

**Farmington Youth Baseball League
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
11/07/2010
Farmington Police Department Meeting Room**

Executive Board Members:

Present: Rico Chiarillo, Doug Mutz, Mike Mihalek, Dan Stepeck, Kelley Ryan, Matt Guglielmo, Karen Porter, Josh Rappaport

Absent: Jeff Mihalek, Scott Deakin, Paul Nanos, Jay Sicklick

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Rico Chiarillo, league President.

Rico motioned to accept October minutes. Motion was seconded and accepted.

Rico handed out the committee sheets for people to volunteer. The committees were as follows:

- Clinics and Coaching
- Concession Stand
- Fields and Facilities
- Finance and Fundraising
- Opening Day Program and Special Events
- Registration and Tryouts
- Scheduling
- Summer Tournaments
- Umpires and Rules

Dan Turkeltaub from Babe Ruth presented a spring recap of the Babe Ruth League. He noted that turnout was good and it was a very successful year for the league. There were 74 kids and 5 teams. Newington will likely be joining the league next year and he hopes other towns will follow suit. Babe Ruth also has a fall transitional league for kids ages 13 – 15.

Matt Guglielmo presented the Treasurer's Report for October. Financial Statement Summary for the Month Ended October 31, 2010 was handed out and explained in detail by Matt. Summary points were as follows:

- \$25 of Interest Income
- Administrative Charges of \$458 for website renewal.
- Janitorial expense of \$292 to clean concession stand bathrooms
- Field & Equipment expense of \$349 for equipment rental and maintenance.
- Umpires expense of \$840 for Fall ball umpires

A Proposed 2011 FYBL budget was handed out. The proposed budget was prepared by Scott Deakin, Treasurer and discussed and approved by the Executive Board. Summary points were as follows:

- Budget constructed to break even which includes \$20,000 of net fundraising income. Net fundraising income over \$20,000 would be used to fund field improvements.
- \$10 per player fee increase assumed for all levels.
- 5% reduction in Uniforms & Equipment Expense
- Assumes concession stand is outsourced to a 3rd party as in prior year. No income or expense budgeted for this line item.

Concerns were expressed regarding the fee increase. The feeling among the group was that a fee increase is necessary but the allocation of the increase should not be distributed evenly across the divisions. Rico noted that the Executive Board will look at this again.

The idea was brought up to have the All-Stars pay for their own uniforms in an effort to reduce costs. This was met with some resistance and it was determined that this will also be addressed by the Executive Board.

Managers for a few of the different leagues gave recaps of this years Fall ball program. Reports were positive. The participants seemed to show great improvement and enjoyed themselves. Fall ball continues to be a great instructional program for kids to improve their skills and gain the confidence needed to move to the upper levels.

Rico reported on the District Meeting he attended on behalf of FYBL.
Points of note were as follows:

- There will be increased focus on enforcing the rule that there can be no more than 3 coaches in a dugout during a game.
- There is a need for more volunteers to umpire games, particularly in the softball league.
- It was noted that there was one District team who was caught practicing prior to 6/15 which is not allowed. The town was not revealed.

Russ Arnold gave an update on the Scoreboard installation. It was determined that this will be done in the spring.

Rico gave a report on the Fall clean up day. There was a decent showing. All intended tasks were completed.

Other Items:

- It was noted that there were bases left out in the rain rather than being put inside the equipment sheds.
- Someone suggested we spend money on purchasing new bases
- Suggestion was made to have the softball equipment boxes at Tunxis Mead fixed
- It was suggested that there should be a pre-tryout clinic this year. The idea was well received by those in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Matt Guglielmo - Secretary