

WESTWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

August, 2014

MINUTES

Attendees:

Rob Gotti • John Loughnane • Chris Pfaff • David Reilly • Tom Bean • Jason Kissell • Pete Diomede • Gary Cappuccino • Mike Curtin •

Agenda:

Guest Speaker – Phil Albert, the Massachusetts District 11 Administrator, joined us to discuss the upcoming process for selecting a site for the 2016 State Championships. He reviewed the process and invited us to make a presentation to the state committee on Sept. 17th if we were interested in hosting.

Secretary's Report – meeting minutes were not circulated from June meeting, but follow up status was covered as part of the meeting during action item review.

Treasurer's Report – Marc Pezzuto presented the status of finances for the league reporting current account balances for the general fund, Morrison, & the snack shack as well as inflows & outflows since last meeting. Of note, we had a particularly good year at the Snack Shack due to hosting the District Tournament and several SYBL playoff games.

Operations update – Summer Coordinator Chris Pfaff reviewed the performance of our summer teams and provided anecdotal feedback that he had received and/or observed. Generally speaking our summer teams were competitive compiling a program wide winning % of .500.

Discussion took place about formalize a feedback loop for the summer experience. We discussed that similar had been done for spring, but with limited response – so we'd reopen the spring survey as well.

Action Item - John Loughnane, Chris Pfaff, and Rob Gotti to collaborate and get surveys created and published prior to next meeting.

Summer/Fall Coordinator, Chris Pfaff next provided an update related to the fall 50'/70' league. Gary Cappuccino provided an update on the Norwood Diamond Club registration process and related insurance concerns.

Action Item - Gary & Chris to coordinate on confirming coverage via Babe Ruth policy and ensure the board is informed prior to any games being played that all the players are covered.

Player Development update – Mitch Katzman reviewed preliminary plans for player development for the upcoming off-season

Action Item – Mitch to continue to contact development options for presentation of recommendation.

Morrison Park:

Fields Coordinator Tom Bean was cited for his exceptional personal effort put into the maintenance of Morrison Park. Discussion took place about how to sustain such a beautiful ball field going forward so that the burden did not fall unduly on one person.

ACTION ITEM: Tom to provide a list of important annual milestones and weekly maintenance requirements.

Chris Pfaff provided an update regarding the continued redevelopment of Morrison Park. Scorer's booth construction scheduled to begin this week (w/o 8/18 or 8/25) pending delivery of materials.

ACTION ITEM: still need to secure a carpenter to complete the framing and other wood work. Any and all suggestions from board members are welcome. WE NEED THIS DONE!

Succession planning – a review of the upcoming potential board position vacancies was conducted with encouragement to find new volunteers with younger kids to help shape the future of the baseball experience in Westwood.

President's Report – Rob Gotti shared highlights of a draft of the state of the organization.

Planning Calendar

Upcoming events include:

- Board meeting 9/8/14
- State DA meeting 9/17/14
- October elections 10/16/14

Next meeting September 8th at the Council on Aging in Westwood

Meeting Adjourned