



Minutes for January 2016 Board Meeting

January 10, 2016

Vin Bergin
Bill Beckert
Kristi Brouker
Chris Caccamo
John Calcavecchia
Bill Collins
Scott DeGrandi
Eric Foley

Byron Frank
Matt Guglielmo
Steve Guglietti
Mike Gulino
Aaron Jainchill
Alex Kaminski
Rakesh Kansara
Dave McCullough

Tim McKenzie
Tony Sardilli
Kathy Wolkner
Tom Wolkner

Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M.

- 1) Secretary's Report: Dave McCullough – Minutes for December 6, 2015 Board Meeting were motioned and approved as amended.
- 2) Treasurer's Report: Matt Guglielmo – Magnet expense in December totaled \$650; report motioned and approved.
- 3) League Reports
 - Softball Report: Tony Sardilli
 - No report or update
 - Big Diamond Report: John Calcavecchia
 - No report or update
- 4) Committees:
 - a) Fields and Facilities – Alex Kaminski
 - Sod replaced and access road ruts filled thanks to the unseasonably warm weather in December. In gratitude, pizza will be provided for the guys. Fields and Facilities Committee will meet on Registration Weekend (1/22-1/23).
 - b) Audit – Kara Sardilli
 - Audit was completed in December 2015, all records were in order, and a big thank you to Kara Sardilli!
 - c) Safety – Kristi Brouker
 - Kristi was trained by John Truhan to take over the position. Manuals are almost done, we are just awaiting some key dates to be included in the manual and in the ASAP plan to be sent to Little League. Byron will take care of approximately 200 volunteer form copies for Registration Weekend.
 - d) Clinics – Chris Caccamo
 - No report or update for baseball
 - Softball is contemplating the USA Elite clinic at Giovanni in Bristol for 2016; there is also the Fast Pitch Nation clinic for players and coaches.
 - e) Marketing – Steve Guglietta
 - New sign is done and available to take following the meeting; flyers are printed.
 - Registration form updates are in progress.
 - Softball will be emailing all softball players to remind them of Registration Weekend and to encourage players to wear gear to school on Fridays (1/15 and 1/22).
 - f) Concession – Byron Frank

- We will have a table at Registration for more information and to solicit any interested parents with a signup sheet.

g) Fundraising and Raffle –Vin Bergin

- We will have a table at Registration for more information and to solicit potential sponsors.
- A blast email to past sponsors and follow-up phone calls for select ones (bigger sponsors) is planned.

h) Registration – Byron Frank

- Dates are confirmed for 1/22 and 1/23, 6-8:30 PM on Friday and 9:30-12:00 Noon on Saturday.
- Byron will have approximately 300 copies of all forms; he will also review outstanding registration fees to cross-reference with this year's registrants.
- Dave will follow-up with Doug Caneday for the box of supplies.
- Board support is essential to the success of registration, since we need to staff the following tables:
 - Registration
 - Volunteer Forms
 - Softball
 - Baseball Divisions (including manager and coach signup sheets)
 - Umpires
 - Sponsorships
 - Concessions
 - Checkout

i) Tryouts – Mike Gulino on behalf of Jamie Martin

- Successfully booked Monday 3/7 and Wednesday 3/9 at FSA

j) Scheduling – Byron Frank

- No report or update

k) Special Events – John Calcavecchia

- No report or update

l) Lindquist Tournament – Aaron Jainchill

- No report or update

m) Umpires – Mike Gulino

- Chris Temple will do Majors scheduling and serve as UIC.
- Softball needs to provide him a dedicated contact(s) to work with on scheduling.
- Volunteer for Minors scheduling is still needed.

n) Picture Day – Chris Caccamo

- All set with Bishop Photo, exact date is to be confirmed.

o) Uniforms and Equipment – Mike Mihalek

- No report or update

6. District 5 Info: Mike Gulino

- No report or update

7. Old Business

- FHS Baseball Booster Club will have a presence at Registration Weekend to promote gala and to market pre-tryout clinics.

8. New Business:

- Two memorial donations are recommended: Russ Arnold's father and Dan Stepeck's mother recently passed, both men were past Board members; the consensus was for \$100 each.
- John Truhan recent had a new baby boy, Andrew, on Thursday January 7; the Board will send a fruit basket to the family.
- Proposed FYBL bylaw changes to the 4/6/2014 version required review and discussion:
 - Bylaw No. 2 – “Draft Method” updates are approved with the deletion of first paragraph (a).

2. Draft Method

~~The Draft Method for all applicable divisions must utilize the draft methods outlined in the Little League Operating Manual. FYBL has incorporated a “Re –Draft” annually for each returning player in the major league division.~~

FYBL has incorporated a “Re –Draft” annually for each returning player in the major league division, in addition to typical “snake” design of the draft. The draft will be conducted utilizing the following additional criteria:

(a) Placement of Manager's Child in Major League Draft

~~Currently, in the Major League draft, the placement of the manager's child is based on their Little League age. The round placement is the following: (3rd round for 12 year old, 4th round for 11 year old, 5th round for 10 year old).~~

The placement of round should be based on overall playing ability (as compared to other players in the draft). The managers of the Majors teams, the Player Agent, and the President of the League (the “Majors Draft Committee”) will meet before the Major League draft (and also before the selection of the draft order). They will use the player's ratings from the tryouts as a guide, but also use past performance and other factors (ability to play the position of pitcher and catcher, for example).

The Majors Draft Committee will decide the round of the draft for each manager's child. If there is a disagreement, the Player Agent will make the final decision after receiving input from all members of the Majors Draft Committee.

(b) Placement of Siblings in Major League Draft

The managers of the Majors teams, the Player Agent and the President of the League (the “Majors Draft Committee”) will meet prior to the Majors draft to determine the appropriate round placement of siblings in the draft. If there is clear distinction in round placement of the siblings, the Majors Draft Committee will determine only the placement of the sibling who has the lesser playing ability. They will use the player's ratings from the tryouts as a guide, but also use past performance and other factors (ability to play the position of pitcher and catcher, for example). If the siblings have equal playing ability, the second sibling will be placed in the round immediately following the first sibling.

If there is a disagreement, the Player Agent will make the final decision after receiving input from all members of the Majors Draft Committee.

During the draft, once the sibling of higher playing ability is selected by a team, the other sibling will be automatically placed in his/her round by that same team. If that round has been filled by another

player, then the sibling will be placed in the next available round.

If the Majors Draft Committee decides that the sibling of lower playing ability is a last round pick or should be in the Minor's draft. The team with the option of selecting him will determine at that time to pick the sibling in the last round or send the sibling down to the Minor's draft.

- Bylaw No. 1 – “District Team Selection” updates are approved as amended with a correction of American to Majors.

1. Tournament Team Selection

~~Bylaw Change~~

~~To replace, in its entirety, Article 1 Tournament Team Selection~~

(a) District Team Selection (Baseball only)

(i) The method for selection of players to the 10-11 and the 11-12 District teams shall be as follows (Baseball only):

At the end of the season ballots will be prepared with all of the age appropriate players listed. The manager from each team in the ~~American (Majors) Division~~ will vote for 11 players that were not on their regular season roster. The number of votes for each player will be compiled by the player agent. The players receiving the top nine (9) number of votes will be placed on the team. The manager will then select, at their discretion, the remaining players for the team from the pool of all players that are age appropriate. If exactly nine players cannot be determined due to ties, the team manager and the player agent shall consult and attempt to assign the top nine. The player agents ruling shall be final in determining the nine automatic picks.

~~(ii) The method of selection for the 9-10 district team shall be as follows (Baseball only):~~

~~A panel of not less than six raters shall be appointed by the player agent.~~

~~All potential players in the American (Majors) Division and the National Division (Minors) will attend a clinic/scrimmage game. The raters will produce a score for each eligible player.~~

~~These scores will be brought to the Player agent that will compile a ranking.~~

~~The players receiving the top nine (9) scores will be placed on the team. The manager will then select, at their discretion, the remaining players for the team from the pool of all players at the clinic/scrimmage.~~

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These scores will be brought to the Player agent that will compile a ranking.

After the compilation of the ratings, the managers in the Majors division will select the 9/10 district team. They will use the ratings as a guide (which only the Player Agent and managers of Majors division will see). In addition, the managers of the Minors division will be asked for their feedback on all the Minors players at the clinic before the final selection. Each Major's manager will select 11 players from the list.

The players receiving the top nine (9) number of votes will be placed on the team. The manager will then select, at their discretion, the remaining players for the team from the pool of all players that are age appropriate. No coach or manager may be utilized as a rater if a child is participating in the tryout.

(b) Efforts will be made so that player selection ballots are kept secret and will be submitted by managers of the Majors Division (~~American League~~) as near to simultaneously as possible. Ballots will be on paper only and handed directly to managers.

(c) If the top nine vote receivers, or scores after clinic/scrimmage cannot be determined due to ties, then it will be the discretion of the manager of the district team to assign the appropriate nine (between those that are involved with the tie). The player agent will ensure that this process is done according to these bylaws.

(d) If one or more of the top nine decline their participation on the district team, then the manager of that district team will select the remaining players for the team at their discretion (from the players that are age appropriate).

(e) The board of directors will select the managers of the various district teams.

- Bylaw No. 8 – “Hometown Rules” has a Machine Pitch and Minors Draft clarification, which is approved to be moved in its entirety to Bylaw No. 2.

This is a housekeeping change. Basically, it will be a change of location. Existing in the Bylaws currently under Section 8 Hometown Rules, it is submitted that this bullet point:

- For ~~AAA~~ Machine Pitch and ~~National~~ Minors Leagues, children of managers and coaches shall be placed on teams in this manner: the resulting score from the tryout will dictate the round that child will be placed on the team. Any gross discrepancies in a score, or if there is no score for that child, then the player agent, in their sole judgment, shall assign the round that the player shall be taken.

should be moved to Section 2, specifically, 2 (c), in its entirety. Section 2 is a more appropriate place for it in that it already contains draft procedures.

- Bylaw No. 7 – “Division Alignment” updates are approved.

7. Division Alignment

The FYBL Board of Directors reserves the right to set the alignment of teams in all divisions in accordance with the rules set forth in the Little League Baseball Operations Manual. The following is a guideline set forth, subject to exceptions from year to year dictated by the FYBL President and/or the Board of Directors:

(a) Tee Ball Baseball ~~Division~~: 4-6 year olds. Players must be four years old by August 31 of the playing season.

~~(b) Single A Baseball: 6-7 year olds. Four to six teams. Single A baseball is defined as the second year of T-Ball, where more advanced players may be eligible for “coach pitch” instruction during the latter part of the season.~~

(b) ~~(c) AA Coach Pitch Baseball Division Coach Pitch~~: (A level established primarily for 6-8 year old boys and girls. Emphasis is on learning the fundamentals of baseball, excluding pitching. Games typically are played on Saturdays at the Little League Fields. Following a draft in March, managers will contact selected players. Teams are typically formed according to neighborhood residence and school attendance.

~~(c) (d) AAA Machine Pitch Baseball Division (Minors)~~: A competitive, machine pitching level for boys and girls with baseball ages 7-10 who do not have experience to play in the ~~National Minors~~ ~~American Majors~~ Leagues. Teams are determined by draft based on tryout ratings of

independent evaluators. Games are typically played on Thursdays and Saturdays. ~~Managers will contact selected players after the National and American league teams have been formed.~~

- (d) ~~(e) National Minor League Baseball Division (Minors):~~ A level for the more experienced 8-12 year old boys and girls. Teams are determined by a draft based on tryout ratings of independent evaluators. Games typically are played on Tuesdays and Saturdays at the Little League fields, and there is a continuous batting order. ~~Following a draft, manager's contact selected players.~~ Twelve year olds are not allowed to pitch at the ~~National~~ Minor League level.
- (e) ~~(f) American Major League Baseball Division (Majors):~~ A level for the more experienced 9-12 year old boys and girls. You must play at least one year at the AAA level ~~Machine Pitch Division~~ or ~~National level Minors Division~~ before applying for ~~American~~ the Majors Division. Nine players play in the field, but there is no continuous batting order. Only the players in the line-up can hit. The minimum playing time is two innings defensively and one at bat for each player. Teams are determined by a draft based on player tryout ratings. Players are re-drafted each year in the Major League Division of FYBL. The ~~American~~ Majors League is governed by ~~these bylaws~~, the rules of Little League Baseball International's Green Book and Baseball Operating Manual.

- Bylaw No. 8 – "Hometown Rules" updates are approved.

8. Hometown Little League Local Rules

~~For the current season, all players league age 5 and 6 will play Tee Ball. (Exception: With concurrence of the parents, player and Player Agent, those 6-year-olds who played Tee Ball last season may be moved up to Minor League Coach Pitch).~~

~~All players 7 and 8 will be evaluated and, based on the evaluation, placed into the Tee Ball or Minor League Coach Pitch Division.~~

~~All players league age 9-10 will be evaluated and, based on the evaluation and draft, placed in the Minor League Coach Pitch Division, or the Minor League Division., or Major League Division~~

~~All players league age 11-12 will may try out for Major Division teams. If not selected for a Major Division team, these players will be placed in the Minor Division.~~

Optional rules and regulations for Minor League/Tee Ball divisions are:

- There is a 90-minute time limit on Tee Ball games and a 2-hour time limit on ~~Minor League Coach pitch.~~
- Pitch games. Managers and coaches are allowed on the field in Tee Ball and ~~Minor League Coach Pitch.~~ (See Regulation VIII) The number of managers and coaches in this level shall not exceed 4.
- Adults (offensive team manager or coach) will pitch in the ~~Minor League Coach Pitch Division.~~
- ~~The side is out in Tee Ball and Minor League Coach Pitch when three outs are made or the offensive team bats through its entire roster in its half-inning. (see Rule 4.04)~~

~~For AAA ~~Machine Pitch~~ and National Minors Leagues, children of managers and coaches shall be placed on teams in this manner: the resulting score from the tryout will dictate the round that child will be placed on the team. Any gross discrepancies in a score, or if there is no score for that child, then the player agent, in their sole judgment, shall assign the round that the player shall be taken. (Moved to Bylaw No. 2)~~

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- All trash must be removed from dugouts after games. Both managers are responsible for this. Additional items regarding field protocol can be found on the FYBL website under the documents section.
- All managers, coaches and umpires must attend a clinic sponsored by the District Administrator or Little League Baseball, Incorporated, prior to the start of the season. The Commissioner of each division is responsible for giving information on clinics to the managers and coaches. The umpire-in-chief is responsible for giving information to the umpires and conducting the pre-season Umpire clinic.
- The Safety officer shall coordinate a pre-season Safety clinic that shall be attended by all Managers and Coaches.
- All Hometown Little League volunteers must complete a volunteer application and satisfactorily complete the screening process.
- All Managers and coaches shall reflect the best attitude and professionalism possible at all times. Teaching, building confidence and good sportsmanship shall be the main priority at FYBL.
- No smoking or the use of alcohol shall be permitted within the boundaries of the Little League complex.

9. Next meeting is the Annual Meeting set for Monday, February 8, 2016 at the Farmington Police Station (accounting for Super Bowl Sunday). Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 P.M.