel the Texas Roadhouse events
- Picture Day Update – Keith
 - We will be moving forward with Michael Brothers Photography again this year. As with last year they will be donating back 25% of the revenue to the league. This brought in about \$700 last year.
- Hit A Thon Discussion – Keith
 - We will be moving forward with this event, planned for a Saturday rain date Sunday in May. We use the same dates for Picture Day as well as perhaps the Car Detailing. Will have snack shack open, music and announcer. Make a day of it.
- MAC League Kick off meeting – Keith
 - This year playoffs will be determined by points (2 points per win, 1 point per tie), then head to head, and finally a coin toss. (this will replace the existing win % concept)
 - Playoffs will start Thursday June 7th
 - Major 70’s will start their season before April Vacation, everyone else the week after.
 - Season will remain at 14 games, but emphasis for coaches to conduct two practices per week.
 - We must return the Team counts by March 1st
 - We must review the rules for anything we want to bring up for changes and get it to me for the next MAC board meeting on January 17th.
- Townsend Business Association (TBA) Membership -Keith
 - We will move forward with membership into the TBA. This will allow us greater access to sponsors.
- Sponsors Update – Keith
 - City Line Paving – Paid for a \$300/year field banner sponsorship at Spaulding
 - Workers Credit Union – Agreed to a \$300/year field banner sponsorship at Craven
 - DICKS Sporting Goods – Agreed to \$1,100 worth of equipment
 - DECCO – Reviewing package options, will mail in sponsorship
 - Fifth Gen Masonry – Reviewing package options, will mail in sponsorship
 - Hannaford – Reviewing package options, will mail in sponsorship
 - Harbor Auto Body – Reconsidering large scoreboard donation for Craven Field (~\$10K)
- Capital Improvements – What are we going to look at doing this year? What are we going to look at saving for long term?
 - Fencing at Spaulding Open Field - deferred
 - New dugouts in Spaulding Fenced field

- We will look at adding roofs to the existing dugouts at Spaulding this year.
- Tree Removal from Craven
 - We will consider doing this. Josh was going to look into options for this?
- Scoreboard at Spaulding Fenced
 - deferred
- Replace/repair shed at Craven
 - deferred
- Add Snack Shack or Shed at Spaulding
 - deferred
- Lights at Craven Field
 - Deferred
- Major Rebuilt at Spaulding Fields
 - Unlikely due to Schools owning land
- New multifield site off 119
 - Unlikely due to land purchase
- New multifield site in Timberlee Park
 - We will move forward will evaluating this option. We already have the land, and an old field in the lot that we would look to expand. See example that I put together attached to this.
 - If we are able to pull of this project, we will close all of our other fields.
 - Since this will be a large multi-year project, we will need a large donor to assist.
- 13+ Babe Ruth League Replacement
 - Will opt out of joining the new Babe Ruth League
 - We will not have Babe Ruth within TAYBS this year, we will recommend kids of that age sign up in Pepperell
- Cal Ripken All-Stars – Merge with Pepperrell?
 - There is going to be a new Babe Ruth charter for “North Middlesex Youth Baseball” where both Pepperell and TAYBS will charter their Minor and Major teams. Both Pepperell and Townsend will Charter individually for their other divisions. Both Pepperell and TAYBS will run completely independent under their own organizations, and this year we will pay Pepperell to charter those specific teams. Next year, we can hold the NM charter, and they would pay us. During All Stars, all the players will have “North Middlesex” uniforms and not TAYBS or Pepperell. Will do this as a 1-year trial, if things don’t work out well, we revert to how it has been next year. This is being done because Babe Ruth will no longer allow us to send players chartered under TAYBS to play with the Pepperell team for All Stars.
- AAU Baseball at Craven
 - The Macintosh River Rats will be using Craven as their home field for weekend games. In lieu of a payment for use of the field, they will operate our snack shack during their games with all proceeds going to TAYBS. Additionally, they will purchase a proportional amount of field supplies to stock up our shed to cover their games.
- Our next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10th 7-8:45pm at the Townsend Library.