

**Rocky Hill Little League
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Annual Meeting February 6, 2017**

Board Members not in Attendance

C. Baldwin J. Bates T. Cosker M. DiBattisto G. Drapeau S. Gau
F. Guerrero

❖ Meeting called to order by S. Boyle at 7:04 pm EST

Minutes review

Motion to approve January 2017 minutes made by B. Addy, 2nd by P. Robb. All approved.
D. Savigny, P. Vanturas, S. Boyle abstained. Motion passed. January 2017 minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

G. Drapeau not in attendance. A financial summary was sent in advance of the BOD meeting via email. Motion to approve made by F. Turner, 2nd by G. Plona. All approved. None abstained.

Registration update M. Beliveau

- Current total estimate for 2017 registration should be between 215-220
 - Within this group there is expected automatic 12's and 44 returning majors
- Request was made for the Directors of each league to reach out to previous year coaches and ask them to contact any unregistered prior players.
- Based on current #'s and confirmed outreach conversations, there should be enough headcount for 6 teams of 11
- Need to focus on the t-ball group and/or existing pre-schools to increase t-ball enrollment.

Sponsor Update C. Baldwin

- No new sponsors to report
- There have been no complaints regarding recent sponsor price increase
 - Team sponsorships \$350
 - Billboards signs \$500
- Billboards: Dimauro is full, Vicino is about half full
- Members of the BOD have been getting contacted by the YardGoats for various fundraising options. One in particular that was discussed was the ability to purchase YG tickets at a reduced rate with the ability to re-sell at face value. This would allow RHLL to keep any proceeds. With the uncertainty in timing and ability to resell for fundraising benefit, the BOD agreed not to pursue further.

Uniforms and Apparel

RHLL will be using a new vendor (Billing's Sports) for jerseys. Everything is in place and ready. Just need to set a date for printing.

All-Star Selection Procedures

- Based on previous Baseball Board Meeting, a draft of the RHLL 2017 District Team Eligibility and Commitment Form was distributed for review. The form outlines for players and parents that during June, July and most of August players will be on the field. The form is intended to stress the dedication and commitment needed.
 - Form would need to be returned by 05/26/2017 to be considered in time for selection.
 - New for 2017 is an added section for Timeline and Time Commitment to indicate planned vacations. Vacations will not exclude eligibility but may get taken into consideration when selecting the district roster.
 - Aside from Timeline and Time Commitments, the form also covers Forms Requirements, Playing Time and Personal Conduct.
 - After review and discussion:
 - Some minor wording suggestions were proposed in the Playing Time section
 - May consider adding an Introduction section highlighting the history of RHLL and what the All-Star team represents for the town of RH.
 - Approval vote of the new form will be tabled until the March 2017 BOD meeting following above noted edits.
- Selection of District Managers: Currently, only the BOD votes for District Managers. There is a proposal to amend the current process to add Major Managers and Official Assistants to the BOD voting process. D. Murawski to distribute document on the Manager Selection Process prior to the March BOD meeting for vote at that time.

Clinics Update F. Turner, B. Dillon

- Wiffleball: Clinic was a success and kids appeared to have a great time. (This program is for pre-k kids and is held at West Hill gym. The clinic is intended for kids who played T-ball rookie last season. The clinic began on 01/07.)
- Pitching at ATI: last week's session was cancelled due to weather (snow).
- A/AA- Fielding and Hitting sessions have been set up. There are 6 cages (3 short and 3 long). There is a different skill objective every night (i.e. adjusting feet, hands, etc.). There will be 3 coaches for the 6 cages. 34 kids currently signed up.
- Softball: There has been an increase in numbers for the pitching clinic.

Challenger Division

- T. Cosker not in attendance for full update.
- Games for this season will be scheduled for Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- A. Greenspan applied for 10K LL grant to get a sound system for the Miracle Field. Actual priced cost would be 3-4K.

Umpire update K. Demarest

- 21 umpires have signed up for the upcoming season – need to recruit more – maybe at the high school level
- Need to lock down a date for umpire clinic as soon as possible. Proposed April 2nd.
- Discussed a manager/parent meeting to stress zero tolerance for any verbal attacks on umpires.

Equipment/ Fields

- S. Boyle discussed (2) new pitching mounds that need to be ordered for Players and Vicino.
- R. Orsini requested a storage unit at Sunnycrest for general needed equipment (i.e. rakes etc.)
- S. Boyle to build a needed equipment list prior to March BOD meeting.

Future Scheduled Meetings

March 06, 2017 7-9pm

April 03, 2017 7-9pm

❖ Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm EST

M. Castagno

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