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 –**