

Orlando Babe Ruth

Board Meeting

Sunday, May 7th, 2017

7:00pm @ CWA

Attendance: Frank Malatesta, Robert Viera, Krista Joslin, De La Garza, Charles Rutterbush, Peter Miller, Sara Sciortino, Andy Nicol, Jen Dollar, James Savino, Dan McGaw, _____ Downing, Frank Kempinger, Wanda Quill, _____ Quill, Ben Adams, _____ Griffin

Minutes from April meeting were approved.

President Address - Robert Viera - Robert will be setting goals for next year. Concerned about people airing OBR issues on Facebook. Will communicate meeting times and dates to invite community/league members to meetings. Need to consider Board Members voting rights and how that affects the board decisions that need to be made on a monthly basis. Need to have effective/productive board meetings.

Softball - Softball season went well. Will continue to improve. Consensus is that players/coaches want more practice time. Parent involvement is needed in softball. Suggested that softball have a board position. Need to incorporate softball better each season. Will make new signs that include softball, and continue to work towards a strong softball program. Peter Miller volunteered to help with softball. Discussion of doing softball camps through All Stars and summer.

League Financials - We have \$11,724. Spring brought in \$3722, STORM - \$1582, All-Stars - \$4967, other - \$1453. Will prepare a final budget for June meeting. Consider a treasurer as paid position. Softball needs separate line item.

Marketing and Public Relations - Will make and distribute flyers for fall season. Promo email went out for fall. Fall will include Saturday games. All-Star brag shirts made. Saving making 1st

place banners for spring division champions. Keeping OBR FB fresh with MLB shares, etc.

Partnership Updates - Jen Dollar has secured Sassy Pants, Mears, Mesa 21. If a parent works for a company that makes a donation, that donation can be ear-marked for a specific All-Star team. Parent interested in doing Dining on the Diamond in fall. Griffin suggested going to restaurants to help sponsor the event.

Upcoming/Past Events - Parent Player and Home Run Derby will happen in the Fall.

Spring Season Review - Conversation about the need for coaches to control parents. Coaches should consider calling the police when parents get crazy (out of our league to manage some parents). Discussion of umpires for tball because of parent issues. Would need to raise player fee if we add umpires. Consider adding Advanced Tball and Advanced Rookie divisions.

All-Star Updates - 6u doing All-Star tournament in Longwood, 9u practice T/W/Th and weekend tournaments, 10u practices 3 days, 11u practices Mondays, 12u looking to raise \$50,000 to go to All-Stars and Cooperstown.

Field Update - New new chalker. New machines needed in concessions. We need to be careful that equipment is returned and doesn't go missing. Clean up date will be in August. Opening Day is Sept 16.

Next meeting June 4.

Adjourned at 9:04pm.