

## Meeting Notes from 9/8/2013 EWLL Meeting

### Attendees:

**Board Members:** Patrick Lee, Steve Russotto, Chris Willey, Joe Pellegrini, Cecilia Harman

**Non Board Members:** Dave Blume, Ken Goldstein, Dave Corrado, Rick Hebert, Jeff Zyra

The agenda below was reviewed. Additional points made during the meeting have been add in red to the original agenda.

### Agenda for Little League Board Meeting on 9/8/2013

#### Review of 2013 Season

#### Field Improvements:

##### Accomplishments for 2013

1. Skinning of Softball Field and 2 Broad Brook Fields
2. Installing Benches on Field 6
3. Purchase of Pull Behind Field Rake (Rascle)
4. Advertising / Pricing on outside and within snack shack (items available and prices)
5. Repairs of water pipe to the shack and refridgerator in snack shack
6. New outdoor door to shack and rekeying of locks on bathrooms doors so that they all use the same key as the main door.

##### To Do for 2013/2014

1. Maintain skinned fields with rake and round-up
2. Install fences in front on benches on Field 6 (look at doing this in the fall (now) – Brian to see if he can find someone to do the install)
3. Install benches and fences at Broad Brook Field? It was decided not to install the benches at Broad Brood and to hold onto to benches previously purchased for future use.
4. Consider skinning field 3 for use by rookies softball and weekend games for Instructional baseball. Everyone was in favor of doing this in early spring and thought we should inform both Park & Recs (Melissa) and Public Works (Lenny) of our plans and for their input and possible help.
5. Check and re-align homeplate, pitchers mound and 2<sup>nd</sup> base on all fields as required.
6. Add stone dust in front of concession order area of snack shack.
7. Purchase and put a picnic table on the stone area near front door of snack shack.
8. Purchase and install bat and helmet racks for fields 1, 2, and 4. See what permanent or portable options are available for similar items for field 6 and 3.
9. Consider adding an additional window or two to the press box on field 1
10. Fix leaks in sink drain pipes

## **Registration Process:**

### **Accomplishments for 2013**

1. Allowed for Online and mail in registration (fees) **Registration was only allowed online.**

### **To Do for 2014**

1. Start and promote registration process earlier
2. Require that payments are received before assigning players to a team or before they can be allowed to practice.
3. Start AA and Instructional Leagues practices and games sooner
4. Earlier communication between EW and other towns for inter town games
5. Consider offer a discount for early registration and payment (plus a late fee for late payment)
6. Need to get volunteer forms in earlier to avoid last minute panic meetings.
7. **Consider allowing paper / mail in registration**

## **Snack Shack:**

### **Accomplishments for 2013:**

1. Successful operation of shack throughout Spring and Summer seasons. Thanks Wendy, Patrick and Chris!
2. New Snack Coordinator position

### **To Do for 2014**

1. Consider Opening Shack During Fall Soccer Season and baseball seasons to sell off remainder of stuff. **Brian opened on 9/21 and will open when possible on coming Saturday's (9AM to 1:30 PM). Volunteers welcome.**
2. **Look into selling grill and fry deep fryer.**

## **Fundraising:**

### **Accomplishments for 2013:**

1. Chris sent out lots of letters and received significant donations from local businesses
2. Joe contacted some of his suppliers for donations with the goal of raising enough to buy the Field Rake / rascle (Likely a one time fundraising effort)
3. Brian had his supplier's donate cold packs and 3 batting tees.

### **To Do for 2014**

1. Need more people involved with fundraising to reach out to local and non local businesses.
2. Consider making Fundraising Coordinator a Board Position
3. Determine levels of sponsorship and plan on including sponsors name on team shirts and or hats for the highest level of sponsorship.

## **Special Events:**

### **Accomplishments for 2013:**

1. Coaches Clinic – 2 Corkum Clinic were well attended and provided great instruction for coaches
2. Player Clinics – 1 for 9 to 12 boys, 1 for 5 to 8 boys and girls, and 2(?) softball clinics
3. Veteran's Day Parade – Solid attendance, good visibility.
4. Photo Day
5. End of Year Celebration – Good attendance, good fundraiser and well received.

### **To Do for 2014:**

1. Opening Day – Add an opening day event or two just try to schedule games or scrimmages for as many teams as possible including instructional league. Use PA system to announce player names (like all star game)
2. Player Clinics – How many and when? Should we charge a nominal fee (\$5 to \$10)
3. Coaches Clinics – Try to get instructional coaches involved and or consider opening up to parents. Should we charge a nominal fee (\$5 to \$10)
4. Parades – Which ones and when?
5. Photo day
6. End of Year Celebration – Changes, ideas
7. Other – Rockcats game? Coaches softball game?

### **Update on League Finances: Chris Willey**

Chris had two detailed handouts. One listed income and expenses for 2013 and listed a current available balance of about \$15,900 heading into 2014. The 2<sup>nd</sup> document provided a 4 year history of revenue and expenses.

### **Softball – Other Softball Specific Topics?**

1. Need softball specific uniforms
2. Need to have early softball registration and to announce in school flyers
3. Determine if EW can field a Juniors team

### **All Star Review:**

#### **Safety:**

1. Clinic:
2. ASAP Plan:

### **Fall Baseball Update:**

**AA Team (Wendy)** – 4 EW AA players playing fall ball for another town (Enfield?)

**Friday Night Fun (Chris)** -

### **Other Issues: (Open)**

1. Storage Container – Joe Pellegrini provided a quote for a 8' x 20' lockable steel container that could be used to store the rasclé, a quad and other equipment that doesn't current fit or belong in the snack shack. The cost of \$2,700 includes the cost to deliver. No vote or decision was made on whether this item should be purchased.
2. Umpires for AA – Ken Goldstein requested that we consider paying to have umpires for AA games.

**Schedule Next 3 Board Meetings** – One meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 10/9 at 7:30 PM at Scout Hall.