

Rocky Hill Little League  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2016

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

C. Baldwin	M. DiBattisto	A. Greenspan	F. Guerrera
D. Hamann	G. Drapeau	J. Myers	R. Orsini
W. Ramos	G. Plona	P. Robb	K. Skene
P. Vanturas			

Meeting called to order by S. Boyle at 7:07 pm

**Minutes Review:**

Motion to approve November and December minutes. F. Turner motion, K. Demarest 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. All approved. No abstentions. November and December 2015 minutes passed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Cash Balance (As of 01/11/2016): \$39,448.45
- Webster bank account is now active online (G. Drapeau and S. Boyle now have ability to cut checks electronically)
- G. Drapeau and S. Boyle now has the ability to deposit checks using the Webster Mobile APP
- D. Sevigny will need to submit past expenses for reimbursement
- need to establish the ability to distinguish between the clinics and registrations sign-ups

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report. S. Sorrentino motion, D. Carlstrom 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. All approved. No abstentions. Treasurer's Report approved.

**Baseball Update:**

- Pitching and catching clinics will begin on 1/12/16. As of 1/11/16 all 30 pitching slots are filled. 12 of the 18 catching slots are filled.
- Baseball City Hitting Clinic will be held from 2/23- 3/15 on Tuesday nights for baseball and softball from 6:00-8:30. Currently 28 of the 54 slots are filled.
- Wiffle Ball program began on 1/9/16. This is for Kindergarten age group and is Co-ed.
- Throwing Clinics for AA and AAA eligible players begin on 2/6 for four weeks at West Hill (Dates of the clinics: 2/6, 2/20, 2/27 and 3/5)
- Throwing and fielding clinics for Majors eligible players will be held at RBI's in Cromwell. (Possible 36 slots will be made available)

- Pre-tryout clinic to be held at RBI in Cromwell on 2/28/16. The clinic will be held from 5:00-8:00pm.
- 4 year old T-Ball program to be called Rookie Division. The cost will be \$40. Games to be possibly played in the "Corral" space behind DiMauro and Vicino Field.

### **Softball Update:**

- Pitching clinics will begin on 1/9-3/26 at West Hill from 9:00-10:00. Bob Tarrell will be the instructor for this program
- Baseball City Hitting Clinic- Time (6:00-8:30) Program runs from (2/23-4/5) (not all slots are anticipated to be filled) Possible hitting instructor will assist this program with all costs covered.
- RHHS softball coaching is offering her assistance to support the RHLL softball program.
- Possible restructuring of RHLL softball divisions. The restructured league will consist of a 9/10 year old division and a 11/12 year old division. A meeting on 2/2/2016 will be held to discuss these possible changes.

### **Field Review Update:**

- The town of Rocky Hill has awarded a contract for Miracle Field construction.

### **Sponsorships and Fundraising Update:**

- J. Simmons is looking into the brewery in Rocky Hill as a possible fundraising event.
- M. Violette will ask for Dick's Sporting Goods to continue their sponsorship with RHLL. This will include their continued donation of the two, \$500 Visa gift cards to be used for the annual Opening Day raffle.

### **Registration Plan for upcoming Season:**

- J. Myers will create the registration document.
- 1/2/16 began the online registration process.
- The board intends to distribute the printed registration flyer for distribution to West Hill School, the Crec School (Brook Street) and Stevens School by 1/13/16.
- Email notifications will be sent to the public on 1/24 and 1/30.
- The Early Bird price discount ends on 1/31/16.
- Walk-in registration will be held on 1/30/16 at the Rocky Hill Park and Recreation building from 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
- RHLL is looking to invest in up to 20 Registration signs. These signs will be displayed throughout town during the registration process.

### **RHLL Baseball Rules update:**

- D. Murawski has proposed the following changes for the upcoming season.

- Temporary Minors call-ups (Change the 2 games or 10 calendar days for permanent call-ups to Majors to 5 games or 15 calendar days)
- Possible implementation of a “Mercy Rule” to a 15 runs after 4 innings of play.

-These possible changes will be discussed at a the baseball meeting to be held on 1/28/2016.

### **Apparel Update:**

-F. Guerrero will begin ordering the uniforms for the upcoming season. The 6 teams for the Majors division for next season will be the Mariners, Royals, Marlins, Pirates, Cardinals, and Orioles.

-RHLL softball will continue to purchase their own uniforms.

### **Additional items:**

-D. Carlstrom would like the board to explore possible better ways to schedule umpires for games.

-Concession Stand meeting will be held on 1/27/16 with Steve to discuss his expectations for the upcoming season.

### **Dates for upcoming meetings:**

February 8, 2016

March 21, 2016

April 18, 2016

May 5, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm

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