

# 02/02/2016

## **Spark Project / Avielle Foundation**

NYWA coach spoke about importance of parent coaching and being able to handle troubled kids and using consistent language. There will be a half-day retreat introducing a "Playmaker" program run by "Life is Good" for anyone who works with children who may have been traumatized. No specific date has been set yet.

## **Registration Update**

265 kids registered so far. Still losing about 10% per year. Late fees are waived for high-school aged players.

## **Yale Clinic Recap**

Kids had a blast. NBR will see a Yale game some weekend in April.

## **Background Checks**

New coaches will be getting background checks.

## **Coaches Certification**

All new coaches need to be certified with Babe Ruth before the first spring game. Andy will send out links to the certification pages.

## **Presidents Meeting**

Andy, Joe, and Craig attended the Presidents meeting in Wallingford. We are hosting 11 60's and 70's. We are also hosting the 14's.

## **Sports Illustrated Play Website**

Sports Illustrated bought League Athletics. We will be moving our web site to a new home. Due to spring and summer registration, this will most likely happen in October. The new site will provide more functionality.

## **Dick's Day**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dick's will also be sponsoring our tournament teams.

## **Monroe Babe Ruth**

NBR board met to decide what to do, if anything, about Monroe baseball since Monroe has no Babe Ruth program. Frank Rocca suggested extending NBR boundary to include Monroe. Andy pointed out the difficulty of that since Parks & Rec has residency rules that it inconsistently applies. The board does not want to have contested roster spots taken by Monroe players at the expense of Newtown players,

but will over spring and B-travel roster spots. There are three Monroe kids currently registered. They will be placed on teams such that the teams will maintain an 80% residency rate.

### **November Parks & Rec Minutes**

Tom Harrison appeared in November P&R minutes requesting field time for an American Legion baseball team that meets the 80% residency threshold. The team is officially based out of Bethel. It is likely they will be granted field time in 2016.

### **Attendance by the Secretary**

17 MIGS

### **Treasurers Report**

NBR is in good financial shape.

### **Around the Room**

Question about Jerseys. No word from Babe Ruth about jersey changes (to MLB team names).

Discussion about broken pitching machines in the 7/8 division. George Conklin would rather try and fix our existing broken ones rather than continue to buy new replacements.