

# Minutes for March 2017 Board Meeting



March 5, 2017

**Aric Alibrio  
Adam Baker  
Shane Baker  
Jeff Bemis  
Vin Bergin  
Eric Brouker  
Kristi Brouker  
Chris Caccamo  
Chris Clay  
Michael Cocomo  
Scott DeGrandi  
Steve DiLella  
Eric Foley  
Byron Frank**

**Rocco Guerrera  
Steve Guglietta  
Mike Gulino  
Chris Hoheb  
David Houf  
Aaron Jainchill  
Alex Kaminski  
John Kelly  
Larry LaDuke  
Mark Landini  
Mike Mangiafico  
Dave McCullough  
Tim McKenzie**

**Mike Mihalek  
Jamie Moses  
Mike Mushok  
John Renehan  
Tony Shockley  
Craig Snyder  
Bob Tomkiewicz  
John Truhan  
Chris Wagner  
Kathy Wolkner  
Tom Wolkner**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M. at the Farmington Police Department.

- 1) Secretary's Report: Dave McCullough – Minutes for the February Board Meeting were motioned and approved.
- 2) Treasurer's Report: Jamie Moses – January and February income exceeded \$42 K in registration fees, outstanding registration fees totals \$4 K across 30 families; report motioned and approved.
- 3) Committee Reports:
  - a) Budget / Audit / Finance – Jamie Moses; 2016 audit is in progress, to date nothing unusual has been found.
  - b) Capital Planning – Mike Gulino; no report.
  - c) Clinics and Coaching – Chris Caccamo
    - The February clinics held at FSA on the Monday and Thursday of vacation week, led by John Kelly with help from Brendan and EJ were well attended.
    - The FYBL clinic held on 3/1 at New Horizons totaled 36 Minors and 32 Majors baseball player, and 30 of 59 Softball players. Upwards of \$1,200 in fees collected, offset by the cost of shirts and a proposed donation to New Horizons. Overall it was a success and is recommended for next year.
    - A formal proposal to donate \$300 to New Horizons was motioned and approved.
    - The FHS Booster clinics held one session on 3/3 with another scheduled for 3/11 at Around the Horn, split between Minors and Majors players. The per-player cost for a session is \$30.
  - d) Fields and Facilities – Alex Kaminski
    - Aiming for a 4/1 cleanup day, dependent upon the weather.
    - Grouden improvement updates are that preliminary discussions and exploration to replace light tower bulbs indicate that it would cost \$140 per bulb to replace 26 bulbs; the plan to carpet the pitching tunnels and batting circles has been tabled based on increasing material costs but the retaining wall and extra stone dust will be done in the spring.
  - e) Fundraising – Vin Bergin
    - Follow-ups with remaining sponsors are in-progress, 38 sponsorships across all divisions secured to date.
  - f) Marketing – Steve Guglietta
    - Please bring any yard signs to next month's meeting so Steve can store for next year.

- g) Registration – Byron Frank
  - There are 457 players registered to date with splits of:
    - T-Ball and Coach Pitch are 78 and 77 kids each
    - Machine Pitch is 45 kids
    - Minors is 101 kids
    - Majors is 72 kids
    - Seniors is 29 kids
    - Softball is 55 kids
- h) Tryouts – Jamie Martin
  - Confirmed space at FSA with Softball, Machine Pitch, and Majors on 3/8, Minors, makeups, and Seniors on 3/15.
  - We are in good shape but please let Jamie know if you are available to help on both or either night.
- i) Scheduling – Byron Frank
  - Scheduling template is setup and ready, just waiting on final team numbers; we will play regularly scheduled Friday night games this year in Majors.
- j) Uniforms / Equipment – Mike Mihalek
  - All orders for 2017 uniforms have been placed but will need to double-check existing inventory to see if any equipment items are needed.
  - Dick’s Sporting Goods FYBL Appreciation Day is the weekend of 3/18 – 3/19.
- k) Safety – Kristi Brouker
  - Background checks have been completed for all volunteer forms submitted to date.
  - ASAP plan is more than half done and tracking to complete in advance of the 3/31 due date.
- l) Program – Kathy Wolkner; no report.
- m) Concessions – Kristi Brouker
  - Investments needed for this year (pans, bowls, fry baskets, etc.) are estimated at \$480-490.
  - Will need to determine coverage and schedules for Monday through Thursday and Saturday each week.
- n) Umpire-In-Chief – Mark Landini
  - Umpire clinic confirmed for Saturday, 4/1 at noon following cleanup day or at the Police Station in the event of inclement weather.
- o) Special Events – Dave McCullough
  - The first weekend in June is 6/3, will plan for the combination of Appreciation Day, 12 Year Old Spotlight, and the Coaches Game.
- p) Picture Day – Chris Caccamo
  - Picture day is confirmed for Saturday, 5/13, schedule is TBA.
  - Contract still needs to be reviewed and signed by Mike Gulino and Eric Foley.
- q) Lindquist – Chris Clay, Steve Guglietta, Jamie Martin
  - Canton has expressed interest in bringing a team to compete this year, led by Eric Lindquist (nephew?).

4) District Updates:

- a) Big Al clinic for coaches is confirmed for 3/29 and 3/30 at Derynoski Elementary School.
- b) The District 5 Umpire Clinic will be held 3/25 from 9 AM to 1 PM, see Mike if you are interested.
- c) The Eastern Regional Umpire Class will be from 3/15 – 3/19 in Bristol, see Mike if you are interested.
- d) Forestville will be hosting a 50-70 league this year, we plan to field a team of 12-13 year olds to play 5 games.

- 5) Old Business:
- a) Callahan Update – Chris Hoheb; Fund raising continues, with \$7,400 raised to date which facilitated ordering the bronze plaque and initiating landscape design planning (likely near the flag pole); need to determine best weekend for ceremony, to maximize family and friends attendance as well as community and team participation, the FYBL recommendation is the weekend of 6/10 or 6/17.
  - b) Rule Change Votes – Mike Gulino
    - Decision to implement 6.06(c) – After entering the batter’s box, the batter must remain in the box with at least one foot throughout the at bat.
      - (i) Motion made and so carried to implement in Majors Baseball
      - (ii) Motion made and so carried to not implement in Minors Baseball
      - (iii) Majors and Minors Softball will determine application at the interleague meetings
      - (iv) Mike will get a clarification from District 5 to understand the nuances of enforcement for district play.
    - Decision to implement 9.01(d) – Each umpire has authority to disqualify any player, coach, manager, or substitute for objecting to decisions or for unsportsmanlike conduct or language, and to eject such disqualified person from the playing field. If an umpire disqualifies a player while a play is in progress, the disqualification shall not take effect until no further action is possible in that play.
      - (i) Motion made and so carried to implement in Majors and Minors
      - (ii) Majors and Minors Softball will determine application at the interleague meetings
      - (iii) Mike will ensure the subtleties of enforcement of this rule are covered at the Umpire Training
- 6) New Business:
- a) Proposal to apply for a waiver for Kathy Wolkner in Softball motioned and approved.
  - b) Proposal to apply for a waiver for 11 player teams in Majors Baseball and Softball motioned and approved.
  - c) FHS Baseball Booster club was disappointed about the lack of promotion for the Gala on 3/4 and the pre-tryout clinics but the FYBL perspective is that they were given plenty of notice to advertise on Registration weekend and did not send print materials or representatives. However, FYBL did send multiple emails to all members about both items. Additionally, extenuating circumstances such as the Policeman’s Ball factored into attendance at the Gala.
  - d) The mandatory safety clinic will be held at 6:30 PM on 4/2, prior to the April Board Meeting. All managers must attend.
- 7) Commissioner Reports:
- a) Softball – Tom Wolkner; manager slate will be presented for discussion and votes at a later date.
  - b) Big Diamond – Alex Kaminski; manager slate will be presented for discussion and votes at a later date.
  - c) Majors – Bill Beckert; Manager slate of Chris Caccamo, Scott DeGrandi, Byron Frank, Mike Gulino, John Kelly, Mark Landini, and Dave McCullough presented for 6 manager spots. Votes confirmed 6 of 7 (Mark Landini didn’t get a team).
  - d) Minors – Steve Guglietta; Manager slate of Jeff Bemis, Chris Clay, Mike Coccomo, Eric Foley, Steve Guglietta, Aaron Jainchill, Tom Kintner, and John Truhan presented for 7 manager spots. Votes confirmed 7 of 8 (John Truhan will get a team if Minors has 8 teams this season).
  - e) Machine Pitch – John Truhan; manager slate will be presented for discussion and votes at a later date (5 or 6 teams?).
  - f) Coach Pitch – John Renehan; manager slate will be presented for discussion and votes at a later date (8 teams?).
  - g) T-Ball – Alex Kaminski; manager slate will be presented for discussion and votes at a later date (8 teams?).
- 8) The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Farmington Police Station. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.