

**Orlando Babe Ruth (OBR) League**  
Board Meeting Agenda  
Monday, February 8, 2016  
8:00pm @ The Local Bar & Grill



Members in Attendance

Andy Nicol - President  
Bruce Kelvington - VP Baseball Operations  
Frank Malatesta - VP Marketing  
David Bates - VP Finance  
David Terry - VP Baseball Operations  
Robert Viera - Player Agent  
Carrie Powers - Information Officer/Tournament Director  
Krista Joslin - Special Events  
Dan Baker - Safety Officer  
Kara Pastis - Secretary  
Frank Kempinger - Concessions Coordinator  
Toby Odham - High School Liaison  
Ben Adams, Roger Allen, Woody Hildebrand, Peter Miller, Toby Oldham, Sequoia Pugh, James Savino

January meeting minutes were reviewed and approved

**The following positions were filled:**

Player Agent #2 - Ben Adams  
Secretary - Kara Pastis  
Uniform and Equipment Coordinator - Peter Miller  
Director of Fundraising - Roger Allen  
Umpire in Chief - Tommy Santiago

**Positions still open:**

Registration Coordinator  
Juniors Commissioner  
Treasurer (to assist VP Finance)  
Practice Programming  
Webmaster  
Director of Public Relations  
Director of Advertising

## **Finance Report - David Bates**

Still need to collect \$6,000 from registration, will likely be short. Sponsorships are increasing every year. We budgeted \$21,000 (from sponsorships) and we are at 86% of goal.

Fundraising in general going well. Home Run Derby, Opening Day bike raffle, Valentine's Tournament, parent/player game, and picture day are future fundraisers. Expenses will change in uniform category because spring hasn't gone through yet. Discussed needing line items for STORM, etc. Discussion about storm being subsidized by league money. STORM doesn't charge enough in fees to break even. Discussion about using sponsorships to fund STORM. Need to be careful and specific about how we fund this - and be transparent about how money is earned/spent. Randy Welsh is offering no cost umpires for 12 games in the Spring - a \$960 value

## **Safety & Security Report - Dan Baker**

Discussed needing a protocol for "Red Light" background checks, and the need to insert this into our Bylaws. Some red light folks coaches/managers, some are from DL - others are bigger issues and need to be addressed. Immediate situation regarding "red light" coaches required decision. David Terry made a motion to discuss "red light" cases anonymously and vote on their case. Unanimous approval required for "red light" to pass. Motion Failed.

Motion amended so that "red light" case requires 2/3 vote to pass and continue as a coach. Motion passes.

Red Light #1 - 2011 sale of liquor to person under 21. Board voted 9-2 to keep as coach.

Red Light #2 - 2011 possession/sale (?) of cocaine/marijuana, 3 counts battery 2011. Board voted 11-0 to remove from OBR as a coach.

For coaches who do not have a "green light," regardless of reason, there will be no player contact until cleared by Safety Officer.

Andy Nicol made a motion that red light has 7 days to appeal to the league. Motion passed. Discussed using OCPS Additions systems as a method for clearing coaches and volunteers. Background checks still need to be conducted for: Tonia Thompson, Kristin Perpich, Tommy Santiago

First aid kits placed at Crosby. Andy Nicol requesting First Aid kits from the city for Trotters.

## **Spring 2016 Season Update**

259 registered players

65 Coaches

11 Juniors

25 Majors

40 Minors

90 Rookies

93 T-ball

- Opening Day on Saturday, February 20, 2016
- All-Star Team Try-Outs - April 11, 2016 @ 6-8pm @ Trotters
- Division Playoff Week - May 2 - May 6, 2016
- Championship Games and Season End Party - May 7, 2016

Rules for league were approved.

## **Division Updates**

Part-time players being allowed in the league was discussed. 10U STORM has borrowed players from Maitland.

Pool players for Minors/Rookies defined and added to Bylaws: Minors division started with teams of 9. Top 10 Rookies can be on a list to be called up according to list. If player plays, he moves up to play, then goes to bottom of list. If player declines, he remains in that spot on the list (unless parents request otherwise). List is populated based on evaluation scores. List is fluid. Parents can accept decline invitation to play for Minors.

## **Concessions Update - Frank Kempinger**

OBR Aprons will be worn by stand staff at Crosby and Trotters. Crosby will be staffed by volunteers. We need some for Opening Day.

## **Events Committee Update - Krista Joslin**

Opening Day is Saturday, February 20, 2016. Schedule posted to website with game times. Order of events (beginning at 9am): Andy Nicol speaks, sponsor recognition, team intros as teams parade on to field coming from tball field, 11U banner presentation, bike raffle, Howard Middle School Treble in the City performs National Anthem, City Commissioner Robert Stuart throws out first pitch. Some vendors will be in attendance.

Upcoming events:

- Home Run Derby March 5, 3pm @ Trotters Park
- Parent-Player Game – April 16, 2016 @ 1pm - location TBD
- End of the season party in Spring 2016-May 7, 2016 on Championship Saturday

People are needed to rake fields on Saturdays during games.  
Estimate in for lights.

## **Field Update**

Ben Crosby Field has new batting cages. Use with care.

It was moved and approved for funding for electric to the 3<sup>rd</sup> base batting cage and new spot light above the front of the stand - \$1,500

Trotters Park had new rubbers installed. Leave bases out.

## **Location of March 14 Board Meeting to be determined.**

(Updated: 6:30pm Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm General Membership Meeting to be held at Graffiti Junktion)