

**Farmington Youth Baseball League  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
12/05/2010  
Farmington Police Department Meeting Room**

**Executive Board Members:**

Present: Rico Chiarillo, Doug Mutz, Mike Mihalek, Dan Stepeck, Kelley Ryan, Matt Guglielmo, Karen Porter, Scott Deakin, Jay Sicklick, Jeff Mihalek

Absent: Paul Nanos, Josh Rappaport

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Mike Dunst  
Chris Daugherty  
Byron Frank  
Bill Collins  
Terry Obrien  
Tom Engle  
Russ Arnold  
Larry Green  
Bob Palazzo

**Proceedings:**

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Rico Chiarillo, league President.

Rico motioned to accept November minutes. Matt Guglielmo noted a change to the November minutes. Correction is that the Babe Ruth Fall transitional league is for 12-year olds graduating from little league and there is a junior program for 13–15 year olds. It was incorrectly stated that Babe Ruth has a fall transitional league for kids ages 13-15.

Rico then motioned to accept the November minutes. Motion was seconded and accepted.

Scott Deakin presented the Treasurer's report for November. Only activity was bank fees and interest.

Committee Reports:

Field & Facilities

Rico reported on the F&F committee meeting to establish general maintenance and capital improvement budgets for fields & facilities. The following was presented: (Estimates)

Maintenance:

Tractor maintenance	\$2,000
General maintenance	300
Fence screens	1,000
Sound System	1,500
Batting cages	1,500
General materials	1,000
Field equipment	2,500
Dumpster	<u>1,200</u>
Total	<u>\$11,000</u>

Capital Improvements:

Fences for Baily/Welch	\$20,000
Bullpen fence on Grouten	4,000
Lighting (Grouten)	700
Lighting (Concession stand)	300
Softball dugouts (Tunxis Mead)	6,000
Picnic tables (Tunxis Mead)	500
Equipment shed roof	<u>4,000</u>
Total	<u>\$35,500</u>

It was noted that the above budgets are wish list items to be done as cash flow permits and not expected to all be completed this fiscal year.

Registration:

Rico reminded everyone that registration is scheduled for January 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 – 8:30 and Saturday January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30 – 12:00 at the Farmington Police Station.

Question was raised whether to consider making 4 year olds eligible for T-Ball. The group consensus was that the existing 5 year old age limit was appropriate.

The topic of registration fees was discussed. A motion was made and accepted to set the fee increases as follows:

Baseball:

American and National - \$15 increase

AAA and AA - \$10 increase

A and T-Ball - \$5 increase

Softball:

Majors - \$15 increase

Minors - \$10 increase

Coach Pitch - \$5 increase

Also, the family maximum will be \$275 per family. (\$30 field usage fee included).

#### District Meeting – Bristol

Rico updated the group on the District meeting he attended in Bristol. Items to be aware of:

- It should be noted that to play in the Farmington Little League, the player must be a Farmington Resident. If by chance the player does not have a Farmington address, they will not be eligible to participate in District play.
- Original birth certificates are required for registration.
- Safety officer must do background checks on all managers, coaches and helpers and Board Members.
- Umpire Clinics in Bristol scheduled for 2/5 and 2/6
- Umpire school in Bristol scheduled for 3/23, 3/27, 3/30, 4/3.

#### Little League International Items:

- There will be a decision made by January 1 regarding composite bats. Jay Sicklick to send an email.
- Beginning with 2011 Little League Baseball and Softball International Tournament, the local league participation fee per team will increase to \$150.00

Rico announced that FYBL tryouts are scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at Farmington Sports Arena on Executive Drive in Farmington from 5:00pm – 9:00pm. The registration and tryouts committee will determine the best way to format the tryouts so that it runs in the most effective manner.

#### Other Items:

- Rico asked if anyone was willing to take on the role as umpire in chief. There were no volunteers.
- An idea was proposed for maintaining the fields. It was suggested that each division be responsible to maintain a specific field. Each team within the division would be assigned a week. It was well received and will be discussed by the fields and facilities committee.
- Topic of facemasks for the batting helmets was raised. Some people feel it should be made mandatory while others thought it should be up to the player whether or not to wear one. After much discussion, it was agreed it would be a topic of the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Matt Guglielmo - Secretary