

April Little League Board Meeting Notes

1. **Finances** – Chris Willey provided two hand outs. One listed the Financial Status Report that detailed all the expected income and expenses to date. The summary indicated that the league appears to be in good financial shape and has over \$20,000 in available funds to cover all star expenses and to invest in facilities improvements and equipment. The 2nd document was a list of all the 2014 sponsors. Chris also handed out the sponsor letters that were returned as undeliverable. Board members should try to update this sponsor information to determine if there is a new contact person or if we should remove the sponsor from future mailings.
2. **Field Updates**
 - a. Town was supposed to be focusing on Osborne Field during the week of 4/7, but little progress was evident as of the meeting. As of 4/13, piles of infield dirt at now at Osborne, but have yet to be spread onto the fields and work has yet to be started on bringing Field #3 back to playing condition for softball. Shack water is on, boys room working but urinal is leaking, girls room was not working but being worked on
 - b. Fences have been installed on Field #6, along with bullpen backstops on fields #1 and #4. Backstop on Field #2 appears to be a work in progress. Brian to follow up with Fence One for an update.
 - c. Softball Field Crunch –
 - i. Pierce – Town has worked on field, ok for practice. LL is renting a porta potty @ \$100 per month
 - ii. Additional Field - It was agreed that the best option for an additional softball practice field would be the High School JV field. It was agreed that LL would commit to spending about \$250 for infield dirt, if the town can de-sod the infield. Park and Rec may have other plans for this field.
 - d. Broad Brook – Board agreed to spend \$500 to \$550 for infield dirt for Fields 3 and 4 at Broad Book. Dave Corrado contacting Pippin and Son to get a porta potty for BBS at \$100 per month.
 - e. E-mail sent to Len and Melissa from Brian advising of our willingness to buy dirt for 3 fields and to re-build the baseball mounds at Osborne, advise of the bathroom problems, and inquire about Field #3.
3. **Uniform & Equipment Update** – Appear to be in good shape, most uniforms already in, some due week of 4/14.
4. **League Updates** –
 - a. Majors, AAA Baseball – Schedules set
 - b. AA Baseball – WL continues to stall, looking into games with Vernon
 - c. Instructional Baseball – Rosters finalized, coaches clinic was held on 4/13 (by Brian). Practices starting this week. Schedule being worked on.
 - d. Softball Majors – Tentative schedule set (lots of games!)
 - e. Softball Minors – Schedule set
 - f. Softball Rookies – Schedule in process
5. **Softball Scoreboard Repair (Tim)** – Tim ordering a refurbished controller to determine if the current unit works. Cost is \$185 and is refundable if we cannot get the unit working. Post Meeting Update – EWAC (East Windsor Athletic Club) may be willing to donate \$1,500 to \$3,000 if EWLL can get 4 – foursomes and 4 sponsor for their golf tournament for a new scoreboard. Awaiting more details.
6. **Volunteer Forms** - Need forms for all coaches, returning or new, asap.
7. **Medical Release Forms** – Reminder to all coaches to collect, review and hold onto all player medical forms.
8. **Umpires** – Jeff has umpires lined up for games. The coaches will be responsible for paying the umpires before the games. Based on a list from Jeff, Chris W. will write a check to each coach before the start of the season to cover the umpire cost for half their games.
9. **Safety** – Last of First Aid Kits handed out this week. All teams should have one. Additional instant and re-usable cold packs available in the snack shack. Safety Clinic – Hold last Friday about 12 to 15 attended from EWLL
10. **Snack Shack Update (Wendy)** – Plans in process. Wendy to stock up on maintenance day, inspection scheduled for Monday. Wendy to get about 10 extra keys for both the outer snack shack / bathrooms and for the inner snack shack doors to distribute to new coaches.
11. **Maintenance Day – 4/19 8:00 AM**
 - a. **Load, clean, prep Snack Shack**
 - b. **Things to do**
 - i. Rebuild pitcher's mounds
 - ii. Rebuild bullpen areas (both Majors Fields)
 - iii. Hang, test batting cage netting
 - iv. Buy and install a picnic table or two in front of snack shack
 - v. Paint snack shack door
 - vi. Add an additional window or two to the room above the dugout on field #1. Rick checking on window options and authorized to spend up to \$500 on a suitable window.
 - vii. Weed wack
 - viii. Redo area stones area outside of snack shack, possibly enlarge and put down stone dust.
 - ix. Paint wood areas of snack shack
 - x. Replace spot lights
 - xi. Install player benches on Field #3 (or ask town to do it?)
 - xii. Memorial ??
12. **Opening Day – 4/26** – No ceremonies planned, just as many games as possible.
13. **Photoday – 5/17** – Brian to schedule teams.
14. **Memorial Day** – Little League will march.
15. **Next Meeting – Friday 5/16 – 7:30 PM at Osborne Field**