

Board Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2014

In attendance: Holly King, Jamie Pelletier, Jim Gamache, Chuck Stephens, Brian O’Hearne, Ken Spenard, Sharren Frazier, Quirino doCato, Anna Andrade, Chantale Kyle, Trevor Schofield. Non-Board Members: Glen White and Doug Tabor

Meeting called to order at 6:43pm, by President: Quirino doCanto.

Jamie Pelletier made a motion to accept the minutes for the April meeting. Jim Gamache 2nd the motion. Minutes accepted unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: there were 6 base mounts vs. the 7 listed. Anna will correct. Jim made the motion to accept, Ken Spenard 2nd. The Treasurer’s Report was accepted with one abstention.

There was a brief discussion on how the actual budget is progressing compared to what was projected. It was felt that even with the drop in registration, things will even out because we didn’t have to order as many uniforms.

Tagging: Most Major League and all Minor league teams have tagged. Holly will set up tagging for both West Wareham and Onset. T-ball and Farm teams still need to tag.

Opening day discussion: Holly suggested maybe doing more in the way of activities, such as a bounce house and popcorn. She also suggested looking into it a little earlier next year.

Safety Concerns: The bases have been fixed; James Pinkham has been cleared to play – he does have some restrictions that coaches have been made aware of. It was brought up that Joe Hathaway has been on the field more often and there is a concern about if he gets hit in the chest. It was decided that Q would speak to Joe and let the board know what comes of the conversation.

CPC Grant:

Q spoke to the head of CPC and once everything is processed and is sent to the town clerk she has 30 days to cut the check. Once we receive funds some of the smaller projects will start. Work on field 5 will start after the season is over. Work to be done includes aerating the field – beginning of September, and a ton of turface to help with drainage. Q will also reach out to a few other people for consultation on how we can fix the field so this won’t keep happening. Some of the smaller projects include putting rakes in the score booths (which has already been done); replacing the fence caps (yellow tubing on the tops of fences); netting for the batting cages; dirt/fill in the area between the fields; replacing some of the fencing; concrete for t-ball duggouts, P.A. system upgrade.

Snack Bar: so far we have been trying to open on game days. We have had a few volunteers work. We will always welcome more. Snack Bar is now sustaining itself.

Chadwick tournament: we will not be able to have the tournament this year.

Schedule time: Q asked that reps remind coaches to stick to their allotted times when there is another team after them. It does not matter as much when there isn’t anyone after them.

Major League game times are switching to 6pm on weeknights beginning May 12. Minor League start time will remain at 5:30pm.

Farm and T-ball games start May 10. Clinics start May 16.

Field Maintenance: Reps to remind coaches to rake and line fields: home team lines the field, away rakes after the game is over.

A.D. Makepeace would like to help with some of the field renovations, Q going to meet with them on May 12.

Pictures scheduled for May 15, at Decas. Holly to put together schedule and Q will give out forms on Saturday, May 10.

By Laws:

Some issues have come up that would be governed by the bylaws: completed games, tie games, and slaughter rule. Article 10, Section 3 of the constitution states that if there are no bylaws in place before the start of the first game then we have to go by Little League rules.

Completion (4.10c1): 4 innings = a regulation game

Tie (4.10c3): if the home team scores a tying run at the end of regulation, the game ends in a tie

Slaughter rule (4.10.e): if a team is up by 10 runs at the end of 4 innings

Coaches are to bring 3 balls with them, if more are needed (home runs) they can get more.

The code of conduct: parents/players/coaches will get only 1 warning.

Motion was made to end meeting at 8:21pm by Chuck, 2nd by Ken, unanimous.