



**West Bridgewater Youth Athletics Association, Inc.**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**March 25, 2015 @ 8:00PM**

**WBYAA Clubhouse**

**Meeting Summary**

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Result</b>
Meeting minutes	Approved (all in favor)
Treasurer's Report	Approved (all in favor)
Modification of Baseball Rule 5.2 (Base Stealing)	Approved (all in favor)
Approval of up to \$2,000 for new equipment & bags for Baseball	Approved (all in favor)
Approval of up to \$1,000 for new equipment & bags for Softball	Approved (all in favor)
Approval of up to \$1,500 for a new pitcher's mound (if necessary)	Approved (15 in favor, 1 opposed)
Approval of up to \$1,100 for tournament fees related to participating in a second Baseball tournament.	Approved (all in favor)

**Meeting Minutes**

- a) Meeting was called to order at 8:09 PM. 17 members were in attendance.
- b) Minutes were distributed (via email) for the prior meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- c) Report of the Treasurer

Peter reviewed the financial reports. The reports were approved unanimously.

**New Business**

Field Cleanup day will be on 04/18/15 at 8AM. Brian will be compiling a to-do list.

The Service To Youth Award nominations have begun, and after nominations are complete, the E-Board will vote on the recipient.

The Brockton Rox have reached out to us for an event, including using the field prior to a Rox game. Jamie to discuss with Rich & Wally. One potential date for this event is 06/13/15.

Jamie went over the initial feedback for the Coaches evaluations for Dome Soccer & Basketball. During this time, there was a discussion regarding the decline in enrollments across many of the sports over the past few years.

Regarding the proposed summer sports program, Jamie spoke to the Athletic Director at WB Middle-Senior High School. In all likelihood, the program would include Track/Cross-Country, Baseball, Softball, & Soccer.

**Report of the standing committees:**

**Finance:** Peter brought up the fact that we have yet to receive a bill for Dome. In addition, the heating bill for the Clubhouse was discussed, and it was noted that we need to explore alternatives. There was also an update on past due balances. Finally, there was a brief discussion regarding alternative payment methods for WBYAA.com (Paypal, Square, etc.).

- a. **Scholarship Committee:** No Report.
- b. **Fundraising:** There were approximately 150 letters sent in the past two weeks. The results thus far are encouraging. Jamie is planning on putting the fundraising form and letter on WBYAA.com. Paul McGrath mentioned that he will have the Fundraising calendars ready for the start of the Baseball/Softball/T-Ball season.
- c. **Snack Shack:** Paul McCafferty is going to have someone take a look at the drink cooler.
- d. **Awards:** No Report.
- e. **Website:** No Report.
- f. **Letter Writing -** No Report.
- g. **Field Day:** The Field Day parade will depart from the parking lot at Spring Street School on 05/02/15. A volunteer is still needed to sing the National Anthem, as well as nominees to throw the ceremonial first pitch. Donations for raffles are welcome, and the rain date is 05/03/15.
- h. **Complex Improvement -** There were talks about applying for money from the town for replacing the light poles, & possibly a new soccer field.
- i. **Rules Committee:** At the 03/04/15 Board meeting, a proposed rule change was read related to Baseball Rule 5.2 (Base Stealing). The proposed rule was voted on, and was approved unanimously.
- j. **Safety Committee:** Greg Sheedy noted that 1 AED needs new pads, and 1 may need new batteries in the fall. He also needs to follow up on outstanding Concussion Training forms.

- k. **Fall Soccer** - No Report.
- l. **Dome Soccer** - The season ends the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April. The last set of practices will be at the end of March. It was noted that there was a good turnout for the 3<sup>rd</sup> session.
- m. **Boys Basketball**: The season is complete, and the Senior division got trophies. Refereeing was not great this season. Regarding a Summer League, the thought is to split the travel teams by grade, with the caveat being that anyone that plays has to participate in the town basketball program as well. Jamie will put a waitlist registration on the website.
- n. **Girls Basketball**: There was a short discussion about the potential for a travel program.
- o. **Spring Soccer**: Teams and schedules have been completed, but there are still some CORI's that are outstanding.
- p. **Baseball**: The equipment was reviewed in preparation for the upcoming season. While some of it is still usable, there will need to be 14 new helmets purchased (1 per team) & 8 catcher's helmet/mask combos. It was noted that 3 full sets of catching gear were donated by a family in WB (Rich to get the name so a thank you letter can be sent). There was a motion to approve up to \$2,000 in new equipment and bags, which was approved by a unanimous vote. There was also a motion to approve up to \$1,500 for a new pitcher's mound (if necessary). 15 voted in favor, and 1 opposed. The cost for umpires this year is \$20 per game for Minors, & \$52 per game for Majors. Rich noted that an Umpire clinic will be held for anyone interested in becoming a Minors umpire. The first baseball clinic was held on 03/20/15, and Rich said it went really well.
- q. **Baseball Tournament**: Freetown was confirmed for U10 & U12. We also asked them to hold spots for us for their tournament (held in late July). A vote was proposed to fund a second tournament with a cap of \$550 per team (\$1,100 total). The motion was approved unanimously. Any additional tournaments the WBYAA teams wish to play in will have to be funded by parents.
- r. **Softball**: Umpire costs for this year are \$45 per game for 1 umpire, and \$40 per game for 2 or more umpires. There was a proposal for up to \$1,000 to purchase new equipment & bags. The motion was approved unanimously.
- s. **Softball Tournament**: So far, two teams have registered (Brockton & Middleboro).
- t. **T-Ball**: Jon mentioned that there were 75 registrations so far, and is hoping to start the season on 04/25/15.

**u. Adjournment**

The Next Meeting is April 22, 2015 at 8:00 PM at the WBYAA Clubhouse. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 PM.

**Attendance:**

	Dave Adams	✓	Brian Lawler		Bill Roy
✓	Phil Arsenault	✓	Rich Labaron		Jeff Ryan
	Jim Bailey		Eric Ledin		Christin Santiago-Calling
✓	Mike Bellody	✓	Scott Maher	✓	Greg Sheedy
✓	Andrew Bisbee	✓	Paul McCafferty		Dan Smith
✓	Chris Clarke	✓	Paul McGrath	✓	Greg Stipkovich
	Jay Duffy	✓	James Mitcheson	a	Glenn Turner
✓	Jon Enos		Kevin Morash		Brent Warren
✓	Scott Florio	a	Walter Morse	✓	Dennis Wright
✓	Peter Fredericksen	a	Kerrie Reynolds		
✓	Tom Fuller		Scott Robichaud		

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