

**Farmington Youth Baseball League
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
1/09/2011
Farmington Police Department Meeting Room**

Executive Board Members:

Present: Rico Chiarillo, Doug Mutz, Mike Mihalek, Dan Stepeck, Paul Nanos, Matt Guglielmo, Karen Porter, Scott Deakin, Jay Sicklick, Jeff Mihalek, Josh Rappaport

Absent: Kelley Ryan

Advisory Board Members in Attendance:

Terry Obrien

Bill Collins

Dave Petroka

Scott Sytulek

David Conrad

Larry Green

Corey Wuller

Tony Sardilli

John Calcavecchia

Mike Farrell

Kirt Rasmussen

Chris Belisle

Byron Frank

Proceedings:

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

Evan Paradise from the New Britain Rock Cats spoke about FYBL having its opening day ceremonies at the Rock Cats Stadium. He presented the options available to the league. After he left, the options were discussed. Most feedback was positive. A motion was made to obtain additional information for future discussion. Motion was seconded and accepted.

A motion was made to accept the December minutes. Motion was seconded and accepted.

Scott Deakin presented the Treasurers report. Only activity for the month was bank fees and interest. Scott noted that the Fiscal Year Ended 9/30/10 tax return for FYBL was completed by Matt Guglielmo and will be filed with the IRS by February 15th.

A discussion was had regarding the upcoming registration scheduled for January 21st and 22nd. Jay Sicklick noted that a notice is included in each schools Friday Folders and that hard copies of the notice should displayed at all area pre-school and daycares. It was announced that volunteers are still needed for both days and that any help would be appreciated.

Larry Green reported on the tryout committee. Tryouts are scheduled for February 14th and 16th at Farmington Sports Arena from 5:00PM – 9:00PM. The tryout committee will decide which days each division will need to attend and it will be announced during registration. Larry noted that the tryout committee will meet prior to tryouts to discuss ways to improve the process.

The league commissioners for the 2011 spring season were announced:

T-Ball/A/AA – Byron Frank
AAA – Karen Porter and John Calcavecchia
Nationals – Bill Collins and Mike Farrell
American – Josh Rappaport

There was a brief discussion about the elimination or consolidation of lower divisions. It was agreed that they will remain the same.

It was announced that anyone interested in becoming a manager for a National or American League team will need to speak at the next Board Meeting on January 30th. You should state your case as to why you should be selected for a manager's spot or someone may speak on your behalf.

Rico announced the following District Meeting related matters:

- The leagues charter/Insurance, Bylaws and Constitution were set for submission this month to LLI.
- Umpire clinics in Bristol scheduled for 2/5, 2/6
- Umpire School in Bristol 3/23, 3,27, 3/30, and 4/3

FYBL will pay for anyone interested in attending either the clinic or school.

The topic regarding mandatory face guards for the AAA, National and American divisions was discussed at length. Arguments were made both for and against implementing the rule. The Advisory Board was asked to vote and the result was 9-6 against making face guards mandatory. The Executive Board voted separately after the meeting. The result was 7-4, for the mandatory use of faceguards.

Rico reviewed Little Leagues decision to ban all Composite bats. Moratoriums now in place, all composite bats are banned.

Other Items:

- A discussion was had regarding the concession stand for the upcoming season. There were no volunteers to run it but the consensus was that it should be run by the league and not run by an independent third party.
- Josh Rappaport announced that Brian Fern had asked for the leagues permission to hand out flyers at registration to promote a clinic to be run the week prior to tryouts. Brian asked on behalf of the high school baseball booster club. It was agreed to let him do that.
- FYBL Past President Rick Dressler spoke to solicit donations to build a new concession stand at the Farmington High School Football Field in honor of past FYBL Board Member, Greg Warren who passed away recently. Rico announced that the FYBL would talk it over and make a donation in Greg's name.

Rico announced that the February Board Meeting will be held January 30th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Matt Guglielmo - Secretary