

Rocky Hill Little League
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 29, 2016

Attendance: All members present except for:

M. Criscuolo A. Greenspan A. Holzmilller W. Ramos

-Meeting called to order by S. Boyle at 7:00 pm

Minutes Review:

-Motion to approve January minutes by R. Orsini, 2nd by F. Guerrera, no abstentions, all approved, motion passed

Treasurer's Report:

- Currently up to date with all payments
- D. Sevigny will need to submit past expenses for reimbursement
- Extension has been filed for tax return
- Charter has been filed for upcoming season and has been approved
- 1099 Tax # has been approved. Please contact G. Drapeau with questions about obtaining this number.

Babe Ruth Update:

- Rob Greco spoke to board regarding the Babe Ruth program
- Babe Ruth is looking for volunteers to coach
- In the past, RHLL has assisted with this program
- Tom Grotke, from Wethersfield, is currently running the league that Rocky Hill Babe Ruth is participating in

Registration Update:

- As of 2/29 total registration for Farm-Majors divisions is 217. This is up 9 from the previous season
- As of 2/29 total registration for softball is 82. This is up 1 from the previous season.
- T-ball registration is currently at 61. (40 boys and 21 girls)
- Challenger division is currently at 17
- T-ball Rookie is currently at 15
- Junior softball is currently at 3

- There are currently 26 open slots for the majors division
- 62 players will be trying out for majors
- 51 players will be trying out for AAA

Projected number of teams for each division:

Baseball-

Majors- 6 teams

AAA- 7 teams

AA- 4 teams

A – 5 teams

T-ball- 10 teams

T-ball Rookie- 3 teams

Challenger- 1 team

Softball-

Majors- 2 teams

Minors- 2 teams

Farm- 4 teams

Rules Committee Changes for 2016 season:

-The rules committee proposed their desired changes for the upcoming season for the baseball and softball divisions.

Motion to approve changes made by C. Baldwin and 2nd by D. Aderhold.

Motion approved. P. Robb opposed

Baseball Update:

-Baseball City Hitting Clinic is currently being held until 3/15 on Tuesday nights for baseball from 6:00-8:30. There are 60 participants in this program.

-Throwing and fielding clinics, for majors eligible ages, are currently being held at RBI's in Cromwell.

-Majors practices for baseball and softball will be held at Baseball City on 3/22 and 3/29. RHLL has the area from 6:00-8:30.

-AAA practice at Baseball City to be held on 4/5. RHLL has the area from 6:00-8:30.

Softball Update:

-Baseball City Hitting Clinic is currently being held until 3/15 on Tuesday nights for softball from 6:00-8:30.

-Softball proposed a new implementation structure for Majors division. There would be two divisions in Majors. (Majors Blue would be for ages 10-12, and Majors Red for ages 9-11)

-Motion to pass new format structure for Majors division by D. Hamann and 2nd by F. Turner. Motion approved, J.Simons abstained

Sponsorships and Fundraising Update:

-As of 2/29 RHLL currently has 36 total sponsors for the upcoming season.

Last season-

40 total sponsors

31 sponsors, from last season, renewed for this upcoming season

3 sponsors, from last season, declined to sponsor for this upcoming season

-The board discussed possibly having sponsors throw a first pitch during upcoming games. The idea was to have the sponsors throw the first pitch for the teams that they sponsored.

-Banner sign sponsors- 26 total with 3 new sponsors for the upcoming season. Last year's banner sponsors were 27. The board would like to replace the worn out banners with a mesh banner.

-Buffalo Wild Wings has agreed to hold a fundraising night for RHLL on 3/30 from 4-8pm. This will include both dine-in and take-out charges into their fundraising commitment.

Opening Day:

-The board has decided to continue using last season's photographer for team and individual pictures

-Raffle tickets will be sold as either \$5 per ticket or a booklet for \$20

-Drawing prizes will remain as a \$500 and two \$250 Visa gift cards as the grand prizes

-Honorable mention prizes should be forwarded to P.Robb. Suggested prizes would include \$25-\$50 gift cards to local restaurants, businesses, etc...

Equipment Update:

-Total cost of the equipment order for the upcoming season is \$3800.

-Catcher's equipment has been ordered for Minors divisions (16 sets) and 2 sets have been ordered for Majors division

-Dick's Sporting Goods will supply the league with \$2000 worth of equipment for the upcoming season

Field Update:

-Miracle Field is scheduled to open by June 1, 2016

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Skill evaluation 3/6/16
- Manager's selection 3/9/16
- Major's baseball division draft 3/15/16
- AAA baseball division draft 3/17/16
- Player notifications 3/18/16
- Opening Day 4/23/16

Concession Stand Update:

- RHLL has agreed to continue its agreement with Steve Ciosone. This agreement is contingent on the concession committee evaluating food pricing before the start of the upcoming season.
- Motion to approve this agreement made by P. Robb and 2nd by D. Sevigny. All approved. Motion passed

Additional Items:

- Starbuck's has reached out to RHLL. They are trying to get more involved in the community by partaking in local community service ideas.
- RHLL is discussing a possible implementation of a "Sunday Skill Development" clinic. Please contact G. Plona with any suggestions or ideas about this possible clinic.

Dates for upcoming meetings:

March 21, 2016
April 18, 2016
May 5, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 9:12pm

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RHLL
2/29/16