

## EW LL October, 2014 Board Meeting Notes

Attendees: Tony; Rick; Tim; Tom; Steve H. Brian; Mike; Ken and Pat

Other attendee: Steve Spencer - ([skkavak4@yahoo.com](mailto:skkavak4@yahoo.com)) – former Manchester Umpire & Umpire Coordinator

### Board Member Updates:

AA Baseball Director – Chris Dupont  
Baseball Equipment Manager – Steve Hurlburt  
Softball Equipment - Tim McConnell  
Majors Softball Director – Rick Hebert  
Rookies Softball Director – Tracy Paquette  
Minors - TBD (Open)

### Field Improvement Updates:

New Structures - Forms filed with Planning and Zoning Commission for storage shed and announcer booth on field #4 at Osborn. Should be on agenda for their next meeting on 10/14. EW Athletic group may have funds to contribute to an announcer booth (or Scoreboard).  
Scoreboard Repair - Tim M. following up for remote control availability (see if scoreboard works); revisit no later than February.  
Field #1 Repair – Town cut sod on either side of dirt infield and around the mound to remove humps and replanted grass seed. Base paths need to be re established.

Fundraising Updates: Community Day Table, Sweet Frog and Movie / Bag Night. Awaiting results from Sweet Frog, expect total from all 3 events to be about \$240.

Future Fundraiser Ideas – perhaps once a month, e.g.,

- Friendly's
- Stir the Pot – Pasta Night
- Chinese Food (Zheng's)

In addition, Fundraiser letter might go out before end of year.

### Indoor Baseball / Softball Clinics:

Potential Locations – Scotts, Rebels, Enfield (Old Golds gym), Fast Pitch Nation and Broad Brook/High School Gyms  
- Need to get rates and availability from 3 locations for comparison (see below)  
- In addition, Brian meeting at Gold's Gym on Tuesday to check out their facilities at 5:45 PM  
- Overall, consider clinics after basketball schedules established  
- Strategic plan for clinics throughout course of year (anticipating core group of older/returning players and developing younger players+) -- survey parents; perhaps 40+ kids will attend throughout various groups  
- Consider high school coach and players to participate from an instructional perspective

Next steps: (1) Cost assessment [Scott's from Ken (see Appendix below); Fast Pitch from Tim; and Rebels from Rick] (week to 10 days); (2) Survey (willing to do x number of clinics and league will pay half; Tony to draft for board member review); (3) post-interest, league directors to provide more detailed plans by division; (4) allocate costs (EW vs. Professional Instruction) from a budgetary perspective

### New Indoor Youth Sports Facility

- Scout Hall is looking into a large new indoor sports training facility on current Scout Hall property. More details to come. Brian and Ken to attend upcoming meeting (10/19; 2-4)

Fall Field Maintenance Day: Deferred to Spring (field 6 work accomplished by Tony; batting cage net taken down by Tim; and flag taken down by Brian)

Registration Fees for 2015: Increase by \$5; \$200 family limit; Dec. open enrollment

**Uniforms:**

**Hats - Propose using uniform hat for all baseball players and a different uniform hat for all softball players. Will allow us to pre-order in bulk and hopefully keep cost down.**

**Decision - TBD about need for hat for softball players next year (hair band minimum expectation); Black and Gold colors for teams generally**

**Coaches Shirts – Order 50 to 100 coaches t-shirts, sell balance as fundraiser? Cost about \$7 per basic grey shirt with one color logo. Large logo or small?**

**Costs to be explored by Steve/Tim; Steve (new attendee) to e-mail Brian/Steve H. about silk screening options; small logo for shirts**

**Other Topics:**

**ASAP update should be completed (Mike P. to handle and update prior version)**

**Send league rules for posting (by prior league directors)**

**Future suggestion - At division wide meeting, propose signing off on rules**

**November Agenda Items:**

**Cost assessment; survey; budgeting costs**

**Balancing schedules, selection process, guidelines for determining teams, player levels, and call-ups**

**Date - 11/21 (location TBD) - 7 PM-8:30**

**Post Meeting Appendix:**

**Scott's costs (Ken)**

**Batting Cages Phone:**  
860-688-5580 / 860-688-5469

**Winter Hours (January 1st - May 31st):**

Monday - Friday 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Summer/Fall Hours (June 1st - December 31st):**

Tuesday - Friday 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Saturday - 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday and Monday

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<b>Batting Cage Rentals:</b>	<b>1/2 Hour</b>	<b>1 Hour</b>
Member:	\$15.00	\$25.00
Non-Member:	\$20.00	\$35.00

<b>Pitching Lane Rentals:</b>	<b>1/2 Hour</b>	<b>1 Hour</b>
Member:	\$5.00	\$10.00
Non-Member:	\$8.00	\$15.00

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- 4 Batting Cages
- 2 Pitching Tunnels - One With Pitchers Mound
- 2 Iron-Mike Automatic Pitching Machines
- 2 Manual Baseball/Softball ATEC Pitching Machines

One Year Membership Fee - \$100

**1 Hour Free Rental with Enrollment**  
**Reduced Cage Rental - Member Rates**  
**5% Discount in Store**