

# Minutes for June 2017

## Board Meeting



June 4, 2017

**Kristi Brouker**  
**Chris Clay**  
**Scott DeGrandi**  
**Jeff Fiumara, Jr.**  
**Byron Frank**  
**Steve Guglietta**  
**Mike Gulino**  
**Chris Hoheb**

**Aaron Jainchill**  
**Alex Kaminski**  
**Larry LaDuke**  
**Jamie Martin**  
**Dave McCullough**  
**Mike Mihalek**  
**Jamie Moses**  
**John Renehan**

**Craig Snyder**  
**John Truhan**  
**Chris Wagner**

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

- 1) Secretary's Report: Dave McCullough – Minutes for the May Board Meeting were motioned and approved.
- 2) Treasurer's Report: Jamie Moses – Concession net income is upwards of \$4,200 to date, as compared to small losses with vendors doing it in the past but the stand will require capital investments in the future. Overall on the year, we are up \$18,000 but some expenses have been incurred but not paid, for example, umpire fees; report motioned and approved.
- 3) Committee Reports:
  - a) Budget / Audit / Finance – Mike Gulino, Jamie Moses; no report.
  - b) Capital Planning – Mike Gulino; no report.
  - c) Clinics and Coaching – Mike Gulino on behalf of Chris Caccamo; no report.
  - d) Fields and Facilities – Alex Kaminski
    - Would like to have a Capital Planning meeting soon so we can address some of the outstanding items on the fields, but more pressingly, we need to address the third base on Grouten in order to host District games.
  - e) Fundraising – Vin Bergin
    - Raffle was on par with last year, approximately \$24,600 taken in offset by expenses of \$8,000; kudos to Vanden and Zeeva Haviland, as well as Nick Bergin for their ticket sales (top 3); and winners drawn and posted.
  - f) Marketing – Steve Guglietta
    - Need to connect with Chris Hoheb offline about communications for the Callahan Memorial.
    - Have discussed feedback surveys from parents of kids but really need to do it this year to see if we can glean any insights about some of our retention challenges, Steve and John will partner on it.
  - g) Tryouts – Jamie Martin
    - District U10 team tryouts will be held on the evening of 6/9, following the tryout we will have the U11 and U12 discussions and team selections.
  - h) Scheduling – Byron Frank
    - Majors are caught up to date, with all teams having played 17 games to date.
    - Minors are all between 12 and 13 games to date, will finish the week with whatever games they can get in based on Tuesday and Thursday schedule and potential rain makeup dates for Majors.
    - Machine Pitch is all caught up to date, playoffs looking to start on 6/13.

- i) Uniforms / Equipment – Mike Mihalek
  - Reminder for commissioners and managers to return equipment bags following their last games; also the Junior's uniforms need to be returned in addition to the equipment.
  - Planning for Lindquist having 2 U10 and 2 U12 teams, looking to do maroon and grey this year.
- j) Safety – Kristi Brouker
  - Incidents galore this year for whatever reason, need to get more ice packs from the equipment shed.
  - Foam padding added to batting cages, it has helped with ricochets.
- k) Program – Kathy Wolkner
  - The program is progressing nicely, timely returns this year from all parents, special thanks to Eric Foley as the new photographer being great to work with on the program, and thanks to Vin Bergin for the list of sponsors.
- l) Concessions – Kristi Brouker
  - Having the concession stand run by FYBL has proven to be a success but a big reason is due to the dedicated efforts of Kristi, Scott, and Craig with opening and closing, along with filling in coverage gaps when necessary.
  - We will need to have the concession stand open for the 3 district games we host, the weekend of 7/1.
  - Need to determine an approach for Lindquist coverage, Byron will send out a blast email but Kristi can't do it on her own, similar to last year.
  - For Lindquist and longer term (2018) we may need to consider some form of compensation.
- m) Umpire-In-Chief – Mark Landini
  - No issues to date, all games have been covered.
- n) Special Events – Dave McCullough
  - Good success, special thanks to lots of people, especially John Calcavecchia, Scott DeGrandi, and Chris Wagoner for setup, Kristi Brouker and Mike Mihalek for food pickup, and too many Board members to mention with station coverage, grilling, and breakdown / prep for the spotlight game.
  - 105 people are registered to attend the Majors Banquet, please follow-up with your teams if anyone else can attend.
- o) Picture Day – Chris Caccamo
  - Commissioners and managers should pick-up their packages at the concession stand on Monday, 6/5.
  - Byron will share the online review and ordering information with all parents this week.
- p) Lindquist – Chris Clay, Steve Guglietta, Jamie Martin;
  - Emails have gone out to past participants with the registration details and forms, based on early returns the interest is on par or even more than last year.
  - To date there are 3 people interested in coaching Lindquist teams for Farmington (add Jeff Fiumara to the list).
  - Need to determine how we are going to staff the concession stand, may consider paying teenagers to help staff it.
  - Also will consider ordering t-shirts for sale (100-200?) to get some extra income and have souvenirs for parents.
  - Need to get the Canton team into the tournament, even though it won't be as Canton Little League.

4) District Updates:

- a) **50-70** – Farmington is 1-0 as a 50-70 team following the game with Thomaston, it was like a Majors game on steroids with lots of action on a slightly bigger field.
- b) All waivers were applied for and approved even though they ultimately will not be necessary.
- c) Awarded 3 district games on Grouten, Farmington will be playing New Britain on 7/2.
- d) District managers meeting will be on Sunday 6/11, affidavit night will be Monday, 6/19 at Nucci's in Bristol.
- e) Jamie Martin and Larry LaDuke will attend game coordinator / tournament director training on 6/5 at Southington West.

5) Commissioner Reports:

- a) Softball – Dave McCullough and Kristi Brouker; season to date has gone well but at the higher levels, pitching continues to be a big challenge, perhaps we can consider some more training to help our coaches and pitches.
- b) Big Diamond – Alex Kaminski; Season is done, team sizes worked themselves out over the season.
- c) Majors – Mike Gulino; It's going great, one game to reschedule in the next week, having 11 on a team has worked out.
- d) Minors – Steve Guglietta; smaller rosters have been a challenge with competing sports, games have been fun but talent level and game play is lower as compared to last year.
- e) Machine Pitch – John Truhan; the fundamentals are more significant than competition this year, hitting is coming along.
- f) Coach Pitch – John Renehan; kids are having fun this year.
- g) T-Ball – Alex Kaminski; no complaints this year and are seeing the Big Al approaches being used.

6) Old Business:

- a) FHS Renovation – Go to the meeting on 6/5 so you can be educated in advance of the vote in the coming weeks.
- b) Callahan Update – Chris Hoheb; monument work is nearly complete, the ceremony will be at 3:00 PM on 6/17, flyers and food menu are in-progress. Please come out since it's all about the community and participation aspects. Chris made a motion to account for discretionary, related expenses (approximately \$1,500), it was approved.
- c) Coaches Game – Lots of fun, grey team won the championship; recommend doing it again next season.

7) New Business:

- a) District managers will be Mike Gulino (12 year olds), Dave McCullough (11 year olds), Aaron Jainchill (10 year olds) based on the ballot cast by the Secretary.

8) The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Farmington Police Station. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.