Derry Little League
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Meeting Minutes March 18, 2015

**Attendees**

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| **Board Members** |
| Ray Feoli  | Tom Vallone | Heather Zikmanis | Don Kirkland | A.J. Giammichele |
| Sue McGill | Tom Torres | Susan Cerri | Karen DiMambro | Matt Elkin |
| Jeff Kattar | Jim Kane | Anthony Fournier | Bobby Jones |  |
| Brian Diperri | Tim Dineen | Dave Zimmerle | Karen Clark |  |
| **Guests** |
| Brian Sykes |  |  |  |  |
| Tim Noonan |  |  |  |  |

**Guest Comments / Opening Comments**

Question about whether Majors managers can keep same teams (intact) as they managed last year.

Discussion was about how they fill out their teams… Consensus is that it will be per agreement of the managers at the draft. Will we have enough teams? It’s easy if we have same number of teams and managers… But how do we balance talent? Managers have been drafting looking to develop teams over several seasons. One balancing factor is the limit on number of 12-year olds on a team.

Can managers contact players to see if they will be registering? Yes… But not in the context of Payer Agent.

Ray reviews possible numbers of team based on current registrations. Definite numbers are pending. Typically there is an up-swell of numbers as we get closer to the start of the season.

**Secretary’s Report**

Reviewed amended minutes from March 04, 2015 Meeting.

**MOTION:** Move to approve Secretary’s report. Seconded. **APPROVED**

**President’s report:**

* Registration numbers still low, but trending upward.

**EVP report:**

* Don asks if we’re going to send a team to Bristol , CT. Answer is that we’re not sure at this point. Will give an answer after the draft.
* Regional LL President’s meeting is on the 29 March… We must attend or represent to draw tourney numbers. We will know who we’re playing, but we won’t know where we’ll be playing…
* June 5 was original deadline to submit tourney teams. That was too hectic for us… So the dates are now June 15th for team selection… with all paperwork due on June 24… Tourney will start at June 30… Give teams Fri, Sat Sun off… (3rd, 4th, 5th) to resume on 6th.
* If we slip the majors back to 25th… that doesn’t give softball enough time…

Problem… Derry is doing it right… LL requires that all volunteers and others that have association with children must be screened through First Advantage… What about umpires at the Senior level and for Intermediate? Likely that any associates would have been screened, but we need to ensure that we do not incur any liability.

Who is our liaison for Umpires in Senior Division? We need to ensure that umpires are properly screened.

Auburn will likely move to our district. Hampstead should as well… but currently plays in Andover.

**Old Business**

Coaches Committee

* Have approved names. Some names to be discussed in closed session.

Player Evaluations

One more for this Sunday, March 22 12:00 – 3:00. Need to get the word out.

Ray comments that we need to do more to get the word out about monthly meetings.
Question and discussion about how our Facebook page works. Want to make sure that discussions and messages are read. Should be configured so that there is an open exchange of ideas, criticisms and involvement.

Safety Report

Submitted. Asked if we have submitted online… Not currently – but it will be easier in the future once we migrate to online submissions.

Fund Raising / Soliciting Sponsors

* Shaw’s will sponsor a Softball
* Jeff got a two year deal with Clix… @$400 / year. Will also print (free) flyers, posters, etc. If we use them for photos and exceed $1,000, they will kick back 15%...
* Royalty Car Wash – would like a banner and a team.
* On the Grind – verbal agreement… Bobby Jones is working with them.
* All Around Self-Storage – on board
* Derry Rotary Office Service – on board
* Don will ask Clam Haven
* Have we contacted Vanguard? Derry Restaurant? Moos? Parkland?

**Orange Leaf Proposal**

Will provide freezer, product, and spoons for $3.50 / unit. There is no minimum purchase requirement. Will cooler fit in concession stand? Some concern that cost is too high.

No decision now… but consensus is to try it – start out small… perhaps negotiate price…

**Calendar / Raffle**

What do we want to decide? Two calendars to each child… What will payout be? Should be at least $50 per drawing. Suggestion to give four calendars to each @ $10/ per. Or 10 tickets for $40. Instructions need to be clear to ensure that names are submitted.

**MOTION** to provide 8 tickets at $5 per ticket. Seconded **APPROVED**.

**Movie Night**

June 6. Chris Malloy asks for a rain date. June 13.

**Sals Fundraiser**

April 30th… flyers on opening day.

**Uniforms**

Uniforms have been ordered:

8 Minor teams

6 AAA teams (suggested 7)

7 Majors teams (suggested 8)

5 Seniors teams

2 Softball Minor teams

2 Softball Senior teams

5 Softball Major teams

Should we order uniforms for Intermediate teams? To be discussed further.
Sue asks about hat sizes… youth or large…

**Subway Fundraiser** MG Sports… No risk… no money upfront… we get 57% back… Subway coupons… $10 per book. How should it be controlled? Discussion that it could be a lot to manage. Committee to find out more about how other groups have implemented.

Tabled to next meeting.

**New Business**

* Ray spoke with Betley Chevrolet… helmets are in. Need to be picked up.
* 50-70 intermediate division is on hold – but we will have intermediate teams.
Boys and Girls club will not allow us to use field. They are fielding their own team… Playing in Youngsville… But will be using their field… that we invested $3,000 in last year.

We will likely field two teams… three if we include Atkinson. Need to continue discussion with Boys & Girls club.

Ray proposed to Town of Derry to convert Vet’s field to 50-70 team. Field is already large enough for 90-foot bases…

Need to increase publicity that we have a 50-70.
* Umpire meetings have been scheduled… Mar 25 is first one – Mandatory for new umpires. Need to know how many kids are joining and need to be trained. Second one is for March 30
* Equipment. Need to start getting bags ready… Matt has inventory of what is in each bag. Need a couple of bags. Matt will contact Seth Thompson at BSN… and get prices for equipment.
* Need to order benches for O’Hara… Need two 16-foot benches. Approximately $1,600
**MOTION** to approve $1,000 for two 16-foot benches. Seconded  **APPROVED**
* **MOTION** to approve Karen Clark to be Board Member. Seconded  **APPROVED**
* First Aid kits… Tom suggestion converting to metal boxes… instead of canvas bags.
Tom will research different options. …Possibly a synthetic semi-hard case.

**Meeting Adjournment and Move to Closed Session**

**MOTION** that next BoD meeting is April 01, 2015 at 7:00, at MGCC. Seconded. **APPROVED**.

**MOTION** to Adjourn Public meeting and go to Closed Session at 9:25. Seconded. **APPROVED**

**MOTION** to adjourn closed session at 10:00. Seconded. **APPROVED**

#### Action Items

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|  | Closed |
|  | In progress with no issues or dependencies or ongoing |
|  | Open, in progress, issues being resolved, action(s) being worked |
|  | Risk, issue, or critical deadline |

| AI # | Date Opened | Action Item | Who | Due Date | Status |
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| - | Nov 3 | Put out call for coach volunteers – Board Members, Managers, Coaches, Committees, etc.  | All | Ongoing | Ongoing |
| 1 | Nov 3 | Resolve discrepancy of cost of Charter fee v. amount budgeted | Don | Dec 15 | DONE |
| 2 | Nov 3 | Create “sponsor package” to use when soliciting sponsors | Sue M. | Feb 1 | DONE |
| 3 | Nov 3 | Winter Workout Committee to meet | Jeff K. | Nov 30 | DONE |
| 4 | Dec 3 | Negotiate with Jim Bail re: Derry Hitting Academy | Ray | Mar 15 | DONE |
| 5 | Dec 3 | Ray to negotiate pricing with SportsZone | Ray | Jan 5 | DONE |
| 6 | Dec 3 | Tony F. to lead efforts for Opening parade | Tony F | April 11 | Ongoing |
| 7 | Dec 3 | Identify Coaches for Winter Workout | Jeff K. | Jan 7 | DONE |
| 8 | Jan 7 | Upload Treasurer’s Reports to DLL website | Tom V. | Jan 31 | DONE |
| 9 | Jan 7 | Analyze Concession Stand best sellers, prices, things to sell or not, etc | Karen D. | Mar 15 | Open |
| 10 | Jan 7 | Set up website privileges for Karen | Dave | Feb 15 | DONE |
| 11 | Jan 7 | Send to Tony coach selection criteria / questions to be asked | A.J. | Feb 15 | DONE |
| 12 | Jan 7 | Send out draft of Charter modifications for board to review | Jeff K. | Feb 15 | Open |
| 13 | Jan 7 | Get info about parade from Nancy – for Tony | Tom T. | Feb 15  | DONE |
| 14 | Jan 7  | Complete 2015 Safety Plan | Tom T.  | Apr 01 | DONE |
| 15 | Feb 4 | Distribute 2015 calendar  | Tom V. | Feb 18 | DONE |
| 16 | Feb 18 | Distribute revised calendar. Solicit feedback / approval | Tom V. | Mar 4 | Open |
| 17 | Feb 18 | A.J. to export list to Karen to print labels for evaluations | A.J. | Mar 4 | DONE |
| 18 | Feb 18 | Karen to print two labels each kid for evaluation. | Karen | Mar 4 | DONE |