

# Exton Little League – Board Minutes – 4/28/14

**Date/Place:** April 28 – Knights of Columbus, Exton

**Meeting started:** 8:00 PM by Bob Herman

## Attendance

### Members Present:

Bob Herman—President

Terry Campbell-- Vice President

Dave Stevenson-- Vice President of Baseball

Mike Scalea-- Asst VP of Softball

Mike Dowger—Field Manager Baseball

Carolyn Dowger-- Secretary

Marcia Wileczek-- Director of Community Outreach

Tom Pitt- Vice President of Community Relations/Communications

Eric Longenecker-- Vice President of Field Operations

Jeff Bennett-- Director of Player Development

Russ Hartz-- Vice President of Softball

Jim McMonagle-- Field Manager Baseball

Greg Espenshade-- Field Manager Softball

### Members Absent:

Mike Macri-- Director of Umpires

Andy Brown Treasurer

Greg Pfeifer-- Webmaster

Mark Ronayne-- Field Manager Softball

Tim Fredricks-- Asst VP of Baseball

## Approval of minutes

Prior meeting minutes were approved via email and posted on the ELL web site

# Agenda items

**Business** – No business items

## **Presentations** :

### **Financial update – Bob**

- Bob reported that Andy is out of town on business but that he is current with all necessary League transactions.

### **Baseball update – Dave**

- Schmidt availability is tight. Looking to do some skills clinics for Schmidt at Boot Road Park.
- Dave is handling rescheduling and fields are close to capacity
- Home run derby is scheduled for 6/8. Sponsored by Applebees.
- Mike D. raised idea of finding a place for the pitching mounds Andy built last year. This was referred to the Field group for review and decision.

### **Softball update – Russ**

- Only 1 rainout game and 1 suspended game. Reschedule dates are pending.
- Construction of the batting cages has started at Manor Fields. They are expected to be complete end of May.

### **Field update – Terry/Eric**

- Mechanic needs to check out machine of Shipl to give estimate on repair.
- Griffins have access to a smithco machine to donate to ELL. Eric noted that the machine would not be owned by ELL and ELL would be responsible for repairs due to wear.
- Infield mix still to be moved
- Dugouts – lowest estimate for the repairs is \$2800 per dugout. There are further discussions needed with the township to develop a plan to fix them.
- Discussion around field clean up after rain. Mike Dowger sent a proposal to Dave and Eric. Eric is fine with the plan. Dave will meet with Mike to discuss next steps.

### **Meeting minutes new requirements –**

- Executive Board will approve meeting minutes.
- Dave will work with Greg P to put something on the website to make people aware of volunteer opportunities.

### **Safety concerns – Tom reported comments from Mike Macri**

- During warm ups only one player may be outside of the dugout swinging a bat.
- Coaches are not allowed to warm up pitchers.

- When a player is catching for a coach hitting warm up to players the player must wear full catcher's mask with dangler in place.

#### **Update from January Recommendations**

- Voting – Carolyn has a document from Dan Velte indicating that an annual vote for the Board is a requirement from NLL.
- Tom will follow up with this and the other by-law changes Carolyn has recommended.
- Carolyn noted that the recommendations were presented in January and requested that they be addressed with some priority so any approved by-law changes can be adopted and the issue closed.

#### **Miscellaneous notes from Bob**

- 7:00 General Board Wed 5/21.
- Bob is meeting with Kyra Scalea to discuss a capital campaign project.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 09:40 PM by Bob Herman

**Minutes prepared by :** Carolyn Dowger