# Rocky Hill Little League Board of Directors Meeting Minutes April 19, 2016

**Attendance**: All members present except for:

| D. Aderhold | C. Baldwin   | J. Bates      | M. Beliveau |
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| S. Boyle    | M. Criscuolo | M. DiBattisto | F. Guerrera |
| G. Drapeau  | R. Lawrence  | T. Perna      | G. Plona    |
| W. Ramos    | P. Robb      | K. Skene      |             |

<sup>-</sup>Meeting called to order by F. Turner at 8:02 pm

#### **Minutes Review:**

-The March Minutes will be reviewed during the scheduled May meeting

### **Opening Day Update:**

- -Mayor Baio will be a guest speaker during the ceremony
- -B. Murawski (only board member's son who is 12 years old) will throw the ceremonial first pitch
- -Rocky Hill Police have been notified of RHLL's Opening Day
- -RHLL has confirmation from the company that supplies the bounce house and rides
- -There will not be a shuttle service during opening day
- -The Amphitheatre will be open during Opening Day
- -The National Anthem will be sung by Jasmine Edmunds (RHLL softball player)
- -New apparel will be sold at Opening Day
- -Division Directors will announce the teams, coaches, and sponsors for their respected divisions
- -B. Addy will supervise an additional raffle drawing. Chris Baldwin has donated 4 Red Sox tickets to be raffled at the Opening Day ceremony

#### **Baseball Update:**

- -RHLL needs to provide a letter to the Rocky Hill Board of Education seeking a waiver for gymnasium fees for indoor practices
- -Bat inspections have been taking place. Ron Orsini will continue to inspect bats at the Majors and AAA level
- -All of the sponsorship signs have been installed at DiMauro Field
- -T-ball rookie division will have 4 teams. There are currently 22 children who have signed up.
- -Background check informational sheets need to be given to Division Directors for all managers and coaches by Opening Day
- -The Challenger Division will conduct clinics on Sunday mornings. The Rocky Hill High School softball team will assist during these clinic dates.

- -The challenger team has exceeded the 15 player limitation for their roster. The challenger team will split into two teams for their home games. The teams will rotate there weeks to play.
- -The challenger team will be adding 2 scrimmages to their schedule
- -D. Sevigny has motioned to allow the baseball board to meet to determine a possible implementation of a 15 run mercy rule for the upcoming baseball season. The meeting to discuss this possible change would be held on April 21, 2016.  $2^{\rm nd}$  motion made by K. Demarest. All approved the motion. M.Pawlich and D. Hamann abstained.

#### **Rule Changes:**

- -The Little League national board approved some changes for the upcoming season.
- -The District Administrator can approve local board presidents to be eligible as district team managers
- -District teams can be selected by 6/1/16
- -District teams can select players who are ages 8, 9, and 10 for the 9/10 district team and ages 10, 11, and 12 for the 11/12 district team

#### **Softball Update:**

- -Games began as of 4/18/16
- -RHLL will host the 9/10 district tournament. This tournament is scheduled for July, 2016.
- -All of the sponsorship signs have been installed at Vicino Field

Motion to approve the purchase of a new circuit board for Vicino Field for the cost of \$475 plus shipping costs made by D. Sevigny and 2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by D. Hamann

All approved the motion for a new circuit board for Vicino Field. No abstentions

#### Miracle Field:

-Construction has recently begun at the site of Miracle Field. The proposed completion dates remains for the end of July, 2016.

#### **Umpire Update:**

- -M. Pawlich has secured umpires for the first two weeks of the baseball season
- -Managers of both Majors and AAA level are being asked to provide the scores and the names of the umpires for each game that is played using the RHLL website

#### **Additional Items:**

-Walgreens has donated 1 case of Ice Packs and 1 case of First Aid Kits to RHLL. RHLL would like to thank Chad Kiesal for this donation.

## **Dates for upcoming meetings:**

May 23, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 9:28pm

M.Centurelli RHHL 4/19/16