

Suffield Little League Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: January 21, 2018

Location: Suffield Ambulatory Meeting Room

Board Present:

Bill Baril	President
Lou Riccelli	Vice President, Baseball
Sheila Ortiz	Secretary
Stephen Shanks	Treasurer
Kristen Smith	VP Softball
Rob Faber	Player Agent, Baseball
Doug Organ	Equipment Manager
Keith Woods	Information Officer
Paul Chaloux	Fundraising Coordinator
Paul Mandirola	Past President

Absent:

Heidi Crocker	Safety Officer
Dan Leger	Food Booth Coordinator

Guest:

Chris Nikolis

- Financial Update
 - \$35,268 currently on the books. We are looking at having the following done this year: dirt put down on the majors field; making the farm field larger; fixing the softball scoreboard and having the scoreboard in majors looked at.
- Umpires
 - Bill spoke to Mark from SEBU. They don't umpire AAA teams. Bill to reach out to him again next month. For AA and below teams, we are looking at possibly having kids or parents umpire the games. Gabe can be the AAA umpire for the season. Bill to look around for more organizations that can help us with umpiring the games.
- Indoor Cages
 - Cages have been ordered and should be up within the next 30 days.
- Website/Open enrollment
 - 46 registrations as of this morning.
- Softball pitching clinic update
 - We have a great turnout with 25 girls attending
- Fundraising
 - A check is being sent to the Yard Goats this week. We are looking at having a two week merchandise buying event. We will be applying for a Zak Grant to help with the parking

situation at the field or maybe with redoing Chets. March 3rd is our pasta dinner. Chris Nikolis spoke about what he does for his PMC pasta event. Sacred Heart Church is booked, but they have an event until 1:00 and we will not have access to set up until after the event. The board is looking at getting items for raffles/silent auction. Suffield Pizza will be donating pasta. The Nikolis family will be donating meatballs and sauce. Bill to reach out to Highland to see what they can donate.

- Evaluation
 - Evaluation is March 3rd at Suffield Academy. We need volunteers to help. Dick's Sporting Goods has offered to bring samples of the new required bats so the kids can use them and try them out.
- All Stars/Trophies
 - The All Stars process for last year worked out great, therefore we will be using the same process this year.
 - We have a lot of trophies in Chets. We need to come up with a better system to make sure all the kids get their participation trophy. Maybe have the team parent be in charge.
- Opening Day
 - The board is trying to find a better/fun way of doing opening day. We are thinking of maybe doing an opening weekend instead. Have games on Friday night and do the ceremony on Saturday.
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