



# TOWNSEND ASHBY YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

DECEMBER 12, 2018, 7PM  
TOWNSEND LIBRARY, TRUSTEES ROOM  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES



Person	Position	Attended	Person	Position	Attended
Keith Turgeon (KT)	President	X	Jessica Donia (JD)	Concessions	-
Gary Donia (GD)	Vice President	-	Brian Tesini (BT)	Softball Director	X
Jen Callahan (JCal)	Secretary	-	Mark Arsenault (MA)	Player Advocate	-
Beth Arsenault (BA)	Treasurer	X	Josh Chapman (JC)	Facilities Manager	-
Jess Fellows (JF)	Community & Safety	X	Lisa Neal (LN)	Fundraising	X
Jason Vettese (JV)	Umpire in Chief	X			

## OPEN ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- Volunteer Applications / CORI Forms Completion
  - Gary, Jen, Jess D & Josh still incomplete.
  - Jason turned in his CORI form tonight.
- Financial Update
  - PayPal \$1,234.56, WCU \$10,799.03 – Total \$12,033.59
- Registration Status
  - Baseball – (10) T-Ball, (21) Rookie, (13+1) Minors, (14) Major 60, (3) Major 70, (6+3) Seniors
  - Softball – (1) Rookie, (5) Minors, (2) Majors, (9) Seniors
  - Handout – 2019 Players List
  - Handout – 2019 Coaches List
- Sponsorship Status
  - Physical mailings looking to go out this week
  - \$10,006 committed/paid so far.
  - 2019 budget is \$14,140 (\$4,434 to go)
  - 2018 actual was \$11,165
  - Combo banner/team deal huge success.
  - 13 team sponsorships sold already – only 14 are possible.
- Annual Cal Ripken/Western Massachusetts Offseason Meeting Update
  - T-Ball Players who turn age four in May, June or July are now eligible to play (cutoff was 5/1 previously)
  - Safe Sports Act - \$25 per coach & assistant - \$150,000 fine for non-compliance. We have 40 coaches per year on average. Requires 2-hour online class, nationwide background intense screening and passing test.
  - Per Babe Ruth Rule, players no longer need to play a single game in spring to be eligible for Tournament/All Star Play. Many towns have a “must play” rule to override this. After discussion, we will a line “must play” rule into our update bylaws that state that “A player must play be registered for the spring season and play in 50% of the games. Board approval/override on the 50% is possible under special circumstances”
  - New 15 run mercy rule after 2 innings, only potential impact is Major/70 & Babe Ruth
  - New Babe Ruth Softball Rule – now requires face masks for pitchers, first baseman and third baseman.
  - Geographical boundaries for softball have been eliminated for the 14U and up divisions. This could impact our Seniors Softball team, as players can now jump towns and play for whichever program they prefer.
  - Good T-Ball/Rookie discussion
    - T-Ball keep teams based on age/grade
    - T-Ball start with tees, end up with pitching machines

- T-Ball (and perhaps Rookie) use foot placement mats
- T-Ball critical to make more “fun”. Recommend year end “jamboree”
- T-Ball not uncommon to be played on Sunday afternoons
- Rookies swap to pitching machines (spoke with Shirley, and was interested in the idea)
- **MAC League Offseason Meeting Update**
  - Lancaster has joined the Mac league and will participate in the 12 game/east division.
  - Season will start Monday after April vacation and will likely go 1-2 weeks longer as Babe Ruth tournaments are later than normal
  - We will have a couple of cross division games this season
  - Sunday games are going to be scheduled for Minors division
  - Rule clarified that an inning can start anytime UP to the 2:15 mark
  - Rule clarified that our league DOES allow extra innings (assuming time limit is not reached, and it is not dark)
  - Major 70 could be very small this year with only 4-5 towns likely submitting 70’s teams
  - Based on the success of our Hit a Thon last year, many of the other towns are also going to do it this year. We are going to try to coordinate all towns to have them on the same day to avoid game conflicts.
  - MAC league will override the new 15 mercy run rule after 2 innings set forth by Babe Ruth.
  - Pepperell would like us to potentially charter one of their Softball teams. Also, could potentially send players to our Seniors team.
  - New Rule: A player that throws a bat will be given a warning the first time, the second time they will be called out, a third time that player must be removed from the batting lineup for the remainder of the game.
  - Mercy rule change – After a game has been called for the 10-run limit, the game will continue as a scrimmage but there will be a 2-run limit for all innings including the last.
- **NCMS Offseason Meeting Update**
  - Brian attended.
  - Potentially moving the start date of the season to May (we do not participate in Babe Ruth softball tournaments, so there is no hard stop to the season)
  - They are looking into decreasing the number of teams entering the playoffs to have a shorter tournament. Only the top tier of teams would advance to the playoffs.
- **Umpiring Costs Update**
  - Brian spoke with NCMS, and we can set our prices as we see fit.
  - Softball Games \$60, Minor/Major Baseball Games \$60, Senior Baseball Games \$130 (\$65 x 2) – we will be raising this issue at the District 5 annual Babe Ruth meeting to try to eliminate the second umpire.
  - Youth Umpires 13+ will be permitted in Softball Minors games only
- **Summer Camp Update**
  - I spoke with Energy Athletics, and they have determined that they will no longer be providing their traveling Mini-Warriors summer camp program.
  - As discussed at our last meeting, TAYBS will try to put on our own week-long program.
  - I spoke with North Middlesex Athletic director, and they would like to assist in this effort.
- **Winter Clinics Update**
  - 6 Different clinics are being offered for January. (4 Baseball, 2 Softball)
  - Registrations are now open:
    - Baseball (8) 8-9 Clinic, (8) 12-14 Clinic, (8) 4-7 Clinic, (2) 10-12 Clinic
    - Softball (4) 6-10 Clinic, (1) 11-16 Clinic
    - 7 tee shirts sold
    - Last January we had 40 kids participate, so far this year we are at 34
  - Jess Fellows, Jeff Cote, Sarah Hopkins and Keith Turgeon are the only coaches to offer to coach the clinics.
  - Jason Vettese has also offered to help coach the clinics if needed.
- **Joint Charter/All Stars with Pepperell Update**
  - Pepperell will be voting during their January board meeting to continue with the initiative
  - Brian Gallagher from Pepperell confirmed he has no issues splitting costs proportionally.
- **Team Allowance**

- We agreed to a \$50 allowance per team. Many coaches spend money out of pocket for their teams, this help to alleviate this cost. This can be used for minor equipment purchases, batting cages, or even a team trip for ice cream. All purchases are to be done by the coach and then a receipt is to be sent to the league treasurer for reimbursement. Any equipment purchased remains the property of TAYBS and must be turned in at the conclusion of the season.
- We need to stress at the coaches training that if they had equipment that needs to be replaced, or they need some piece of equipment they do not have, they should reach out us and we will take care of that our of our general league funds, and not take it out of their team allowance.
- TAYBS Bylaws Annual Review/Approval
  - Our existing bylaws are extremely out of date and need to be updated.
  - Handout – 2019 TAYBS Bylaws
  - We reviewed the bylaws and they were approved with the following changes:
    - Team selections will be done by the coaches, and when there is a conflict, the President, Vice President and Player Advocate will make the final decision.
    - Board Member elections will be open to existing board members, coaches, assistant coaches and parents of players registered for the spring season. Parents will get 1 vote per registered player.
- Summer Sandlot League Discussion – Take 2
  - Pushing discussion to next board meeting so that Gary can participate in discussion.
- Professional Training for Baseball & Softball Coaches
  - Lisa found a program out of the Nashoba Regional HS, that is \$225 for a 2-3-hour coaching clinic. I reached out to our coaches to gauge interested, and 12 coaches replied they would like to attend. They are willing to come onsite to do the clinic for \$300. After discussion, we decided to move forward with the onsite clinic for \$300.
- Special Events, Ownership Assignment & Schedule
  - Nobody has stepped up to take on any of the projects since the last board meeting. We really need to have people pick some of the events, so they can start to be planned out.
- Project Updates
  - There have been lots of issues with Nashoba Tech in building out the new Spaulding Snack Shack. The timelines have slipped numerous times, due to materials error we are out an additional thousand dollars, as well as due to the slow work, our electrician and trench vendors will now not be able to complete their work until the spring as the ground is now frozen. Additionally, the school had one of the teachers leave who was working to get us all the cabinetry at no cost thru the Furniture Trust. We will now need to take on the burden and additional costs of getting the cabinets for the shack.

## TAYBS 2019 Sponsorships

Arrow Septic	Craven Field Scoreboard <i>(committed)</i>	\$1,000
CARSTAR Collision Center – Lowell	Field Banner	\$225
CARSTAR Collision Center – Fitchburg	Field Banner	\$225
DICKS's Sporting Goods	Donation (\$500 Gift Card, 4 x \$50 Gift Certificates)	\$700
Echo Knoll Construction	Field Banner <i>(committed)</i>	\$250
Elite Construction & Design	Team Sponsorship	\$293
Haffner's	Field Banner & Team Sponsor (Seniors Baseball)	\$600
Hannaford's	Field Banner & Donation (Pallet of Water) <i>(committed)</i>	\$250
Hannaford's	Bags 4 My Cause Donation	\$16
J&S Business Products	Field Banner <i>(committed)</i>	\$250
JDM Home Improvement	Field Banner & Team Sponsor (Major 70) <i>(committed)</i>	\$500
L.F. Robbins Insurance Agency	Field Banner	\$250
McNabbs Pharmacy	Team Sponsor (Seniors Softball)	\$300
Michael Brothers Photography	Field Banner & Team Sponsorship <i>(committed)</i>	\$500
Mitrano Removal Service	Field Banner	\$250
Mosquito Squad	Field Banner & Team Sponsor	\$550
Nashoba Valley Chamber of Commerce	Website Sponsor	\$97
North End Mazda	Team Sponsorship	\$300
North End Subaru	Team Sponsorship	\$300
Powell Stone & Gravel	Team Sponsorship	\$300
Rollstone Bank & Trust	Team Sponsorship	\$300
Ron Bouchard's Auto Stores	Field Banner & Team Sponsor	\$500
Santander	Team Sponsorship <i>(committed)</i>	\$300
Sterilite	Field Banner <i>(committed)</i>	\$250
Top Notch Plumbing & Heating	Craven Field Snack Shack	\$1,000
Worker's Credit Union	Field Banner & Team Sponsor	\$500
		<b>\$10,006</b>

**TAYBS 2019 Improvement Projects**

Craven Field	Batting Cage Stone Dust	Kazanjian	Completed	\$690
Craven Field	Batting Cage Light & Power – Electrical	Pelletier Electric	On Hold / Cancelled	\$500
Craven Field	Batting Cage Light & Power - Trenching	Kazanjian	On Hold / Cancelled	\$300
Craven Field	Dugout Repairs & Improvements	Nashoba Tech	On Hold / Cancelled	\$950
Craven Field	Infield Recut & New Clay	Kazanjian	Recut Done / Clay in Spring	\$1265
Craven Field	Permanent Foul Lines	LineTurf	Completed	\$535
Craven Field	Permanent Foul Lines Installation	Kazanjian	Spring Start	\$500
Craven Field	Tree Removal	Kym Craven	On Hold	\$2500
Craven Field	Parking Lot Regraded	Kazanjian	Completed	\$1500
Craven Field	Snack Shack Windows & Cabinets	Nashoba Tech	On Hold / Cancelled	\$850
Craven Field	Picnic Tables	Nashoba Tech	On Hold	\$375
Craven Field	Scoreboard Repairs (antenna Install)	TAYBS / Josh	Spring Start	\$0
Craven Field	Sprinkler Repairs (move heads out of Infield)	TAYBS / Josh	Spring Start	\$100
Spaulding Fields	Baseball Field Safety Covers	TAYBS / Keith	Spring Start	\$500
Spaulding Fields	Softball Field Bleachers	TAYBS / Keith	Spring Start	\$750
Spaulding Fields	Snack Shack – Materials	MAKI Building	Completed	\$4017
Spaulding Fields	Snack Shack – Windows	Fimbel Doors	Completed	\$1380
Spaulding Fields	Snack Shack – Construction	Nashoba Tech	WORK IN PROGRESS	\$1080
Spaulding Fields	Snack Shack – Appliances	TAYBS	Spring Start	\$1250
Spaulding Fields	Snack Shack – Electrical	Pelletier Electric	Spring Start	\$2500
Spaulding Fields	Snack Shack – Trenching	CBF Landworks	Spring Start	\$2385
Spaulding Fields	Field Turnover & New Clay	Kazanjian	Spring Start	\$2550
Spaulding Fields	Scoreboards	Nevco	Completed	\$6602
Spaulding Fields	Scoreboards – Materials	MAKI Building	Completed	\$507
Spaulding Fields	Scoreboards – Construction	Nashoba Tech	Spring Start	\$102
Spaulding Fields	Picnic Tables	Nashoba Tech	On Hold	\$375
Spaulding Fields	T-Ball Player Benches	Nashoba Tech	On Hold	\$750
Spaulding Fields	T-Ball Pitching Rubbers & Home Plates	TAYBS / Josh	Spring Start	\$0
Spaulding Fields	Softball Permanent Pitching Rubbers	TAYBS / Josh	Spring Start	\$150
				<b>\$34,963</b>

## TAYBS 2019 Calendar of Events

09/01/18	TAYBS 2019 Spring Season Registration Opens	Keith
09/14/18	TAYBS Comedy Show Fundraiser	Lisa & Keith
10/18/18	NCMS End of Season Board Meeting	Brian
11/13/18	Townsend Volunteer Information Night	Lisa & Lydia Booth
12/01/18	TAYBS 2019 Winter Season Registration Opens	Keith
12/04/18	DICKS's Sporting Goods Annual Sponsorship Night	-
12/18/18	Annual Cal Ripken Western Massachusetts Offseason Meeting	Keith & Jason
12/11/18	MAC League Winter Board Meeting	Keith, Mark & Jason
01/07/19	TAYBS Winter Clinics – Monday & Tuesday at AES, Wednesday at HBMS	Jess F & Keith
01/17/19	TAYBS Registration Information & Game Night	Keith & Lisa
02/24/19	TAYBS Winter Clinics – Monday & Tuesday at AES, Wednesday at HBMS	Jess F & Keith
02/28/19	TAYBS 2019 Spring Season Registration Closes	Keith
03/04/19	TAYBS Winter Clinics – Monday & Tuesday at AES, Wednesday at HBMS	Jess F & Keith
03/16/19	DICK's Sporting Goods TAYBS 20% Discount Weekend	<b>TBD</b>
03/21/19	TAYBS Preseason Celebration Dinner	Jess F & Keith
04/02/19	TAYBS Mandatory Coaches & Assistants Training (Team Management & Safety)	Keith & Jess F
04/04/19	TAYBS Paint Night	Jess F & <b>TBD</b>
04/08/19	NCMS League Mandatory Softball Coaches Training	Brian
04/11/19	MAC League Mandatory Baseball Coaches Training	Keith
04/13/19	TAYBS Craven Field Cleanup	<b>TBD</b>
04/14/19	TAYBS Spaulding Field Cleanup	<b>TBD</b>
04/20/19	TAYBS Snack Shack & Field Maintenance Volunteer Training	Keith & <b>TBD</b>
04/21/19	TAYBS Season Kickoff Party at Patriot Pizza	Keith & Jess F
04/22/19	Opening Day of the 2019 Spring Season!	-
05/02/19	Cub Scout Night at the Ball Park (Craven Field)	Brian & <b>TBD</b>
05/04/19	TAYBS Picture Day	<b>TBD</b>
05/04/19	TAYBS Hit a Thon Fundraiser	Keith & <b>TBD</b>
05/17/19	TAYBS FREE Movie Night on Craven Field	<b>TBD</b>
05/26/19	TAYBS Participation in the Annual Townsend Memorial Day Parade	<b>TBD</b>
06/07/19	TAYBS 11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser	Beth & Jen
07/08/19	Opening Day of the 2019 Summer Season!	-
07/12/19	TAYBS Night at the Ball Park (Nashua Silver Nights)	<b>TBD</b>
08/05/19	TAYBS Week Long, Full Day Summer Camp	Keith & <b>TBD</b>
08/13/19	TAYBS Coach & Sponsor Appreciation Dinner	Keith & <b>TBD</b>
08/15/19	TAYBS Hosts the Townsend Band Concert & Lawn Party	Jess F & <b>TBD</b>
09/01/19	TAYBS 2020 Spring Season Registration Opens	Keith
09/13/19	TAYBS Comedy Show Fundraiser	Lisa & Keith
09/21/19	TAYBS Player Evaluations	Keith & <b>TBD</b>
11/13/19	Townsend Volunteer Information Night	<b>TBD</b>
12/01/19	TAYBS 2020 Winter Season Registration Opens	Keith

## TAYBS 2019 Board of Director Meetings

Thursday, January 10	Wednesday, April 10	Wednesday, July 10	Thursday, October 10
Thursday, February 14	Wednesday, May 8	Wednesday, August 14	Wednesday, November 13
Thursday, March 14	Wednesday, June 12	Wednesday, September 11	Wednesday, December 11