Newtown Babe Ruth Softball

Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2017

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| Present: | Charles Hepp, Pat McCleary, Michael Bonacci, Kristen Bonacci, Adam Bova, Anna Bova, Mark D'Amico, DJ Porter, Adam Gietz, Frank Libero, Sue Gouveia, Rob Hoffman, Eliza Hoffman, Gary Jackman, Geraldine Jackman, |
| Next meeting: | May 17, 2017 |
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**Call to Order – 8:00pm**

**Minutes Accepted – Michael Bonacci**

**Public Comments:**

* None

**President's Report - Chuck Hepp**

* Travel U14
  + Season will begin May 18th
  + Have their first game Memorial Day weekend
  + They have 9 sponsors/ fundraising going great
* Volunteer
  + Rose a U16 girl will like to volunteer her time on Tuesdays and Thursdays with rec girls
* College Scholarships
  + Sue Gouveia has 2 applications for scholarships - board will look at letters
* Lower Liberty
  + Ed Marks checking to see if batting cages can be approved for Lower Liberty- will check with Land Use
* Clinics and Lessons
  + Tegan Doherty and Jackie Gouveia can offer fundamental lessons for girls at their practices teaching them fundamentals of pitching and catching
* Insurance
  + Babe Ruth accepted our Charter
  + Have Certificate of Insurance

**Treasurer's Report - Pat McCleary**

* Money in Account
  + Will continue to collect money
  + $30,000 net however cleared most bills
* Sponsors
  + Rec has 13 teams and we have 11 sponsors
* Umpire Fees
  + Pat will give division directors $ for Umpire fees

**Director of Ops –Mark D'Amico & Kristen Bonacci**

* Update on Fields
  + Slow start with the rain
  + Will have game kick off this Saturday
* Spring Teams
  + Will have U4 and U5 team - 9 girls have registered thus far
  + U14 we have 4 girls who signed up. Will come out and play with U12 girls and see if it's a competitive level of play for them.
  + Chuck H. will check with surrounding towns to see if there is a place U14 girls can play
  + U16 1 girl has signed up
  + U12 - 6 girls from Travel are going to play Rec ball / still in need of 1 more coach (Frank Libero?)
  + Pat M. has avoided to schedule Rec games on same days of Travel play. He is working around Travel schedule and conflicts
* Fields
  + Will tell coaches to prep fields
  + Will check power at batting cage
  + Mark filled all bins with speedy dry and lime / coaches should send e-mail to division directors when they are getting short
  + We still need to order porta potties
  + Will also refill ice packs, however each coaches bag has 4 of them

**Travel – Michael Bonacci**

* Fundraising For Travel Teams
  + Each team has a team banner (Banners were $255.00 each)
  + U 10 has 7 sponsors for banner
  + U12 has 7 sponsors for banner
  + Each travel team also received practice shirts (will break even)
  + U14 is still getting sponsors since their season hasn't started / no rush for sponsors at this time
* U-10
  + Have been practicing on Thursdays
  + First game this Sunday
  + Also scheduled for a Tournament & Round Robin
* U12
  + Have been practicing
  + Tom Hurley is an assistant coach now
  + This Sunday is their first game
* U8 and U12 Travel Try Outs
  + U-8 and U-12 will hold Travel Try-outs with Chris Gardner in charge as Travel Director
  + Travel Try Outs will be held on May 21st for both U8 and U12
  + Evaluators for Travel Try - Out will be Meagan, Angela and Ian
* Coaches for U8 & U12Travel Teams
  + U -8 Will be Ali & Melissa
  + U - 12 If enough interest and we can form team will see if Ashley is able to do it
* METS Night
  + METS will be playing Pittsburgh
  + Will be held on June 4th Sunday afternoon
  + Limited tickets so need to purchase tickets now
  + Sue G. will advertise on F/B website
  + Travel teams have the day off this day
  + Mark will black out date

**Meeting Adjourned –**