

Place: TOR Firehouse
Time: 7:15 pm
Date: October 2, 2018

Minutes of Board Meeting

Those present:

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| Ferrone | Mirkin | Bancroft | Duddie | Ertrachter | Anderson | Gentle |
| DiPreta | Wong | S. DeLeo | Drexel | D'Ambrosio | Davis | |
| Brown | Calandrelli | J. DeLeo | McKeever | Fuchs | Lovello | |

New Business

- Discussion ensued regarding electing of the officers for the new fiscal year starting October 1, 2018.
 - a. **Brown** asked for nominations from the floor for President. Hearing no nominations, **Brown** nominated **Hoch**, who accepted the nomination.
 - b. Motion was made and seconded to elect **Hoch** as President. There were no other nominations from the floor. Motion passed unanimously. Board thanked **Hoch** for accepting the role, and to **Brown** for being President last year.
 - c. Motion was made and seconded to elect **J. DeLeo** and **Strazza** as Honorary Board members. Motion passed unanimously. Honorary Board members can be in the room for all SNLL business (including Executive Sessions) but cannot vote.
 - d. **Hoch** did indicate that the league needs someone to be at the field regularly to hear the voices of the younger people in the league. The concern is that parents of major league players are the only ones with Board representation and the league needs to know what is going on at the lower levels. There needs to be a feedback loop.
 - e. Mission of the Board should be to attract new voices, and to connect/recruit with more minor league parents. **Duddie** is recruiting parents at fall ball games, but others need to help get younger parents involved.
 - f. Suggestion made to team up minor league teams with a major league team to get kids more interested in staying with the league, but also to introduce more parents to the major league level. There should be a Minors' Committee.
 - g. Suggestion made that a new committee be formed for Capital Projects. Anyone interested in being on this committee should send an e-mail to **Hoch**. **Brown** will head up the committee.
- **Officers**
 - a. A motion was made and seconded that the following slate of officers be nominated to Board positions. There were no other nominations from the floor. Motion passed unanimously.

President: **Hoch**
Vice President – Operations: **DiPreta**
Vice President – Minors: **Duddie**
Vice President – At Large: **Brown**
Treasurer: **Ertrachter**
Secretary: **Ferrone**
Player Agent: **Gendason**
Safety Officer: **Nestor**
 - b. The following positions were also approved by the Board:

Information Officer: **Wong**
Scheduling: **J. DeLeo**
Umpire Scheduler: **Gentle**
AA Commissioner: **Drexel**
AA Commissioner Assistant: **Reimer**
Instructional Commissioner: **Duddie**
Challenger: **Bancroft**
Equipment: **McKeever**

- **Meeting Times**
 - a. Board meetings are scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of every month.
 - b. Meeting time will be 7:15PM.

- **Snack Bar**
 - a. **Drexel, Pierce, and McKeever** had handled the snack bar last year but will not be able to dedicate as much time for the upcoming year.
 - b. League needs to have a serious discussion regarding the future of the snack bars at the fields if a volunteer to run the concession stands cannot be found.
 - c. Decisions to be made include:
 1. Should the grill be used at Chestnut? Volume of business at Chestnut is much less than at the Springdale field.
 2. If concession stands are to be open, there needs to be tighter controls with regard to wasting food.

- **Challenger Program**
 - a. **Martin** will not be returning this year.
 - b. Discussion ensued regarding how to grow the program by getting the word out to more eligible players.
 - c. Suggestion made to have a “Buddy Commissioner”. This would be someone, preferably a high school kid, that would coordinate getting major league kids from SNLL to buddy-up with the challenger players.
 - d. Challenger program plays one game a week and has one practice a week.

- **Field Cleanup Day – SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2018**
 - a. Field cleanup will be on November 3rd at 9:00AM. Those in charge of the cleanup at each field:
 - Springdale: **T. Nestor**
 - Chestnut: **DiPreta**
 - Scofield: **D’Ambrosio**
 - b. If younger parents can attend, then time can be designated to teach them how to properly groom the fields as well as how to close the fields.

- **Other Items**
 - a. **Brown** to check on dates for winter workouts. Suggestion was made to look into using Bobby Valentines instead of Stamford High School, although costs may be a major consideration.
 - b. An instructional league age clinic was held at Bobby Valentines. About 30 kids participated. SNLL paid for the clinic. **Drexel** attended the clinic and felt that more instruction should be directed towards the parents. There are a lot of new parents in Fall Ball and it would be good if they can be shown different drills that could be run with the kids.
 - c. There was a discussion about modifying one of the fields so that 50/70 games could be played. A portable mound would be used so that regular little league games could be played on this field as well as the 50/70 games. SNLL would use money from the capital fund to pay for an artificial turf infield at Heroy Park, Chestnut, or the Italian Center. Since Italian Center is not a City of Stamford field, much negotiation will need to be made with the Italian Center before proceeding with such a project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Upcoming meetings: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:15PM at the TOR Firehouse
 Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 7:15PM at the TOR Firehouse