

# Minutes for May 2017 Board Meeting



May 7, 2017

**Bill Beckert  
Vin Bergin  
Kristi Brouker  
Chris Caccamo  
Chris Clay  
Scott DeGrandi  
Kevin Finn  
Byron Frank  
Jim Glaspey**

**Jim Grosso  
Mike Gulino  
Chris Hoheb  
Aaron Jainchill  
Alex Kaminski  
Mike Mangiafico  
Jamie Martin  
Dave McCullough  
Mike Mihalek**

**Jamie Moses  
Bob Tomkiewicz  
Chris Wagner  
Jon Wolf  
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 April Board Meeting were motioned and approved, following the correction to the title (March to April).
- 2) Treasurer's Report: Jamie Moses – May Report illustrates net income on the year just over \$8,500 with the primary income from registration mostly offset by concessions, equipment, and uniform expenses; report motioned and approved.
- 3) Committee Reports:
  - a) Budget / Audit / Finance – Mike Gulino, Jamie Moses; 2016 audit is complete, recommended changes include tighter controls around large purchase decisions and instituting more secondary approvers or signees on important documents and transactions (both presently being implemented).
  - b) Capital Planning – Mike Gulino; no formal report this month.
  - c) Clinics and Coaching – Chris Caccamo
    - Big Al Clinic is a good experience, but the most benefit is really derived by the newer or younger coaches.
    - Access to the Coaches and Parents Guides was purchased for the league this year, but only about 45 people in total have been in there to-date. Need to have all managers and coaches logon and determine if it is valuable to the point of renewing in 2017 (or not). Also, please let parents know how to access it so they can use.
  - d) Fields and Facilities – Alex Kaminski
    - Thanks to Scott DeGrandi, Byron Frank, John Kelly, Dave McCullough, and some others for their work on Saturday morning to ensure the fields were playable.
    - Field protocols have been sent to all commissioners but reinforcement of the importance, particularly at the lower levels is needed in order for the fields to hold up over the spring, summer, and fall seasons.
    - Some miscellaneous expenses on supplies (lime, quick dry, etc.), speaker and netting repairs incurred last month.
    - We need to see if the town will spend some time and effort on the West Woods field, it's in really poor shape.
    - Thank you to Beth Kintner for the flowers in the planters, it really looks nice.
  - e) Fundraising – Vin Bergin
    - 40 team sponsors for the spring season, with upwards of \$20,000 in total sponsorship dollars; banners and signs are up on Grouten and Dubiel
    - Raffle tabulation work will be done on 6/1, so Memorial Day weekend is the end of the sales period.

- f) Marketing – Steve Guglietta; no report.
- g) Registration – Byron Frank
  - Registration totaled approximately 480 kids, flat as compared to 2016.
- h) Tryouts – Jamie Martin
  - District U10 team tryouts will be held on the evening of 6/9, with 6/11 as the rainout date.
- i) Scheduling – Byron Frank
  - All games played to date with some exceptions from 5/6 which will be moved to June.
  - Majors playoffs will be 6/12 (quarters), 6/14 (semis), and 6/17 (championship).
  - Minors playoffs will be 6/10 (quarters), 6/13 (semis), and 6/16 (championship)
- j) Uniforms / Equipment – Mike Mihalek
  - FYBL apparel will be arriving soon and will be distributed via commissioners and managers.
  - Will consider reopening the web store around the playoffs so folks can buy stuff for districts.
- k) Safety – Kristi Brouker
  - 2 injuries reported to date, both have been managed.
- l) Program – Kathy Wolkner
  - Need managerial support so 12 year olds are returning their program information and pictures in a timely manner.
- m) Concessions – Kristi Brouker
  - Special thanks to Scott DeGrandi, Craig Snyder, Alex Kaminski, and Eric Brouker for help with openings and closings. Kudos also goes to JJ Conant who is always around and helping in the concession stand.
  - On average, we are making \$200-300 Mondays through Fridays but nearly \$800 on weekends.
  - Thank you to Kristi from the Board for all of her hard work.
- n) Umpire-In-Chief – Mark Landini
  - Good coverage at Majors games with an adult plate umpire and minors on the bases.
  - Minors managers need to ensure that an adult game coordinator is identified and serves as the escalation point for any discussions so we are not having those interactions with minor umpires.
  - The younger umpires will make mistakes but that’s how they’ll learn and we need them to return.
- o) Special Events – Dave McCullough
  - Working closely with John Calcavecchia, leveraging his experience from running prior year Appreciation Days.
  - Need to connect with Bill Beckert to understand what’s needed for the 12 year Old Spotlight logistics (shirts are already ordered and in the shed).
- p) Picture Day – Chris Caccamo
  - Picture day is confirmed for Saturday, 5/13, schedule is being communicated this week.
- q) Lindquist – Chris Clay, Steve Guglietta, Jamie Martin; no report.

4) District Updates:

- a) There will be no formal 50-70 league but are looking to do a game or two with Thomaston.
- b) District managers meeting will be on 6/18, affidavit night will be on 6/19.
- c) Notified the district of our desire to manage the fall ball program again this year.
- d) Will submit Farmington (Grouten) as the host site of 12 year old pool play games, Jamie Martin and Larry LaDuke have agreed to attend game coordinator training.

5) Commissioner Reports:

- a) Softball – Tom Wolkner; Season is off to a good start, inter-district play is going well.
- b) Big Diamond – Alex Kaminski; Season is underway.
- c) Majors – Bill Beckert; off to a fantastic start with good feedback on Friday night games, all games played to date.
- d) Minors – Steve Guglietta; season is in-progress, some struggles with younger umpires, all games played to date.
- e) Machine Pitch – John Truhan; the division has 5 good managers, balanced teams, and most games played to date.
- f) Coach Pitch – John Renehan; All games played to date except for 5/6 games.
- g) T-Ball – Alex Kaminski; good crop of managers this spring, fun games to date.

6) Old Business:

- a) Callahan Update – Chris Hoheb; upwards of \$9,500 in donations raised to date, design is settled and work is in-progress on ground prep in the area around the flag pole. [Since we are doing this work now, we really should see if we can use this opportunity to install proper lighting for the flag.] The ceremony will likely be at 3:00 PM on 6/17, will finalize plans for agenda and food soon.
- b) Coaches Game – Lots of fun the first time out, 2 more rounds scheduled. Proposal for the league to purchase the shirts and balls for the games was motioned and approved.

7) New Business:

- a) Majors banquet is confirmed for Thursday, 6/8 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM, please make sure managers are emphasizing the significance of it.
- b) Memorial Day Parades will be on 5/29, Farmington at 8:30 and Unionville at 10:30.
- c) Take some magazines from the pile for distribution to your leagues and teams.
- d) Initiating discussions and exploration of having cameras on the field, most likely Groueten, Jon Wolf will provide technical guidance and recommendations based on his work. This would enable grandparents and other family members who are out of town or have conflicts to see game streams.

- 8) The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Farmington Police Station. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.