

# Minutes

## Newington Little League Monthly Meeting held on 8/12/2014 Newington Senior Center

Attendees:	Val Nakonechny, Ron Fairwood, Mike Johnson, Russ Dionne, Cathy Dionne, Kevin Daly, Ken Crouse, Joanne Errera, Daniela James, Rich Sobolewski, Tiwan Barnes, Tommy Tolisano, Jack Hurley, Jeff Palumbo, Jim Trommer and Dan Beaupre
Meeting Called to Order:	7:15 P.M. Meeting called to order by Cathy Dionne
Secretary Report:	Motion to accept Secretary Report made by Mike Johnson. Second by Jack Hurley
Treasurer Report:	Motion to accept Treasurer Report made by Rich Soboleski. Second by Val Nakonechny
Elections:	<p>President and Secretary position is up for election in October.</p> <p>Ron and Mike suggest we make the positions for the entire executive board 1 year terms instead of 2 years.</p> <p>Please see new business for Mike's Motion regarding the executive board terms.</p> <p>Jesus Guadarrama is stepping down as the manager of CCC, formerly known as Public Market, after many years of managing and participating in Newington Little League. Thank You Jesus!</p> <p>If you are interested in a managing or one of the positions on the executive board, please forward your name or your nomination to Ron Fairwood.</p> <p><b><u>We need to put out a public notice of all pending opened positions</u></b></p> <p>A discussion regarding our current executive board took place. Mike mentioned that the VP position is currently available since Walt moved into the President position after Jim's resignation. It was undecided whether or not we fill the position now or if we should continue without a VP until election. The discussion will be tabled until next month.</p>
Open Forum	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Jim Hughes – Resignation &amp; Last day was 06/15/14 He sent an e-mail on 06/04/14</li><li>2. Motion to accept Jim's resignation made by Mike Johnson. Second by Rich Sobolewski</li><li>3. Jim's keys need to be returned. Changing of the locks needs to be discussed in more depth but a change should take place.</li><li>4. Ron wants to chair the committee to have 12yr old State Championship at Volunteer next year</li><li>5. 39 players are coming up to the Major baseball level in 2015. 12 are 12yrs. Olds Cathy Dionne suggested that we 1. Do more clinics 2.</li></ol>

	<p>Absorb CCC and bring up fewer players because she felt that the lower levels would become decimated if we took so many players. Mike felt that instead of reducing Major teams that we reduce Intermediate teams that we had done in the past.</p> <p>6. How do we phase the LL age changes that will take place in the next couple of years so people are aware?? Age changes take effect at the beginning of the 2018 season so our current 2014 league-age 8 year olds will be the first group impacted.</p> <p>7. Fundraising Committee? Flyers? Sponsor Signs?</p> <p>8. Indoor Batting Cages – What happened to them? – See Special Projects section</p>
Major Baseball:	All the Major All Star teams did very well this season. The 9/10's went to the District 7 final. The 10/11 team won both the District 7 as well as the Division 3 Championships. The 11/12 team also won the District 7 Championship. Outstanding job by all!
Intermediate Baseball:	No report
Minor Baseball:	Kevin Daly mentioned that Rich would like to move from the T-Ball Commissioner to the Minor Commissioner for 2015.
T-Ball:	No Report
Challenger:	No Report
Softball:	No Report
Summer/Fall Ball	<p>Tom Tolisano said the Summer went well. The Summer Ball uniforms need to be collected!!</p> <p>It has been requested that Fall Clinics take place.</p> <p>Len Errera was unavailable to give a report</p>
Special Projects	Jim Trommer would like to head the committee on special projects for the batting cages. Kevin Daly, Dan Beaupre, Tom Tolisano, Russ Dionne and Bill Deblasio (if he's willing) will be working together to get the project started.
Uniforms	<p>Intermediate Uniforms – Everyone loved them!</p> <p>All Stars Uniforms – Someone needs to work with equipment manager (Daniela volunteered) and look into new ones</p>
By-law Committee	<p>Committee met and discussed 1 year term positions and Termination language</p> <p>Mike suggested having “special meetings” with the Board of Directors to discuss changes rather than discussing at monthly meetings only</p> <p>Need to address coach's conduct and make very clear</p> <p>We should address when a manager holds 2 positions. Division of responsibilities</p> <p>Ron agrees with Mike that we need to move on and leave the past behind. The league has become very political and we need to get it back to the way</p>

	<p>it was 5-7 years ago</p> <p>Kevin Daly suggested we post signs about everyone's conduct</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Every coach and manager sign the Code of Conduct</li> <li>2. Make every parent aware of conduct and monthly meetings</li> </ol>
Umpires	No report
Concession Stand	<p>Concession plans to be open for fall ball. Waiting for schedule. After fall ball they will need help to clean and close down.</p> <p>Fall clean-up is the end of October</p>
Uniforms	No report
Equipment	The pitching machine at Badger field is broken!
Old Business	No old business
New Business	<p>Amend the by-laws to reflect that all elected positions will hold office for a one (1) year term starting with the Fall of 2014 elections. The Treasurer will remain in place and complete the term expiring in 2015. The specific changes to the by-laws will be:</p> <p>Article 3 – Initial paragraph will now read: The officers of the Local League shall consist of (5) Executive Board Positions. The positions will be held for <b>one year</b> and voted on by the Board of Directors.</p> <p><b><u>EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITIONS:</u></b>  President:  Vice-President  <u>Vice-President (Softball)</u>  Secretary:  Treasurer:</p> <p>Article 3 – Appointed Position of Nomination Committee will no longer include “(Executive Board even years only)” after it.</p> <p>Article 5 – 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph under “Executive Board” will now read, “The Executive Board – President, Vice President, Vice President (Softball), Secretary, and Treasurer - will hold office for <b>one (1) year</b>. Office will be held from the date elected, until the conclusion of the new elections. The elections will be held at the October meeting.</p> <p><b><u>This motion was tabled until the next monthly meeting which will be held September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the Teen Center.</u></b></p>
Meeting Adjourned:	Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM by Cathy Dionne
	Respectfully Submitted by Daniela James