



Minutes for Sept 2016 Board Meeting

September 11, 2016

Vin Bergin
Chris Caccamo
Chris Clay
Bill Collins
Scott DeGrandi
Byron Frank
Jim Glaspey

Mike Gulino
Aaron Jainchill
Alex Kaminski
Jamie Martin
Dave McCullough
Tim McKenzie
Jamie Moses
John Truhan

Chris Wagner
Kathy Wolkner
Tom Wolkner

Meeting called to order at 8:08 P.M.

1) Secretary's Report: Dave McCullough – Minutes for the August Board Meeting were motioned and approved.

2) Treasurer's Report: Mike Gulino on behalf of Matt Guglielmo – August financial report tabled until the September meeting.

3) League Reports:

Fall Baseball – Mike Gulino

- Commissioners – Thanks to Kristi Brouker for Transitional, Chris Caccamo for Gold (U12 Travel), Aaron Jainchill for Silver (U10 Travel), and Steve Guglietta for In-Town (minors, machine, coach / tee). Commissioners need to ensure rules are distributed and followed.
 - Seniors – Five (5) teams in the upper division and twelve (12) teams in the lower division; paperwork to get Avon affiliated with Little League complete (formerly Babe Ruth).
 - Transitional – Landed on one (1) Farmington team with sixteen (16) kids due to late signups; ideally would have preferred to have 2 teams with a few more players.
 - Gold – A total of 24 teams are playing and the competition seems a bit uneven, with some very strong and some weak teams on the respective ends of the spectrum; Farmington teams have evenly spread talent
 - Silver – Farmington is playing in-town only again this year but the initial weekend of games was good.
 - In-town – Minors and Machine Pitch are up and running, T-ball is ready but will need a few coaches to volunteer to assist John Truhan.
- Schedule – Thanks to Byron Frank for a yeoman's effort getting all the schedules coordinated and completed.

Fall Softball – Tom Wolkner

- It was a scramble to get setup in late August but landed on one (1) team incorporating AA players.

4) Committees:

a) Fields and Facilities – Alex Kaminski

- Repaired sinkhole in Baily outfield; home and in-town games will be played through the third weekend of October; need more lime and drying agent to get through the fall season.
- Will need to revisit speaker issue at a future meeting, after it is determined if it is the speakers or the wires. It was suggested that Eric Brouker may be able to check the wiring.
- A motion to approve \$5 K for a pilot installation of turf in the Groueten bullpens and on-deck areas was carried.

- b) Safety – Mike Gulino on behalf of Kristi Brouker
 - There were a few injuries reported in the first weekend of the fall season.
- c) Clinics – Chris Caccamo
 - Three catchers clinics have been done for baseball players, there is one planned for softball on Wednesday, 09/14.
- d) Marketing – Steve Guglietta
 - Christian Hoheb was highlighted on Frontier.
- e) Concession – Mike Gulino on behalf of Kristi Brouker – No report
- f) Fundraising and Raffle – Vin Bergin – No report
- g) Registration – Byron Frank
 - Registration totals came in at 190 total kids, down from 240 in 2015.
- h) Special Events – Mike Gulino on behalf of John Calcavecchia
 - More to come regarding an ‘adult’ fall event in early November.
- i) Lindquist Tournament – Mike Gulino and Aaron Jainchill
 - Phenomenal job done by Aaron to have a very successful tournament this year, especially since it was the most teams ever to participate. A couple of mid-flight adjustments such as U12 A and B brackets and championships; the concession stand was a rousing success. The tournament turned a profit of \$5 K; most importantly, the kids had fun.
- j) Umpires – Mike Gulino on behalf of Chris Temple and Marie Patrick – No report
- k) Uniforms and Equipment – Chris Caccamo
 - Need more uniforms for Transitional fall ball season.

5. Summer Tournaments:

- District 12’s – Mike Gulino on behalf of Mike Mihalek
 - The 12 year old team lost in the district cross-over finals to Berlin but ended up going to Cooperstown for the annual tournament, where it finished among the top teams out of out one hundred-forty (140).
- District 11’s – Mike Gulino
 - The 11 year old team lost in the state championship to Stamford, after an amazing run through the losers bracket to the championship. It was a special combination of coaches and players that made for a great run.
- District 10’s – Dave McCullough
 - The 10 year old team lost in the district cross-over semi-finals to Yalesville. Good experience for the team (11 out of 13 first timers) and all of the coaches; my thanks to Vin Bergin and Scott DeGrandi.
- West Hartford U9 and U8 Machine Pitch Tournaments – John Truhan
 - Both squads had successful runs, ultimately losing the championship games to West Hartford teams.

6. District 5 Info: Mike Gulino

- Lots of liaising with Marie to organize the fall ball season

7. Old Business

- Made a donation of \$1,000 to Around the Horn for all of the Transitional and Seniors support.
- Thanks again to Jon Wolf for the \$1,500 Disney Ears Donation

8. Next meeting is the Annual Board Meeting on Sunday, 10/16/2016 at the Farmington Police Station starting at 7:00 PM sharp. Please get the word out that public comment is encouraged and let Mike know if you want to be on the Board for the next year. The 2017 Executive Board Meeting is tentatively scheduled for 10/19/2016. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.