



**Board Meeting**  
**Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**7:30pm @ CWA**

**Attendance:**

Andy Nicol, Bobby Hopper, Charles Rutterbush, Dan Kempinger, Don Quill, Frank Kempinger, Frank Malatesta, James Savino, Jen Dollar, Jessica Kepple, John Miller, Krista Joslin, Michael Campbell, Peter Miller, Rich Bryan, Robert Viera, and Wanda Quill

- 7:38 pm**      **Welcome & Introductions**      **Robert Viera**
- Established Quorum to Vote (17 Members; 21 with the Board)
- 7:39 pm**      **Approval of Previous Minutes**      **Robert Viera**
- 1<sup>st</sup>            Dan Kempinger
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>            Frank Malatesta
- Approval of Today's Agenda**
- 1<sup>st</sup>            Dan Kempinger
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>            Don Quill
- 7:40 pm**      **Fall Season**      **Robert Viera**
- Fall recruitment is ongoing
  - A Storm tryout was held on Saturday which was successful at bringing some new players to the league
  - Robert Viera will follow up on whether the Storm players are insured under the Orlando Babe Ruth policy.
- 7:49 pm**      **Consent Approval**      **Robert Viera**
- Question on how many players per team max? Per the rules it is eligible for vote.
    - **T-Ball** – 8 (*Teams may be consolidated if necessary after the first two weeks of practice.*)
      - Majority of those in attendance approved a maximum of 8 players.
    - **Minor/Majors** – Maximum 9 on Day of Draft / Maximum of 11 after Draft.
      - Majority of those in attendance approved a maximum of 9 players at the day of draft and 11 after the draft for late registrations.
    - A motion made by Don Quill was the creation of the new division referred to as **Advanced T-Ball**. Criteria includes no player

evaluations, 3 pitches with pitching machine followed by T-Ball, 5 runs per inning, no extra bases on overthrows, etc. Teams would be assembled by parent/friend requests such as in t-ball and the balance would be based on age.

- Motion to run the division under this method: Approved by 12 in attendance.
- Don Quill likes the idea of keeping score for this division, but not keeping standings.
- A vote was cast for assembling a team for a maximum of 8 players which was approved by 12 players.
- **Rookies** – Maximum 9 on Day of Draft / Maximum of 11 after Draft.
  - Majority of those in attendance approved a maximum of 9 players at the day of draft and 11 after the draft for late registrations.
- Question on how non-evaluated players will be added to a team?
  - Historically, children that are “known”, but missed the evaluations have been given a score. Generally, two Board Members or Managers who know the player would assign the score.
  - Historically, new children, who missed the evaluations, are added to teams based on the draft order.
- Question on how pool player system will work?
  - This will be tabled for a coaches meeting.
  - The pool player system is currently in the Bylaws. Any formal change would require a vote.
- Rookies
  - Proposal to allow kid pitch for four (4) games with contingencies in place that three walks the pitching machine would be brought in. The intent was to allow for more pitching experience before the kids move to the Minors. The playoffs would be coach pitched only.
  - A sufficient quorum was not in place to make a vote this evening. A follow up vote on this topic will occur. Dan Kempinger will send a follow up email.
- Robert Viera will send out an email with proposed updates to the rules for all divisions.
  - This will include the changes in bats, pitch count, dress code, pool play, and 3.5 innings for the 15 run rule for Majors/Minors.
  - The Rookies division has additional changes proposed based on base running, scheduling cannot be handled by Managers but the Scheduler, make-up games would be on the next available day whether or not it would replace a scheduled practice, a full rain out would be continued on the next available game, and work on an over throw rule.

8:45 pm

#### **Treasurer's Report**

**Meredith DiGeorge**

- Meredith is working on the budget, but she is currently in Cooperstown.
- Once Meredith completes a draft of the budget, Robert Viera will review it and it will be presented at the next meeting.
- Working on outstanding balances, separating out those related to Storm, and start collecting for the Fall 2017 players.

8:45 pm

**Fall Season 2017**

- Open House is August 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Evaluations on August 24th and 25th. Only Rookies will split by name for two shifts.
- Working on contacting schools to drop off flyers.
- Practices start the week of August 28<sup>th</sup>
- Opening Day is September 15<sup>th</sup>; Uniform Pick Up will be on Opening Day; Pictures will be held on the Red Field
- Dick Sporting Goods shopping day will be scheduled in September
- As an FYI, the new bats go on sale on September 1<sup>st</sup>. They will be labelled with a USA Baseball stamp.
- May add a raffle or some sort of sale on Opening Day
- The Parent/Player Game September 30
- Home Run Derby will be on October 14<sup>th</sup>
- The Terrifying Turbo will be October 21<sup>st</sup>. The sign up is on the website. Using Crosby for 8u; Trotters for the rest.
- Sarah has already contacted the league's vendor for Uniforms which will be Dri-Fit (OBR Logo in Front)

8:45 pm

**Special Events**

**Krista Joslin**

- Discussed under the Fall Season 2017

8:57 pm

**Field Updates**

**John & Peter Miller**

Field	Item	Quantity	Item Cost	Total Cost	Notes
Trotters Park	Field Rake (36")	2	\$61.99	\$123.98	On Deck Sports
Trotters Park	Square Shovel	1	\$20.00	\$20.00	Ace
Trotters Park	Digging Shovel	1	\$20.00	\$20.00	Ace
Trotters Park	Field Drag (4x3 ft)	1	\$149.99	\$149.99	On Deck Sports
Trotters Park	Field Line Chalker	1	\$150.00	\$150.00	On Deck Sports "Collegiate Dry Line Marker"
Trotters Park	Dig Out Tool	6	\$4.95	\$29.70	Good Sports
Trotters Park	Chalk	10	\$12.00	\$120.00	Peter Miller-check and see how many we have/need
Trotters Park	Wind Screen for Walkway Fence	2	\$160.00	\$320.00	Amazon
Trotters Park	L-Screens	2	\$150.00	\$300.00	Amazon
Trotters Park	Gamesaver	10	\$15.00	\$150.00	Peter Miller-check and see how many we have/need
Crosby Field	Burnt Sierra Chips 1/2"	4	\$160.00	\$640.00	4 yards-Pebble Junktion
Crosby Field	Buntings	6	\$15.00	\$90.00	Replacement buntings for fences
Crosby Field	Turface	10	\$14.00	\$140.00	For clay base areas
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,253.67</b>	

- A list of fall equipment needs is detailed above. A decision was made to wait for the approval of the 2017 budget to authorize some of these purchases. The following items were nominated based on immediate need.
  - **Ben Crosby** - Turface.
  - **Trotters** – Field rake, square shovel, digging shovel, field line chalker, dig out tool, and L-Screens
  - A motion to approve these items for purchase was made by the majority.

9:03 pm

**Partnership Updates**

**Andy Nicol**

- The team is trying to identify new partnerships outside of College Park.
- The team is also working on re-upping the existing sponsors.

9:06 pm

**Marketing and Public Relations**

**James Savino**

- School Flyers to be distributed this week.
- Promos everywhere on Facebook, Instagram, and Yard Signage.
- Softball will start a *Bring a Friend* promotion which will allow for a discount for referring new players.

**9:11 pm**

**Draft and Evaluations Review**

**Charles Rutterbush**

- Looking to make minor changes to the evaluation process which will make it more organized. This will include guidelines on the metrics for each score.
- Current draft process as detailed in bylaws will be used.

**9:55 pm**

**Adjournment**