

Minutes

Newington Little League Monthly Meeting held on 9/02/2014 Teen Center at the Community Center

Attendees:	Kevin Mason, Rob Cappellucci, Val Nakonechny, Walt Nakonechny, Ron Fairwood, Mike Johnson, Cathy Dionne, Kevin Daly, Ken Crouse, Daniela James, Rich Sobolewski, Tommy Tolisano, Jack Hurley, Jeff Palumbo, Jim Trommer, Dan Beaupre, Bill DeBlasio, Sharon Lichota, John DeGirolamo, Rich Hollfelder, Stew Drozd, Jessica Pereira, Bruno Allegrini and Steve Peronace
Meeting Called to Order:	7:05 P.M. Meeting called to order by Kevin Mason
Secretary Report:	Change made to the report to say "chair" instead of "cheer" on page 1 of minutes #4 under Open Forum. Motion to accept the secretary's report made by Kevin Daly. Second by Jeff Palumbo
Treasurer Report:	Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by John DeGirolamo. Second by Jim Trommer
Elections:	<p>President, Vice President and Secretary positions are up for election in October. Please get your nominations to Ron Fairwood as soon as possible. These positions will be 1 year positions based on the proposal that went out in the minutes last month and that was voted on tonight.</p> <p>Please see old business for Mike's Motion regarding the executive board term motion</p> <p>As stated last month, there is also an open position for a major's manager on the Central Connecticut Carpentry team (CCC). If you are interested please forward your name to Ron Fairwood @ ronseven@cox.net along with an email explaining your coaching philosophy/style, your baseball resume and 3 baseball references. The interviews will occur during the month of October for the manager position only and the nominating committee's recommendation will be made during the November meeting at which time it will be voted on. Please have your application to Ron on or before Sunday, October 5th 2014.</p> <p><u>A public notice of the major manager position will go out.</u></p>
Housekeeping	<p>Ron will chair the Nominating Committee. If you are interested in being on that committee, please contact Ron.</p> <p>Fall clean-up will be in October. We will need all major's managers or a representative from their teams to participate and would love it if we had additional volunteers. A date is to be determined</p> <p>Mail – Little League mail was going somewhere because not all of it was going to the P. O. Box</p> <p>Keys – We still have keys out there that need to be returned. If you have keys that belong to Newington Little League you are being asked to return them as soon as possible.</p>

Open Forum	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kevin Mason addressed the room as our interim President until our next elections 2. Walt Nakonechny has decided to resign as Interim President & Vice President of Newington Little League. Please see the motion that was made to accept Walt's resignation under new business. <p>Thank you to Walt for your service as Vice President. Walt will continue to manage the Capitols team in the Spring and help with the by-law committee as well.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. There was a discussion as to whether the proposed by-law change last month was submitted in the proper way. Upon review it was determined that the by-laws were followed according to <u>Article 12 Amendments</u> on page 24 of our by-laws and therefore a vote took place regarding the proposed Executive Board term lengths. Please see old business. 4. Discussion took place about the Pros & Cons of this proposed by-law change. 5. Stew asked for the floor regarding an email that went out via the NLL website about Mill Pond. Discussion ensued and it was determined that we currently did not have a policy in our by-laws pertaining to use of our email system and that it should be a point of discussion at our next by-law meeting.
Major Baseball:	No report
Intermediate Baseball:	No report
Minor Baseball:	No report
T-Ball:	No report
Challenger:	No report
Softball:	No report
Summer/Fall Ball	There are 100 participants playing on teams in town and 36 playing in a travel league. Of the 36 players traveling, 24 of them are in a transition league on a 50/70 diamond
Special Projects	<p>Jim Trommer reported that the group had met a couple of times to discuss sites for the cage, grants available to NLL by the MLB, fundraising and to determine the committee's duties & responsibilities.</p> <p>The current batting cage site, the open space behind the centerfield of Memorial field and an area closer to Willard Ave and next to the Babe Ruth cages are the 3 possible building sites.</p> <p>The committee has been in contact with the Town Manager, the Parks & Recreation Department and the Zoning Board. The Wetlands Committee within the town will need to be contacted at some points as well.</p> <p>The committee has determined that the structure will be on a cement slab and the colors will be beige with brown trim to be consistent with the surrounding structures on the property. At present they believe that the size of the building will be approximately 80' X 50'</p> <p>Discussions took place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bathroom or no bathroom? Would Porto potty outside be sufficient?

	<p>What the town would require? The committee will look into it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What lies below the sites mentioned? Gas, Electrical lines, etc.? Kevin Daly knows of a surveyor that will donate his services to NLL • How much money do we have allocated for this project and how much will we need to complete it? TBD • Will Home Depot help through donations? The MLB grant would probably be better in this situation. • What are the next steps? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Know the budgets 2. Talk with Tilcon regarding the foundation 3. Decide on a site after research has been conducted <p>The Special Projects Committee will be meeting in a couple of weeks. TBD</p>
Uniforms	It was decided that after elections of our new board members that someone or a group will be appointed to look into our uniform needs.
By-law Committee	No report
Umpires	<p>A big Thank You goes out to Ryan DeBlasio for all his hard work in scheduling the umpires this past season. We appreciate it!!</p> <p>John reported that he'd like to have an Umpire clinic either on Friday, September 5th in the afternoon or Saturday, September 6th in the morning. John will send out an email.</p> <p>Walt suggested that we have umpires and "umpires in training" work together so that we they can aide in their development.</p> <p>John mentioned that things needed to be ordered for the umpires. Rob stated that we needed to do an inventory of equipment, uniforms and umpire uniforms. This should perhaps be done during our fall clean up.</p> <p>Dan asked that our younger, newer umpires only do the intermediate games. John explained that sometimes there just aren't enough available umpires to cover the amount of games but that they do their best to try and abide by that.</p>
Concession Stand	Daniela said that the concession stand will be open for the fall with a full menu so come on down.
Uniforms	No report
Equipment	<p>Billy reported that the fields were in good shape & that we had plenty of baseballs for the fall. He suggested that all coaches go through their bags to make sure that they had the things that they'd need for next season. We were short on catcher's mitts.</p> <p>We will probably need to do a mass buy but again, that should be done after the October elections.</p> <p><u>**Can we do a mass buy as a district!?!?*</u></p>
Fields	** Please have the town look into the 3 rd base over at McCusker field as it seems to be offline**
Old Business	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 Vice

	<p>President of Softball and 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 one year and voted on by the Board of Directors.</p> <p><u>EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITIONS:</u> 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 – 1st paragraph under “Executive Board” will now read, “The Executive Board – President, Vice President, Vice President (Softball), Secretary, and Treasurer - will hold office for one (1) year. 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><u>**The motion passed and the by-laws will be amended to reflect those changes</u></p>
New Business	A motion was made to accept Walt’s resignation as Interim President as well as Vice President of Newington Little League by John D. and second by Rich H. The motion passed
Meeting Adjourned:	Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM by Kevin Mason
	Respectfully Submitted by Cathy Dionne