

## Coginchaug Little League Minutes

11/11/14

Call to Order 7:30.

Attendees: Scott Strang, Steve DeMartino, Deb Kulpik, Rick Quirk, Amy Pitruzzello, Amy Moore, Renée Donlan, Andy Kleczkowski, Joe Fournier, Rick Mach, Eric Meliso, Deb Mariani, Carolyn Racki, Bill Biro, Keith Pascarelli, John Leonard

Motion to approve minutes from meeting 10/14/14 by Renee Donlan, then seconded. Approved by majority vote.

### Treasurer Report:

- Checking balance is \$15,138.
- All bills paid.
- No expenses until charter fees/district fees

### Community Update:

- Nick B, athletic director holding youth sports booster meeting, Scott Strang attending on behalf of CLL. Nick Faiella also attending for Football boosters and CLL. Next Sports Booster Club meeting Tuesday, Nov 18, 6PM, CRHS Library
- Intended for all high school varsity and JV teams
- Goals listed, include Freshmen baseball coach and water for fields.
- Nick B wants to get community involved to build interest and support

### District Meeting Report:

- Kyle Muncie, district administrator
- 7 new presidents in the district, no Middletown president yet
- Age change passed: cut off will be 12/31, Effective 2018
- Tournament changes:
  - 12 softball double elimination (was pools), 11 baseball remains double elimination. Pool play for the rest.
  - 4 Divisions, 2 Sections. Change to round robin. Division to state final single elimination.
  - League fees may go up and drop tournament fees
  - 12 players per team may no longer be enforced
- Next meeting Thursday, Feb 5, 7PM, Location TBD

### Concessions Review:

- Concessions: Renee, Kristen, Sue S, Melissa L, Maura C.
- Will have a couple of meetings before/during/after season.
- In Spring, assign teams to work concessions. All-star -> should assign teams
- Add tab to web site
- Add Renee as official so she knows if game cancelled
- Still selling excess concessions inventory

- Should reimburse Kristen for gas -> approximately \$100

#### Fundraising:

- Co-chairs: Deb Kulpik, Amy Moore, Amy Pitruzzello, Renee Donlan
- Also Linda C and Sue Sawka
- Ideas: Comedy night, golf outing

#### By laws:

- Scott Strang will remain as chair
- Meeting Monday 11/24
- Steve DeMartino, Nick Faiella participating

#### Strategic Planning Group:

- New group
- Scott Strang will chair

#### Opening Day:

- Steve DeMartino to chair, includes Renee Donlan, Deb Mariani, Deb Kulpik, Amy Pitruzzello

#### Scholarship:

- Danielle Kleczkowski, Nick Faiella

#### Director updates

Fall Ball (Scott Strang) : went smoothly, double elimination. 50/70 had a good season, tough playoffs (Hartford). Softball: Many cancellations. Other towns don't have programs as strong as ours.

Deb Mariani-Tryouts done for softball

Rick Mach -field closure completed. Six people helped at Durham, one at Peckham. Took about 2 hours. Email went to fall ball families and board. We will need more for Spring.

Steve DeMartino – Played coaches Softball game. Lot of fun. Played a 2<sup>nd</sup> game after the first one. Suggested to play another on opening day. For spring, need two games. Many talented coaches.

AED's -store in Renee's house for the winter to save batteries.

#### New Business:

Budgets/spend: Need to list non-recurring items, then discuss and vote in future meetings. Ideas:

- Peckham minors and farm fields need infield material and grading.
- Re-sodding the boys majors field at Peckham, estimated at \$2000 to \$2500. We would like to see if we can split seed the infield, weed, feed and water in the spring prior to committing to a complete overhaul of that field.
- Warning track weeds@ Atwell are a problem, can we do anything?

- New tractor has no attachments-would like to add a drag and a rascal power rake. About \$800 for the Rascal, \$150 the drag. Also need a new majors drag.
- Atwell field backstop fence is curled at bottom, needs to be fixed. Good winter project.
- Provide water to Herzog field. Rick has a name for someone who can do the work.
- Backstop padding needed?
- Score board lights-good to do when cold. -no wasps.
- Tree removal at Herzog field. Can't touch tree due to wetlands.
- Peckham girls minors field is almost unusable, should we fix it? Used for practices.
- Farm field in Middlefield needs work.
- Can/should we make old Durham farm field into new minor's softball field? Would need clay and some work.
- Need new batting cage net@ Peckham. \$700. We should move batting Cage to major's field. We had approval two years ago. Whole new setup would cost \$3500. Keith will get quotes. Need park and rec approval.
- Can Durham tennis courts be used for pitching lanes or batting cages?

Spending request: Lyons.com team won fall tournament. Would like to buy sweatshirts for the team. \$462 total, not including tax. We have done this in the past. John Leonard moved to buy the shirts, Joe Fournier seconded. Vote passed by majority vote.

Important dates: Opening day: April 25. Rain date 4/26. 1/24 and 1/25 -Admin clinic. Coaches clinic 3/7 in Bristol. Scott to send details when he gets them. Gym@Lake Grove reserved for Jan 24, for baseball tryouts. Softball tryouts not needed. Pitching Clinics reserved for 4 Saturdays in March.

Rock Cats have approached us about Rock Cats day. Not a big fundraiser, more of a community fun event. We may take a year off.

Open house in January. Scott will develop ideas. Middletown clinic-no info yet. Ultimate Sports added softball clinics. Scott receives many requests to forward emails from Ultimate. Possible bylaws item: limit number of emails we relay for businesses.

Need to get new pricing on lawn mowing. \$57 per field each week is too much. Rick will get quotes. Current service does 2 times per week during the season. Durham fertilizes the Atwell and Herzog fields.

Motion to adjourn by Steve, seconded by Amy P. Majority vote approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:42.