

Minutes for April 2017 Board Meeting



April 2, 2017

**Bill Beckert
Kristi Brouker
Chris Caccamo
Michael Day
Scott DeGrandi
Kevin Finn
Jeff Fiumara Jr.
Eric Foley
Byron Frank
Jim Glaspey
Jim Grosso
Steve Guglietta**

**Mike Gulino
Aaron Jainchill
Alex Kaminski
John Kelly
Larry LaDuke
Mark Landini
Mike Mangiafico
Jamie Martin
Dave McCullough
Tim McKenzie
Mike Mihalek
Jamie Moses**

**John Renehan
Tony Shockley
John Truhan
Chris Wagner
Mark Watson
Chris Wilkes
Kathy Wolkner
Tom Wolkner
Andy Zink**

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

- 1) Secretary's Report: Dave McCullough – Minutes for the March Board Meeting were motioned and approved.
- 2) Treasurer's Report: Jamie Moses – Little to no change in financials over the past month but need to discuss the need for tighter controls around expenditures over \$2,500; 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; will determine the appropriate controls for expenditures greater than \$2,500.
 - c) Clinics and Coaching – Chris Caccamo
 - Special thanks to John and Pat Kelly, Mike Mangiafico, Chris Clay, Kathy and Tom Wolkner, and others who helped make the FYBL clinics at New Horizons a big success. The only small negative was that the Minors attendance in the second session was approximately half of the first one.
 - Some discussions around hitting approaches and philosophies differing between Big Al, Coach Mac, and individual coaches, the point is that there are many different combinations that make for effective hitters.
 - A formal proposal to pay \$900 for the Big Al Coaches and League website access was motioned and approved.
 - d) Fields and Facilities – Alex Kaminski
 - Thanks to all who hung up batting cages today, but next Saturday's attendance is key for having an effective cleanup day, hopefully with a bit of a lift due to getting the batting cages hung the prior weekend.
 - Need to consider safety nets for Welch and Grouten, it will cost approximately \$3-4,000 per field; the mats for the batting cages should also be considered as a 2017 or 2018 capital investment.
 - e) Fundraising – Vin Bergin
 - All teams have sponsors, jerseys have been ordered and will be ready for screen-printing.
 - Bill boards are ordered, will need to pickup in Bristol so we will need someone with a pickup or large SUV.
 - f) Marketing – Steve Guglietta
 - Please bring any yard signs to next month's meeting so Steve can store for next year.
 - The \$800 mailer investment was well worth it since it netted upwards of 60 new kids.

- g) Registration – Byron Frank
 - To-date registration is 470 kids, versus 482 total for last year, we are confident we will meet or exceed last year in the coming weeks with late registrants.
- h) Tryouts – Jamie Martin
 - Very successful, well organized tryout nights at FSA on 3/8 and 3/15, thanks to the 30+ volunteers who helped make it possible, but more importantly thanks to Jamie for all the advance legwork that made everything run very smoothly throughout the two nights.
- i) Scheduling – Byron Frank
 - All Majors and Minors practices and games are scheduled, will continue to make progress on the lower levels this week (Machine Pitch, Coach Pitch, T-Ball).
- j) Uniforms / Equipment – Mike Mihalek
 - All teams have picked up their equipment with the exception of a couple of the T-Ball teams.
 - Dicks Appreciation weekend was a big success with brisk sales.
 - Pending the Big Diamond and Machine Pitch hats but expect them this week.
- k) Safety – Kristi Brouker
 - Safety plan is complete and submitted.
 - Manager and Coaches Safety Clinic conducted on 4/2/2017 at 6:30 PM.
- l) Program – Kathy Wolkner; no report.
- m) Concessions – Kristi Brouker
 - Will need help from the board and committee with opening and closing the concession stand.
 - Ideal numbers for working the stand are 2 adults and 2-3 players, anything more usually just leads to distractions.
- n) Umpire-In-Chief – Mark Landini
 - Between 45-50 prospective umpires attended the umpire clinic, would have liked to see more Minors and Machine Pitch coaches there.
 - Approximately 15 people attended the 3/25 District 5 half-day session.
 - Schedules are in-progress for baseball and softball.
- 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. Eric Brouker is another individual who has volunteered.
- p) Picture Day – Chris Caccamo
 - Picture day is confirmed for Saturday, 5/13, schedule is TBA.
- q) Lindquist – Chris Clay, Steve Guglietta, Jamie Martin; no report.

4) District Updates:

- a) The Girls Rule softball tournament is 5/19 – 5/20 but that conflicts with Relay for Life.
- b) Big Al clinic for coaches was 3/29 and 3/30 at Derynoski Elementary School, well worth the \$180.
- c) The District 5 Umpire Clinic was held 3/25 from 9 AM to 1 PM, about 15 people from FYBL attended.
- d) Forestville will be hosting a 50-70 league this year, we plan to field 1 team of 12-13 year olds to play 5 games.

5) Commissioner Reports:

- a) Softball – Inter-district and town meeting held, working on developing schedule across the teams.
- b) Big Diamond – Managers are Eric Brouker and Alex Kaminski, with help from Andy Zink.

- c) Majors – Bill Beckert; teams are settled, equipment was picked up, practices are in-progress
 - d) Minors – Steve Guglietta; teams are settled, equipment was picked up, some practices are in-progress.
 - e) Machine Pitch – John Truhan; manager slate of Steve DiLella, Rocco Guerrera, Tony Shockley, Jeff Fiumara, and Evan Goldstein presented and approved.
 - f) Coach Pitch – John Renehan; manager slate of John Renehan, Mike Mangiafico, Jim Grosso, Derek Kirsh, Glenn Gibbons, Brad Percival, Jason Farkas, and Paul Melzer presented and approved.
 - g) T-Ball – Alex Kaminski; manager slate of Alex Kaminski, Mike Dennison, Mark Lynch, Adam Olson, Brett D’Appillionara, Bill Bergenty, Mike Day, and Kevin Butler presented and approved.
- 6) Old Business:
- a) Callahan Update – Mike Gulino on behalf of Chris Hoheb; Thank you notes have been sent, plaques have arrived, and work with the landscape architect to select and place the stone continues.
- 7) New Business:
- a) Waiver for Jamie Martin as Player Agent and Assistant Coach motioned and approved.
 - b) Coaches games are being planned, hoping to have enough interest and players to have multiple teams and games.
- 8) The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Farmington Police Station. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.