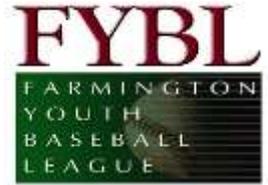


Minutes for January 2017 Board Meeting



January 8, 2017

Shane Baker
Bill Beckert
Vin Bergin
Kristi Brouker
Chris Caccamo
Chris Clay
Scott DeGrandi
Eric Foley
Byron Frank
Jim Glaspey
Steve Guglietta

Mike Gulino
Chris Hoheb
Aaron Jainchill
Alex Kaminski
Rakesh Kansara
John Kelly
Larry LaDuke
Jamie Martin
Dave McCullough
Tim McKenzie

Jamie Moses
Mike O'Dell
John Renham
Craig Snyder
John Truhan
Kathy Wolkner
Tom Wolkner

Anna Franzreb addressed the Board on behalf of the Hartford Yard Goats prior to the meeting. The stadium construction remains on track to facilitate an April 2017 opening day. There are many options for FYBL to interact with the Yard Goats, including a League Night, clinic Sundays (first 4 Sunday home games), Hit / Run / Throw Skills Competition, or just Group ticket sales. More information is available by contacting Anna or at www.YardGoatsBaseball.com.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 P.M. at the Farmington Police Department.

- 1) Secretary's Report: Dave McCullough – Minutes for the December Board Meeting were motioned and approved.
- 2) Treasurer's Report: Jamie Moses – Little change from the prior month, January should see material changes due to registration and league expenses for items such as insurance. December Report motioned and approved.
- 3) Committee Reports:
 - a) Budget / Audit / Finance – Jamie Moses; developing a 2017 budget and preparing for the audit (by Pat Kelly).
 - b) Capital Planning – Mike Gulino; no report.
 - c) Clinics and Coaching – Chris Caccamo
 - Big Al clinic confirmed for 3/29 (Majors / Minors) and 3/30 (Machine / Coach / T-Ball) at Southington High.
 - If we opt for a Big Al League Pass this year, it now comes with monitoring to see how much value is realized.
 - John Kelly is planning for February vacation clinics at FSA for 8-9 year olds, likely on 2/20 and 2/23.
 - Chris is planning for Majors, Minors, and softball clinics on Thursdays in March, probably at New Horizons, signups and payment at registration.
 - d) Fields and Facilities – Alex Kaminski
 - One of the poles holding up the batting cage on Dubiel is at an angle which will need to be fixed.
 - In addition to work associated with Colan Callahan Memorial, there will likely be other opportunities for Cian O'Brien to assist with, in support of his Eagle Scout project.

- e) Fundraising – Vin Bergin
 - The second committee meeting will be after this Board Meeting adjourns.
 - The 2017 emphasis is threefold: securing sponsors prior to the season, staying in town, and adding new ones.
- f) Marketing – Steve Guglietta
 - Materials including lawn signs and posters are available in the back, please take some on your way out.
 - Post cards are scheduled to be mailed on or around 1/16 to 1,200 Farmington residences.
 - We can include materials in the virtual Friday Folders at all of the schools but it's unlikely that any printed materials will be approved; reach out to the PTOs and Principals to see what is possible.
- g) Registration – Byron Frank
 - Registration is scheduled for 1/20 and 1/21 at the Farmington Police Station, all hands on deck are needed even though some have basketball conflicts, be there at 5:30 on Friday and 9:00 AM on Saturday to help with setup.
 - Looking to do direct data issue into laptops to expedite process, considering 5 to 6 laptops.
- h) Tryouts – Jamie Martin
 - Confirmed 3/8 and 3/15 space at FSA, need to coordinate baseball and softball tryouts.
 - Welcoming any suggestions to speed up the process, especially since it always slows down at the batting cage.
- i) Uniforms / Equipment – Chris Caccamo; no report.
- j) Safety – Kristi Brouker;
 - Working on registration paperwork and initiating new team books.
- k) Program – Kathy Wolkner
 - Be sure to include a waiver statement for using photographs in the registration forms.
- l) Concessions – Kristi Brouker; no report.
- m) Umpire-In-Chief – Mike Gulino
 - Chris Temple informed Mike of his decision to step down as Umpire-In-Chief so we need a new one. Any interested persons can talk to Mike.
- n) Special Events – Dave McCullough
 - Jamie Martin and Alex Kaminski will assist with 2017 special events planning and production.
 - The first weekend in June is 6/3, everyone seemed to appreciate the combination of Appreciation Day, 12 Year Old Spotlight, and the Coaches Game.
- o) Picture Day – Chris Caccamo
 - Pleased to confirm Eric Foley as the new photographer, timing will likely be the same (Mothers Day weekend).
- p) Lindquist – Chris Clay, Steve Guglietta, Jamie Martin; no report.

4) District Updates:

- a) No December meeting.
- b) Correction from the prior meeting; Chris Wasielewski will serve as the District 5 Umpire-in-Chief but will not be doing individual league clinics.
- c) The new bat rules to be implemented for 2018 will be covered at the Big Al Clinics.
- d) FYBL Charter and Insurance was submitted and accepted last week.

- 5) League Commissioners:
- a) Softball – Tom and Kathy Wolkner
 - b) Majors – Bill Beckert
 - c) Minors – Aaron Jainchill and Steve Guglietta
 - d) Machine Pitch – Open
 - e) Coach Pitch and T-Ball – John Truhan with an assist from Alex Kaminski and John Renehan.
- 6) Old Business: None at this time
- 7) New Business:
- a) Rule changes – There are a number of rule changes for the 2017 season:
 - Player verification forms will not need to be redone for returning players.
 - Background Checks must include a criminal scan as well (First Advantage).
 - Outside of League or District play, Little League patches cannot be worn on uniforms.
 - If the batter has a foot in the batter's box, a pitch may be thrown.
 - Intentional walk rule will no longer require 4 pitches to be thrown (but they will count towards pitch count), but a timeout will be called, umpire informed, and the batter will take first base.
 - Unsportsmanlike conduct will result in ejection for the player and manager as penalty.
 - 6/1 will be the start of district special game season (scrimmages, really).
 - b) By-law Change – Draft by Aaron Jainchill circulated prior to meeting, by-law changes were motioned and approved.
 - c) Colan Callahan Memorial
 - Colan played FYBL for several seasons and hit the game winning homerun to propel the 2005 district team into sectionals. He went on to find success at FHS in the classroom, on the baseball diamond, and as the football quarterback. Throughout it all, he was known as a great teammate, classmate, and a good friend to many.
 - He died suddenly last April, shortly after returning home from Ohio State University at the young age of 23.
 - FYBL is looking to honor his legacy in some way, either with a plaque or a picture and inscription mounted on a bench or boulder somewhere at the Little League fields. The best situated areas may be near the pavilion or adjacent to Grouden.
 - Cian O'Brien will assist as part of his Eagle Scout project.
 - Please see Chris Hoheb if you'd like to help in some capacity.
 - The Board voted in favor of authorizing a dedicated bank account to support the Callahan effort.
- 8) The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Farmington Police Station. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.