



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

January 23, 2013 @ 7:00 PM

Samoset Rod & Gun Club

Meeting Summary

Motion	Result
1/2/2013 meeting minutes	Approved (3 could not vote)
Pony pricing of \$175, not to exceed \$200 per player.	Approved (3 could not vote)
Softball tournament approved for June 21 - 23 with a \$375 entry fee	Approved (15 for, 2 against, 3 could not vote)
Snack bar opening with \$3K	Approved (3 could not vote)

Action/Follow up	Owner
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 & Glenn Turner
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
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
Set up a date for clean up day	Chris Dunn
Solicit bids for new photographer	Fundraising committee

Meeting Minutes

- a) Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM
- b) Minutes of the January 2nd 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 Treasurer**
No treasurer's report as this was the second meeting in January.
- d) Report of the standing committees
 - a. **Finance:** – Brian reported that the second session of soccer was paid. Paul to check on costs for Finance to review. Basketball would like to rent out the gym the week of Feb school vacation.
 - b. **Scholarship** – It was reported that two individuals have submitted for disbursement. One has inquired for this year's scholarship.
 - c. **Snack Shack:** Glenn to research and purchase a freezer which was previously approved. Glenn was looking for money to start the snack shack. Glenn requested \$3K as we will have better storage and will require less running around after opening day. The motion was seconded all approve. Glenn will also be purchasing new lava rocks for the grill for \$50. A discussion was held on volunteers in the snack shack. It was suggested that National Honor Society volunteers be considered for Snack Shack coverage.
 - d. **Fundraising:** – John reported that the committee is looking into several fundraising ideas including PawSox games, Comedy night, and a 50/50 raffle at opening day. The current assumption is that the golf tournament will not happen this year. The committee has been busy with sponsorship activities in preparation for this season.
 - e. **Awards:** – Brian and Jamie to work on the list of eligible youths. Bill Roy provided a list of those that received the coats last year.
 - f. **Website:** No update. Jamie looking into the time it takes for the 4 digit pin to be set. Mike Bellody reported that it was working better.
 - g. **Letter writing committee:** No report.
 - h. **Field Day:** Date has been set at April 27 @ 10:30 AM with a rain date of April 28th at 1:00 PM.
 - i. **Complex improvement:**
Chris Dunn to set a clean up day. A discussion was held on looking at the clubhouse. Either repairing or replacing. Chris stated he will check the lights as he hit one of the lines during the initial grading of the field.

j. **Rules Committee:**

Jeff explained the point that all rules need to be submitted by Saturday prior to a board meeting. The previous rule on travel had not followed that rule and we would not consider it read. A lengthy discussion was held on travel playing time and whether reducing the mandatory minimum playing time for travel had merit. A non-binding poll was conducted after the discussion to give the rules committee some guidance. Spring soccer has the only explicit playing time requirement for travel which is 25%. The poll was with regards to travel basketball. The three options were:

- 25% minimum playing time - # of votes: 12
- 50% minimum playing time (same as in-town) - # of votes: 0
- 25% minimum playing with the exception if no in-town program offered, then in-town playing time rules prevail - # of votes: 7

Mike Bellody to follow up with the rest of the commissioners. Chris Dunn has reviewed baseball. Wally and Mike have discussed softball.

Additional discussion was held on the enforcement of the rule of missing in-town obligation for an unexcused absence, the athlete is not allowed to play in travel that week.

k. **Safety Committee:**

Greg Sheedy reported that 36 people attended the Athletic First Responder's class in the Howard cafeteria. Greg also stated that a new AED battery was required for \$260. Greg also reported that from the class, there is a 10% decrease in survival per minute that CPR is not initiated. It was recommended to get a price for a second AED so that one could be stored in the clubhouse and one in the Snack Shack.

Greg stated that they would like to track injury report data. Number of concussions, first aid kit use. Greg will also be reviewing equipment refresh (ie helmets).

l. **Boys Basketball:**

Paul reported that the committee discussed using a 3 point line for seniors and was decided that it was not a good idea.

Paul stated the season was going well with the exception of attendance issues with one of the coaches. The matter was to be taken up with the eBoard.

m. **Girls Basketball:**

Mike was not able to attend the meeting. A concern was raised that the schedule was changed in the middle of the season.

n. **Fall Soccer:** No report.

- o. **Spring Soccer:** Spring soccer was paid in full. Should get phone calls this week as teams nor coaches are not setup. Jeff to provide John any outstanding balances. Field requests were submitted for Spring and Fall soccer to the schools.

- p. **Baseball Committee:**

Chris reported that registration was now open. Walk in date has yet to be set. Clinic dates are tentative and Chris is confirming with Glenn Tufts school. There will be 6 sessions on Tues, Thurs, and Sat. Each date will be split into two sessions with grades 1 - 3 and grades 4 - 6.

It was reported that RBI Baseball is having a free coaches clinic. It was suggested that we award a 1/4 point to any coaches that attend the clinic.

Chris said that the Babe Ruth league would be \$175 to enter which would include uniform and insurance. Bill to get a number for uniforms. The roster has to be in by April 11th. Games would be played at Southeast Regional. A motion was made to accept pricing at \$175 and not to exceed \$200. The vote was seconded and all voted in favor.

Chris reported he is meeting with Peter's landscaping to get a quote on the transition from the infield to the outfield.

Chris mentioned that he is looking to do double headers this year. The Eboard will need to vote or the rules committee will need to make the change. The pitch count rule now protects the players and was why the no doubleheader rule was put in place.

Chris reported that he will be scheduling playoffs this year. All teams will make the playoffs. They need to update the rules on playoffs as well. Tournament dates will be known by next Wednesday.

- q. **Softball:**

Wally reported that Softball games will be played on Tuesday and Thursdays with some Friday night games. He will be contacting Scott Allen from East Bridgewater to play some games at the end of the season. Bridgewater's cup will be played in the middle of June. Wally reported that they are getting some interest on travel. If they get 11+ players they will have try-outs. Costs are being put together for the for travel. It is likely going to be \$85 and the \$375 Attleboro tournament will be included.

The West Bridgewater Softball tournament will be played from June 21 - 23 with a \$375 entry. 6 U10 teams and 6 U12 teams will be the format. Wally raised a question whether there would be an opposition to U14 playing in-town to also play travel. There were no objections raised.

Wally suggested that the lights should be used and night games should be played during the week for the Majors division.

Softball Travel team to use the field for 3 hours on Sunday morning.

r. **TBall:** Greg gave an update on TBall. Flyers had been distributed to the local pre-schools and elementary school.

s. **New Business**

Wally requested use of the baseball fields for a private team on Sunday afternoon through the baseball season. This was previously approved last year. A discussion was held on how long in advance commitments should be made and the board to be held to. There were no objections with honoring the commitment made.

A brief discussion was held that new people do not know how to reach us. Additionally, a brief discussion was held on the field request submission. Jeff reported that a review of outstanding balances is ongoing.

Jamie discussed the sponsorship by Dick's Sporting Goods Marketing program. They will host a Shop Day on March 23rd from 10 AM to 3 PM. The YAA will need at least one person at the Brockton to be at the table. All YAA members will get a 20% off coupon with some restrictions. There will be 2 other leagues there that day (Whitman and Brockton). They are also willing to donate some tees for TBall and do a Gold sponsorship. Jamie to work with Chris, Wally and Greg to staff the Shop Day.

A discussion was held on the need for a new photographer. The consensus was to solicit bids and have fundraising select the best deal.

The Next Meeting is at the Samoset Rod & Gun Club on Tuesday 2/26 at 7 PM. The meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Attendance:

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

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