



Minutes for February 2016 Board Meeting

February 21, 2016

**Vin Bergin
Bill Beckert
Chris Caccamo
John Calcavecchia
John Carlson
Bill Collins
Kevin Collins
Scott DeGrandi
Mark Drekker
Kevin Finn
Eric Foley
Byron Frank**

**Jim Glaspey
Aaron Jainchill
Alex Kaminski
Rakesh Kansara
George Kelly
John Kelly
Derrick Kirsch
Jamie Martin
Dave McCullough
Tim McKenzie
Jamie Moses**

**Jim Quigley
Tony Sardilli
Denis Smith
Craig Snyder
Chris Temple
John Truhan
Christofer Wagner
Tom Wolkner**

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

- 1) Secretary's Report: Dave McCullough – Minutes for 1/10/2016 Board Meeting were motioned and approved.
- 2) Treasurer's Report: Byron Frank on behalf of Matt Guglielmo – Minimal expenses in January, upwards of \$38 K in registration fees; report motioned and approved.
- 3) League Reports
 - Softball Report: Tony Sardilli
 - Inter-town meeting for Districts 5-6, discussing potential to combine or partner with Plainville
 - Big Diamond Report: John Calcavecchia
 - Looking for volunteers for managing and coaching, will send an email to the parents of registered players; potentials could include Brickner, Conrad, DeGrandi, and Kitner
 - Big Diamond meeting on 3/28 in in Bristol
- 4) Committees:
 - a) Fields and Facilities – Alex Kaminski
 - 2016 budget has \$6 K allocated, but we could invest more on specific projects based on overall league surplus; need to prioritize longer-term initiatives
 - b) Safety – Kristi Brouker
 - No report or update
 - c) Clinics – Chris Caccamo
 - Coaches clinics in-progress at New Horizons this week and next week
 - Softball clinic scheduled for 3/15 at New Horizons, coaches should let Tony know what they want Betsy to cover
 - Between baseball and softball clinics (4 in total) we are getting good use of the facility and a donation of \$200 (\$50 / per) would be in order, along with soliciting any volunteers for the Strawberry Festival this upcoming July
 - Big Al Clinic scheduled for 6:00 – 9:00 PM on 3/21 (Majors / Minors) and 3/22 (Machine / Coach Pitch) at Southington High; FYBL should consider a league website pass, given the number of coaches who did it last year

- d) Marketing – Steve Guglietta
 - No report or update
 - Bring the registration signs to the March Board Meeting, since Steve is not able to make it tonight
- e) Concession – Byron Frank
 - There have been no volunteers to assist with the decision and logistics of running the stand in the spring season, so it will most likely be Farmington Gardens again; Byron or Mike will contact Phil to confirm and provide the dates
- f) Fundraising and Raffle –Vin Bergin
 - Reminder that teams must secure sponsorship for the spring season; some bigger sponsors will be used to cover teams that are unable to get a sponsor
- g) Registration – Byron Frank
 - Registration figures are comparable to 2015 and could exceed those totals over the next two weeks prior to tryouts
 - Commissioners and 2015 managers should call any kids not yet registered
 - Current registration counts are (in total, 11 less than 2015 count on this date):
 - Big Diamond (22 registrants to date)
 - Majors (70 registrants to date)
 - Minors (105 registrants to date)
 - Machine Pitch (47 registrants to date)
 - Coach Pitch (62 registrants to date)
 - Tee Ball (68 registrants to date)
 - Based on the registration figures, 2015 manager feedback, and historical considerations, Byron is recommending 2 Big Diamond teams, 6 Majors teams of 11 players each, and 7 or 8 Minors teams of 12 players each
 - If we go with that recommendation, that would mean 20-30 players are dropped down from Minors to Machine Pitch after accounting for the handful of players who will go from Majors to Minors
 - Tryout ratings and Player Agent communications will have increased importance if we go with these numbers
- h) Tryouts –Jamie Martin
 - Tryouts scheduled at FSA for Monday 3/7 for Minors and Softball, with Wednesday 3/9 for Machine Pitch and Majors; we will have 8 stations this year to incorporate a pitching evaluation
 - Need lots of support from the Board Members and other volunteers to ensure smooth running tryouts, please see Jamie after the meeting if you are able to volunteer in some capacity
- i) Scheduling – Byron Frank
 - We are ‘losing’ a week of the season given the timing of spring break this year (4/18 – 4/22/2016), so Byron is looking at options to play games earlier in April
 - District play will start on or around 6/24 which means that the spring season will need to conclude a week prior
- j) Special Events – John Calcavecchia
 - Bill Beckert has been in touch with the New Britain Bees to see if an event is feasible, he will report back at the March Board meeting
- k) Lindquist Tournament – Aaron Jainchill
 - No report or update
- l) Umpires – Chris Temple
 - Emails out to league coordinators
- m) Picture Day – Chris Caccamo
 - All set with Bishop Photo, photographs will be on 5/07/2016 at the Little League fields
- n) Uniforms and Equipment – Chris Caccamo
 - No report or update

6. District 5 Info: Byron Frank

- Updated concussion training will be incorporated into the Safety Meeting to be held prior to 4/03/2016; that meeting is mandatory for all managers and coaches
- Big Al Clinics reminder (see Clinics Committee update)
- Umpire clinic on 3/26 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Bristol Little League site
- Sunday 4/3 is Little League Softball day at CCSU, who will be playing LIU in a double-header; the 2:00 PM game aims to maximize spectators
- ASAP plan is due in March
- There is a Girls Softball Tournament scheduled for 5/19 – 5/22 but as in years past, that conflicts with Relay for Life

7. Old Business

- No old business

8. New Business:

- No new business

9. Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 3/06/2016 at the Farmington Police Station starting at 7:00 PM sharp. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.