



**West Bridgewater Youth Athletics Association, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting**

January 2, 2013 @ 7:00 PM

WBYAA Clubhouse

**Meeting Summary**

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Result</b>
11/28/2012 meeting minutes	Approved (1 could not vote)
Nov & Dec 2012 Treasurer's report	Approved ( 1 could not vote)
Move of the Basketball registration funds from the October report to this fiscal year.	Approved (1 could not vote)
Girls Basketball: Pay Rob Duffy \$3,535 for the Kingston League fees	Approved (1 could not vote)
By-Law change on secretary and treasurer being part of eBoard	Approved (2 against, 1 could not vote)
Canceling unpaid registrations 3 days after the deadline and allowing to register with late payment.	Approved (1 could not vote)

<b>Action/Follow up</b>	<b>Owner</b>
Youth coat eligibility	Jamie Mitcheson/ Brian Lawler
4 digit pin requirement for sending emails to team members	Website Committee (Ryan/Mitcheson)
New scoreboard price	Chris Dunn
Quote for grading the field as a contingency	Jeff Ryan
Discussion criteria for national/out of state background checks	Officers
Post First Responder Training on website	Jeff Ryan
Update By-laws	Jamie Mitcheson
Pricing to Finance Committee	Baseball, Softball & TBall
Survey Monkey on pricing	Jeff Ryan
Advertisement to be put in school flyer – target 1/17	TBD
Run the numbers for basketball to see if they can cover the rental of the gym for February vacation	Finance Committee
Post cancellation policy on unpaid registrations	Website Committee (Ryan/Mitcheson)
Determine next steps on past due balances	Officers

**Meeting Minutes**

- a) Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

- b) Minutes of the November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting were presented. A motion was made to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded and approved with all in favor.
- c) **Report of the secretary**  
No report
- d) **Report of the Treasurer**  
Brian presented the treasurer's report for November and December 2012 and a fiscal year to date. Brian reviewed each of the reports. A motion was made to accept the report. The motion was seconded and approved with all in favor.  
Brian made a motion to move the Basketball registration funds from the October registration report to this fiscal year to keep the sports income and expenses together. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.
- e) Report of the standing committees
- a. **Finance:** – no committee meeting was held and no new update.
  - b. **Scholarship** – Aaron reported that the committee had reviewed a letter.
  - c. **Snack Shack:** Brian reported that he received two checks totaling \$1,760.84 for the claims filed for the break ins over the summer.
  - d. **Fundraising:** – no report
  - e. **Awards:** – Brian made a motion to approve \$30 per coat for all youths that are eligible. The motion was seconded and approved by all. Brian and Jamie to work on the list of eligible youths.
  - f. **Website:** Jeff Ryan reported that the bill was paid for the site. Mike Bellody requested to see if anything could be done to eliminate the need for a 4 digit pin to be sent to a coaches mobile phone in order to send a message to the team.
  - g. **Letter writing committee:** No report. Jeff to work with Fundraising committee
  - h. **Field Day:** No report. Jeff Congdon to meet with committee
  - i. **Complex improvement:**  
Chris Dunn reported that work will commence when the snow thaws – there will be a push in March. Chris is looking to put the sod between the dugout and the perimeter of the field. Chris has picked up some hexagonal mesh to put under the field. Chris reported that the sprinklers will be fixed by March 1<sup>st</sup>. A discussion was held on putting storage in the dugouts to keep lime and rakes closer to the field.  
The field needs to be completed by March 18. Jeff stated he wanted to get a quote for landscapers to grade the field in the event weather doesn't cooperate. Chris stated he will check the lights as he hit one of the lines during the initial grading of the field.  
  
A discussion was held on the issues with the North Field scoreboard. A recommendation was made for the fundraising committee to solicit some of the new company's in town to sponsor and fund a new scoreboard. Chris Dunn to get a price on a new scoreboard.
  - j. **Rules Committee:**  
Mike Bellody reported on the Rules Committee which met prior to the Board meeting.

Mike reviewed the CORI policy and read the letter that coaches would receive if something is found on their CORI which was modeled from the MA Department of Justice. It was suggested to clarify in the letter who they appeal to. We currently CORI all board members, commissioners and coaches. It was stated that it was assumed that all paid officials are CORI'd, but commissioners should validate. It was suggested that the list of CORI officers should be listed on the website. It was commented that CORI's are good for 3 years. A discussion was held on whether and when national CORI checks should be run. It was suggested that all officers have a national check and financial check. A decision was made to table the discussion on out of state/national checks to do more investigation.

A rule was discussed for the girls basketball travel to have a minimum of 25% playing time mandated. The house rules currently mandate a minimum of 50% playing time, but does not specify travel teams. Mike will reach out to other commissioners to determine if the house rule should be changed for each of the travel teams.

k. **Safety Committee:**

Greg Sheedy reported that Thursday January 17<sup>th</sup> will be the Athletic First Responder's class in the Howard cafeteria. It was recommended that the scheduled basketball games get moved to allow for parents to attend. A ¼ point seniority will be awarded to a sport of a coaches choice for attending. Coaches will need to indicate at sign-in what sport they want the ¼ point applied to. It was recommended that it be open to the whole town as attendance was light the last time we ran the class. It was requested to post on the website and set up a registration or event to get a sense of attendance.

l. **Boys Basketball:**

Paul reported that the boys registrations are all paid and CORI's are all passed in. They have no travel team. Shirts are in and they are ready to go for the season.

It was requested that the gym is rented during the February vacation. Last year it cost \$75/ day and \$375/week for the gym. It was requested that the Finance Committee run the numbers before it is approved.

m. **Girls Basketball:**

Jeff provided an update in Mike Fisher's absence. All but one athlete has paid.

The fees for officials are \$5,670. The first payment applies from Jan 12 to Feb 10 and is \$3,535. It does not include playoffs. Games cancelled in Jan – Feb get prorated to the second payment. A motion was made to have a check written to Paul Duffy in the amount of \$3,535. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

n. **Fall Soccer:** No report. It was confirmed that the JobBox will stay on the field. All materials that could be harmed in the cold were removed. It was noted that Andrew Bisbee and Jamie Mitcheson were storing the AEDs during the winter.

o. **Baseball Committee:**

Chris Dunn reported that he is planning on the same money and wanted to open registration as soon as possible as other towns, such as Easton, had already opened. Chris explained that he was concerned with the dropping numbers. He stated that the baseball committee discussed several ideas on how to address it. A discussion was held on changes to instructional and to run a series of clinics. Chris reported that Scott Weatherbee had looked into the cost for running an indoor clinic. A rink and 2 bays can be rented for \$90 per hour and a half. Chris also stated he was looking to change the scheduling of games and try to do double headers on Saturday. Chris also suggested that they run playoffs. It was stated that we would need to remove/change the rule that there will be no playoffs. It was commented that all the teams would make the playoffs. Another suggestion was that the rule could be lifted for the season. The discussion was tabled.

Chris suggested that TBall move to the Howard fields. A discussion was held it was agreed more games could be held on Saturday, but TBall should remain since access to some of the Howard fields will be restricted.

Chris gave an update that the baseball tournament will be scheduled after the Easton tournament is set. He reported that we schedule our tournament the weekend after theirs.

A report was given that Brian has looked into the Easton Babe Ruth rather than the Pony League. The cost difference is \$170 for Easton Babe Ruth and \$155 for Pony per player.

Chris stated a desire to have advertisements go out as soon as possible. The group agreed to use surveymonkey to approve the pricing on 1/12 – 1/13, at which point the advertisements could be made. The advertisement could be posted on 1/14 and target the 1/17 newsletter.

p. **Softball:**

Wally reported that his committee will be meeting on 1/10. He stated that softball will participate in the Attleboro Travel League and an All Star Tournament. Wally requested \$750 for clinics for softball. It will be added into the pricing model.

A discussion was held on whether a second mound would be purchased. The cost of the mound is approximately \$1,500. It was suggested that the infield replacement project

improvement should cover the costs. The discussion was tabled.

q. **By-Law Change**

The By-Law change that was read at the 11/28/2012 meeting was approved by a majority vote. Two voted against and one was not eligible to vote.:

**“5.f.** An Executive Board will be comprised of not more than 18 members: the President, Vice President, ***Secretary, Treasurer***, Presidential Advisor, the seven (7) Commissioners and up to six Directors at Large. An additional Director at Large can be elected should the Presidential Advisor choose not to serve.

r. **New Business**

Jeff explained that he, Mike and Paul had a considerable amount of chasing to get the basketball payments prior to the draft. Jeff made a motion that if player’s have not made a payment by credit card, mailed via check or made arrangements due to a hardship, that the player’s registration would be cancelled 3 days after the registration deadline. The player will be allowed to reregister with the associated late payment. This would be communicated via the website. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor.

A discussion was then held on collecting the past due balances. There 30 that have past due balances. In some cases deferrals were given. A discussion was held on how to handle deferrals. The officers agreed to take the discussion off-line and come to the board with recommendations.

The Next Meeting is at the Samoset Rod & Gun Club on 1/23 at 7 PM. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

**Attendance:**

✓	David Adams		Don Dunklee	✓	Jack Outerbridge		David Wells
✓	Jim Bailey	✓	Chris Dunn		Scott Robichaud	✓	Dennis Wright
✓	Aaron Bedard	a	Mike Fisher		Bill Roy		
✓	Mike Bellody	✓	Brian Lawler	a	Wendy Rush		
✓	John Berglund		Paul McCafferty	✓	Jeff Ryan		
✓	Paul Bethoney	✓	Paul McGrath	✓	Greg Sheedy		
a	Andrew Bisbee	✓	James Mitcheson		Jim Smith		
a	John Butler		Kevin Morash		Glenn Turner		
✓	Jeff Congdon	✓	Walter Morse	a	Greg Stipkovich		

✓ = in attendance      a = apologies      blank = not in attendance