

Minutes

Newington Little League Monthly Meeting held on 6/03/2014 Newington Senior Center

Attendees:	Walt Nakonechny, Val Nakonechny, Ron Fairwood, Mike Johnson, Russ Dionne, Cathy Dionne, Kevin Daly, Ken Crouse, Rob Cappellucci, John Brunetti, Roland Johnson, Jen Win-Johnson, Gunnar Johnson, Len Errera, Joanne Errera, Daniela James, Rich Sobolewski, Karen Tharaldson-Falvey, Kevin Mooney Sr., Kevin Mooney, Jr., Tiwan Barnes, Tammy Casey, Patrick Casey, Tommy Tulisano, Sean Tharaldson, Jack Hurley, Ryan DeBlasio, Mike Gwiazdowski & Don Woods
Meeting Called to Order:	8:00 P.M. Meeting called to order by Walt Nakonechny
Secretary Report:	The monthly Secretary report was not available
Treasurer Report:	The Treasurer Report was read and excepted Rob also reported that he need money to be collected from the following teams for the rental fees of cages used at Connecticut Baseball Academy in Berlin: CCC (majors), Turgeon (majors), Steve's (majors), B & D Automotive (intermediate) and Geico (intermediate).
Housekeeping:	June 14 th will be a big day at Volunteer field. The Minor Championship game, Intermediate Championship game, the Major Player Select game and the HR derby will take place. Also the T-Ball Jamboree will be held on June 14 th at their fields.
Public Forum	<p>Please note that at this meeting there were two separate open forums. The first was an informative discussion by Don Woods from the Parks & Recreation Committee. Jen Win-Johnson who also sits on the committee joined in the discussion as well. They provided us with information and asked us for support on the proposed building project for the new Community Center. Mr. Woods showed renderings of the new proposed community center and discussed the many benefits that it would provide to our entire community including youth sports programs. It was also mentioned that the budget for this project would come from the Capital Improvements budget and not through raising taxes. Don and Jen asked for our support going forward and asked anyone wishing for more information to attend the public forums.</p> <p>The second public discussion took place after new business (at the end of our meeting) at which time we discussed some parts of our bylaws, our current code of conduct for managers and coaches and finally one of our managers, Mike Johnson was shown support by several attendees at our meeting. This dialog will continue to be ongoing and the executive committee will meet with Mike on 6/5.</p>
Major Baseball:	No report
Intermediate Baseball:	No report
Minor Baseball:	The season has gone well and will be wrapping up on June 8 th . Championship game will be 6/14 at Volunteer field.
T-Ball:	Rich sent an email message stating that the season has gone well and that there will be a Jamboree on June 14 th at the T-ball fields. There last game will be 6/8.
Challenger:	No Report
Softball:	Kevin sent a message that Softball will have a 9/10 all-star team and that they will automatically advance to the sectionals as there will be no district play. Kevin also reported that this season's coaches were great!
All Stars	A proposal for All-star selection was discussed earlier in the year but never voted on therefore our league will continue to draft players as they have in previous years. June 8 th is the proposed try out date but times will be determined based on coaches' availability and communicated out to the league. Parents will need to have all paperwork in before June 12 th if their child is selected and the proposed bat check

	<p>date is 6/14. Games will be starting on 6/20. Coaches must provide Val with their nominations for all star players.</p>
Summer/Fall Ball	<p>Len met with a core group of people to discuss both summer and fall programs for baseball in May. It was determined that summer baseball will remain the same as last year's program Len is planning on attending a meeting next week to discuss it further. Mike Johnson will set up an email for summer registration.</p> <p>Fall ball will most likely include the Wallingford league that we participated in last year which was a travel program. Len is also looking into a 50/70 program and perhaps reaching out to the coaches at the Babe Ruth level to determine if they will be doing anything in regards to a transition league for the kids moving on from L.L.</p> <p>In town, things will be run differently than they did last year with more age appropriate teams.</p> <p>Len also plans on sending out an email to the entire L.L. population to gage interest. Please know that Len would be interested in hearing from anyone who wishes to help in coaching either a summer or fall team.</p>
New Business	<p>Motion #1 To have our monthly meetings at a facility that is accessible to handicap people. The motion passed and Cathy will look into a facility to accommodate us.</p>
Umpires	<p>No report</p>
Concession Stand	<p>Joanne reported that they have received lots of positive feedback regarding the stand and that they are planning on keeping it open for both summer and fall games. Len will try and make contact with someone at Coke for Joanne as the concession stand large Coke refrigerator is broken and they'd like to work with the company to have it replaced. It was also mentioned that the scoreboard area has been left a mess by several of the kids (not all) and that garbage has been thrown out of the window during games. It may benefit us going forward to limiting the number of kids going up or having a sign up. Some of the kids really enjoy the privilege of utilizing the area and we wouldn't want to take it away.</p>
Uniforms	<p>No report</p>
Equipment	<p>No report</p>
Old Business	<p>No old business</p>
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Meeting Adjourned:	<p>Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM by Walt Nakonechny</p>
	<p>Respectfully Submitted by Cathy Dionne, Secretary:</p>