Newtown Babe Ruth Softball

Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2014

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| Present: | Tim Adam, Jeff Moccio, Jeff Mubarek, Pat McCleary, Rich Fisher, Sue Gouveia, Leigh Libero, Adam Bova, Mike Bonacci, Chris Watson, Laura Adam, Mary Moccio, Jen Penrod, Charles Hepp, Mary Tucker, Anna Bova, Frank Libero, Jon Briggs, Chris Gardner, Gary and Geraldine Jackman, Ron and Tammy Fenaroli, Scott DiCiccio, Mark D’Amico, Lori and Andrew Clure, Ed Marks, Marabeth Pereira, Rob Farmer |
| Next meeting: | November 12, 2014 |
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**Call to Order**

**Minutes Accepted**

**Treasurer's Report –** Jeff Moccio

* Savings $18.3k
* Checking $23k
* Normal expenses

**President’s Report – Tim Adam**

* Met with Pat Llodra and the Board
  + Reviewed past few years - numbers, success
  + Discussed travel try-out process and possible changes that can be made moving forward
  + Feel next season is the opportunity to make changes, no changes to be made to the 2015 rosters now that they are set.

<Motion made by Pat McCleary to delay the vote, based on the position that we should buy some additional time to be able to discuss and address the changes now> 2nd by Leigh Libero

Open discussion in regards to forego change more immediately.

Charles Hepp, also spoke directly with Pat Llodra and felt her position was that change in certain areas needed to happen now not next season.

Idea to delay the vote continued to be pressed and questioned why it would be an issue to let another month pass to give more time to address some of the issues and get some resolution.

Discussion about the process in order to voice concerns.

Overall the feeling was that with the same 6 people on the Board from one year to the next there is no opportunity for anything t change if they are the only people with voting rights.

Jen Penrod raised continued concerns about the condition of the field at MiddleGate.

Office Vote on the motion to delay the Vote – 2 to 4

< 2nd Motion made by Pat McCleary to request Tim elects a committee to review Article 11 in regards to Travel > 2nd by Leigh Libero

Jeff – reviewed the background as to why we brought in paid coaches and the idea to keep Newtown competitive by bringing in superior coaching.

Tim – agree to putting a Travel Committee in place by the December Board meeting

Continued Discussion about the idea of still trying to field a U12 B team, but this idea has not yet been communicated as they first need to have a coach in place. Lori Clure volunteered to coach the team.

More discussion in regards to the time and efforts put in to Travel vs the Recreation programs. Most of the Board meetings historically have focused predominantly on travel.

Recreation needs to be fun and fair and competitive so that it can continue to feed the older age groups. More focus need to be on developing the players from the U6 level.

<3rd Motion made by Pat to redefine the qualification for MIGS (members in good standings). Suggested that Division Directors, Coaches, Elected Chairs and Administrative Positions should be included regardless of the amount of Board meetings that have attended.> Tabled Motion until November Board Meeting

**Director of Ops** – Pat McCleary

* 132 kids for fall – mostly coming from the younger age groups.
* Weather has overall been pretty good and allowed for lots of practices and games.
* Looking ahead to the fall/winter clinics that are starting up November 1st.
* Confirmed the DD’s
  + U6 – Jen Penrod
  + U8 – Greg Caruso
  + U10 – Michael Bonnacci
  + U12 – Chuck Hepp
  + U14 – Tamara Doherty
* Fields – specifically MiddleGate - Ed Marks is addressing ASAP
* Requested to try and fill the position of Equipment Manager – Gary Jackman volunteered to fill the position

**Travel –** Jeff Mubarek and Rich Fisher

* Fall and Winter clinics – Rob Farmer will be working with the advanced level players
  + Working on stations for the clinics
  + Flyer distributed and registration open
  + Formal announcement of coaches for travel:
    - Mike Bonnacci – U10
    - Lindsay – U12
    - Victoria – U14
    - Monica – U16

**Board Confirmation –** Tim Adams

* Jeff – 6 yes
* Pat – 4 yes 2 no
* Leigh – 6 yes
* Tim – 6 yes
* Jeff – 6 yes