

Minutes for August 3, 2015

Board Members present - Norris Beavers, Don Fletcher, Tim Hoffer, Carri Michon, Francine Reed, Amanda Rohs, Mike Hughes, Bill Roth, Mario Valenti, Josh Cooper, Kerry Rice and Chris Kerley

Absent - Darin Klinge, Mike Alter and Spencer Neilson

Public - Joe Courchaine, Rob Lin, Bill McCleary, and Reggie Jones

1-Call to order-7:07pm

2-Minutes from last meeting- Don motion to approved minutes, Mario second motion. All approved

3-Treasurer's Report- Town Reps-sponsor money that has come in please check to see what might be missing. Memorymakers gives back 2% of sales this year 1,136. Suggestions for the Dicks' gift card? Amanda mentioned equipment that we supply, for example Catcher equipment. Hit-a-thon cleared \$8969. Bill motion to approve report, Mike Hughes second motion. All approved.

4-Committee and area reps

Tim Hoffer (Round Hill area rep)-speaker system purchases, lights Jerry Dabkowski got pricing of 100-110K from Musco to light Round Hill 1. Nothing has been put in to the county for RH 1.

Chris Kerley (Asst. Umpire-in-chief) – no clinics scheduled yet

Amanda Rohs (Safety Officer) has ordered first aid kits. Investigating the AED. At Brunswick noted signs in dug outs

Josh Cooper (Lovettsville area rep)-LE 1 are we responsible for erosion at home plate? Received email that game club may not be available in the fall, already there is question if Lovettsville Community Center will be available also. Josh will follow up. Mike Hughes (Purcellville north area rep) still grass in the infield at Nell Boone and trash at Hillsboro Elem from the 4th of July celebration - not much is done this time of year.

Darin Klinge (Purcellville South Area rep) absent

Mario Valenti (Hamilton Area rep) ready to clean out shed to get ready for fall.

5- Old Business tournaments

a-Review of tournaments-games went very well. Had scholarship winner Andrew Lohr receive award at the Majors championship game.

End of season champions

- AA tournament - Nationals

- AAA playoffs - Marlins
- Majors playoffs - Pirates

b-All-Stars - 5 teams this year..no 11 yo at National league level. A lot of good play but we also some issues. Reggie Jones and Rob Lin here to address the issue of team manager that drafted 13 players with no intention of playing all 13 players. Majority of the players that played were the 9 players from Fielders Choice. No explanation of the rules of 13 players on the team; kids were not substituted during games when they were ahead.

Bill question what did coach say after the parents explained their concerns- After 1st game the coach was approached. First he said he would try to work something out. Rob agreed that in the games they were way ahead they did not substitute the players that were sitting. Bill questioned why he (Rob) not stepped up as a coach to tell manager to place the kids in play? Reggie had spoken to Norris, Mike (another coach) and felt as though things may change but it didn't. Reggie is not sure what else he could have done. Bill asks what we can do. Reggie feels

- 1-More discussion when we pick managers for all star teams and their philosophy
- 2-play as you would with 12.
- 3-system in place for course of correction.

Norris to wrap this up we apologize never want the kids to have a bad experience. All Stars is different each year there are diff circumstances and play out differently. Managers were spoken to and to have parents meeting of the rules. Clearly we need to communicate better with these managers. Amanda feels rules need to be discussed even before there is a mangers parents meeting. Kerry asked what else we can do to get this information out. It is already on the commitment letter. Chris Kerley asked if we can put in recommendation to the board for next year to only play 12 or play as you have 12.

C - 9/10 All Star tournament - a big thank you to Bill McCleary for acting as tournament director.

d - Invitational teams tournament- 4 teams making it all work was not easy - minors was mix of American and National-UL North-managed by Dan McKenna and UL South-Jason Pitts manager. 10-11 All Star team – 11-12 B-sent to two tournaments-Amanda Rohs manager.

6. New Business

a - Fall ball registration - 375 only 330 last fall.

b - #of teams - 30 fall teams 11-12 6 Majors teams, 14 minors teams 10 coach pitch and will work out t-ball, team names-will be minor league team names. c - Skills assessments - 8/6 & 8/7 Haske Field-rain date 8/8/15.

d – Drafts - 8/10-8/12, Majors Monday 8/10, Minors at 6pm, Rookies at 8pm 8/11, Coach pitch 8/12 train station e - Practice begins on 8/15

f – Uniforms - Mario will order

g - Games schedule - 12 games

H-other-Splitting minors into two divisions 1-minors and 2-rookie division- in between division for those 8-9yo, more advanced 8 and newer 9's Mario introduced the rookie division. Rules 1-5 same as minors and coach pitch. Rule 6 coach pitches 1st, 2nd, and 6th innings and any extra innings. Rule 7-8 slight difference specifies where they are located, 2nd catcher to wear catchers gear. Rule 11 pitcher only pitches 1 inning. Kerry likes this for the fall and see how it goes before it is implemented into the spring. Mike Hughes motion to establish a rookie division for fall season playing under these rules and Carri second. Josh would like discussion on soft toss and bringing out the T. Rules submitted and all approved.

Next Board Meeting - Monday, September 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Purcellville Train Station