

Meeting Minutes for Pembroke Youth Baseball & Softball, June 6th, 2021 19:30 at Lucky Dawg

Attendance: Jim Cooley, Lance Kennedy, Dan Sculley, Ian Campbell, Matt Kenerson, Joe Sullivan, John Ward, Kirk Kanya, Jen Campbell, Kevin Drea, Conrad Paquette, Matt Rushing, Carly Levy, Ray Levy, George Howe, Darren MacDonald & John Mahoney

- Approved Minutes from February Meeting
- Districts Update- Joe Sullivan
 - Baseball & Softball- tomorrow night D3 meeting to do drawings & pairings with Mr. Jullian & the umpire scheduler
 - We are hosting 9s, 11s/70 ft., & 12s/60 ft. for Weymouth, Pembroke, Quincy, & Milton
 - 12s/60 ft. for Weymouth & Milton start Friday, June 18th
 - When there are 3 teams, one of the teams has a bye
 - They need pitch counters for all games
 - Its ideal to play games back-to-back for the umpires
 - Not sure if softball will do districts
 - We need people to prep the fields & drop the lines
- Division Updates
 - Instructional Division- John Mahoney
 - Need more coaches next year
 - Fun, great year
 - No playoffs
 - No complaints
 - A- Ray Levy
 - Last weekend is 6/27
 - Will announce the names for last games- 6/26
 - Will try for a night game to get the kids under the lights for excitement.
 - AA- Jim Cooley for Scott Kelley
 - No playoffs
 - Few night games left
 - Successful season
 - AAA- Kevin Drea
 - Playoffs starting next week
 - Big jump for these kids but it's been a good experience for the kids
 - Lots of improvement in the kid's ability
 - Majors- John Ward & Lance Kennedy
 - Great improvement in development
 - Need to work through some questions/confusion on some of the rules
 - Discussed differences in stealing bases and first base coverage
 - Overall, great season
 - Playoffs start Sunday, Tuesday, Monday
 - Evaluate team for band concert conflicts on Wednesday
 - Babe Ruth- Kirk Kanya
 - Pembroke total domination all season
 - Four team playoff this week
 - Jim will order trophies
 - Need to order medals for younger kid divisions
 - Let Jim know numbers needed for baseball & softball

- Softball Update- Carly Levy
 - Pre-K & K this season was awesome
 - They had a great time.
 - Will benefit program growth in years to come
 - Great experience
 - Softball Farm Team 1&2- Carly Levy
 - Went well
 - Softball Grades 3&4- Carly Levy
 - Both teams finished in top of league
 - Softball Grades 5&6- Ian Campbell
 - Teams were good but a little uneven,
 - We will work on that for next year.
- Softball shed has been awesome! Thank you.
- Would love to get warmup area.
- Desperately need pitching clinics or maybe group coaching, with pitchers and coaches to help grow the program
 - Conrad is going to find someone
 - Coaches need to learn the skills so they can teach it.
- Summer softball
 - 3 teams
 - One tournament
 - Possibly Marshfield
- Softball interest for Fall season is growing
- Summer Baseball Update
 - 7 teams total
 - Different ability levels
 - Will explore other tournaments
- Carly will investigate other tournaments for the summer softball teams
- Summer Uniforms
 - John is working with Rockland
 - Covid has had effects on all orders and is slowing down the process
 - Shirts will come in on time
 - Hats are same with different colors
 - B teams, 8s, and Babe Ruth go in this week
 - Ripken has patches
 - Ray will help John to get coaches to enter uniform number (thru instructional)
 - Kids can carry the same number year to year.
- We should not continue to charge people a \$50 tryout fee and instead charge them a flat fee for summer registration
 - No one in the tryout is checking to see if anyone paid the tryout fee
 - If they register and pay a flat fee, then tryout
 - The flat fee covers the charge if kid makes A team or is placed on B team
 - We will refund fee if they decide to not play

- New Idea
 - Summer ball for younger than 9
 - Give them the opportunity to have them play in town for the summer
 - Could just be an instructional league
 - Work on skills to build the future
 - Could be a hybrid one day a week
 - 45 min instructional followed by a 3-inning game
 - Need consistent instruction from same coaches
 - Or two days a week
 - One 45 min instructional weekday night
 - One 45 min game on a weekend day
 - Ray, Lance & Carly will craft a plan and an email with a survey
 - Needs to go out in next 48 hours
 - Board is in favor of this idea
- Outfield & Hitting Clinics
 - Super successful turnout for hitting with Coach Craig Kubiak
 - Attracted both softball and baseball players
 - Kids were super engaged
 - Each kid was able to get one on one instruction
 - Batting practice
 - Next skills clinic should be base running and sliding
 - Catching needs development
 - Conrad will find a catching expert
 - Need more coaches there so they can apply the learnings to rest of team
 - We are only as good as our coaches.
 - Consider mental aspect
 - Combine coaching training with coaches outing
- Golf Outing
 - Currently 48 golfers already registered
 - People need to hurry up to register
 - We can hold 128 maxes
 - 2 foursomes on each hold
 - Eat lunch there
 - Dinner at Lucky Dawg afterwards
 - Can sell non-golf tickets for dinner after
 - We need donations and volunteers
- We will get \$125K from the state (thanks Josh Cutler!)
 - Possibly for lights on big field
 - Future high school games under the lights
 - Maybe rent out.
 - Do we have enough parking?
 - Curfew needs to be considered- 10pm.
 - Cost of lights on that field is roughly \$250k

- Playground revivial
 - \$25K from state to redo the playground
 - They are working on it now.
 - Town is paying for most
 - We are chipping in for the fencing
 - New playground will be awesome!!
- Snack Shack
 - Will be open for districts and tournaments
 - Schedule games at same time as much as possible
 - Makes wake selling food the most profitable
- Meeting Adjourned