

Coginchaug Little League Meeting Minutes

2/10/16

Attendees: Scott Strang, Steve DeMartino, Deb Kulpik, Mike Mancini, Joe Fournier, Renee Donlan, Andy Kleczkowski, Rick Quirk, Nick Faiella, Stephanie Berry, Rick Mach, Deb Mariani, Keith Pascareli, John Kelly

Call to Order 7:32 pm.

In John Leonard's absence, Stott asked Steve to act as Secretary for the meeting.

January meeting minutes approved - unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report:

- Deb provided financial report.
- Most registration fees are in.
- Approximately \$31,000 in checking account includes approximately \$10,000 carryover from 2015.
- All bills are paid to date
- Need to create budget for 2016.
- Liberty bank needs a copy of CLL Board minutes showing election new treasurer in order to add the new Treasurer as a signer on the account and take Deb off as a signer on the account.
- Action: remove Deb Kulpik as a signer on the accounts as soon as minutes are completed.

Clinics Update:

- Mike Mancini stated that he is working on setting up a four week clinic for majors/minors softball on Sundays in March. Clinic expected to be run by Katie Hobson, Sting 14U travel softball coach.
- For majors/minors baseball, Joe Fournier stated that instead of running a pitching clinic at Lake Grove like we've done over the past several years, he would like to try something different this year. He is in the process of setting up three 1 ½ hour all-skill sessions at the Sportsplex in Middletown tentatively scheduled for March 13, 20 and April 3. The facility has several batting cages with pitching machines, two pitching tunnels and open space to run fielding drills. Total cost for all three sessions estimated at \$1,000. Also considering hiring a pitching instructor from Sportsplex at an estimated cost of \$200.

Director's updates:

Majors Baseball:

- Joe Fournier stated that 97 were registered so far for majors/minors. Expects to have four teams of 12
- Joe submitted names of proposed majors managers and coaches for approval. Managers: Scott Penney, Kris Koba, Rick Mach and Joe Fournier. Coaches: Kris Koba, Scott Penney, Rick Mach, Joe Fournier. All approved unanimously.
- Draft expected to occur on February 27, 2016.

- Joe stated with only four majors teams he plans to play other district 9 towns during the regular season.
- Scott reminded Joe that he needs to coordinate ump's as the majors director. Robin Watson is interested in running ump's for CLL again. Joe needs to contact Robin directly and coordinate schedules and payment.

Majors Softball:

- Mike Mancini stated that 48 were registered so far for majors/minors. Expects to have two or three majors teams but can't determine until registration is closed.

Minors Baseball

- Can't determine number of teams at each level (AAA, AA, A) until majors is done, though Andy expects 2-3 AAA teams
- Scott asked to Andy to make sure he contacts Rich Murphy to coordinate ump's for all minors

Minors Softball

- Deb Mariani expects between one and two minors teams, dependent on whether majors goes with two or three teams.

Farm/T-ball

- Still no directors for these levels so need to defer discussion to next meeting.

Juniors Baseball

- Steve DeMartino stated interest is developing for establishing a juniors baseball program, though may be difficult to get enough interest given the many options available at this age level (Babe Ruth, American Legion, travel)
- Steve attended meeting at Coginchaug high school to discuss field usage on the school fields earlier that week. However, field usage was not discussed as expected at the meeting so Scott will discuss potential field usage needs for Juniors Baseball directly with the Coginchaug AD.

Fields:

- Rick Mach requested quotes to add material and re-grade all four fields in Durham. Estimate approximately \$7,000. Steve asked about the cost of the material to be used as he heard that the school may be getting the same material at a lower price. Scott will confirm the price with the vendor and contact someone at the school to determine what price they pay. Approval for the work will be deferred until Scott gathers this information and presents at the next meeting.

Open House:

- Originally planned two open house dates – Feb 18 and March 1. Decided to cancel the Feb 18 one and just keep the March 1 date from 6-8pm. Consider putting a sign on the Durham town green announcing the open house. Need to either locate our existing sign or, if we can't find it,

have new one made. Steve discussed providing “giveaways” to kids attending the open house such as extra hats/t-shirts the league still has from prior years. Time 6-8.

Durham Fair:

- Rick Quirk stated that the fair is interested in making facility improvements and may help CLL fund improvements to our fair booth, if we are interested.

Opening Day:

- Opening Day is set for Saturday, April 30. Scott asked Steve to chair the opening day committee again this year, which Steve accepted.

Safety:

- Mike Donlan has again offered to coordinate and run CPR/First Aid training for the league. The last time Mike ran the program it was very well received. Tentatively planning on Saturday, March 8 at the Durham fire house from 8:30am to 2:00pm.
- Scott reminded us that one person on each team’s coaching staff needs to be CPR certified
- Safety plan also needs to be reviewed for 2016

MLB Pitch, Hit and Run:

- Stephanie asked to confirm the league’s interest in hosting this one day event on May 7. It’s open to anyone aged 7-14. Will need a few volunteers to assist during that day. The event can be held on any open field (does not need to be on a baseball/softball field). The Board was in favor of hosting such an event.

Open board positions:

Scott reminded the board of the remaining open positions and asked the Board for assistance in actively looking for candidates to fill the following open positions:

Treasurer, Farm Softball, Tball, Intermediate Baseball director, Concessions Scheduling, Fall Softball and Scheduler

Election of Treasurer:

- Scott presented a nominee for the open Treasurer position, Chris Meisenkothen. Scott briefly reviewed Chris’ background and qualifications with the Board. Motion to approve made by Joe Fournier, Second by Renee Donlan. Upon motion duly made and seconded, Chris was unanimously approved as Treasurer.

Meeting Adjourned 9:25 pm

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Addendum

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Regarding Newly Appointed Treasurer banking authorization

The board has approved the following changes to be made to the two Coginchaug Little League checking accounts held at Liberty Bank, Durham. CT

- 1) Account XXXXXXXXX– Addition of Chris Meisenkothen (Treasurer) for signature authority on the account. Scott Strang and Rick Quirk remain with signature authorization on the account. Remove Deb Kulpik from signature authority on the account.
- 2) Account XXXXXXXXXX – Addition of Renee Donlan (Concessions Treasurer), Chris Meisenkothen (Treasurer) and John Leonard (Secretary) for signature authority on the account. Remove Glenn Pittruzello from signature authority on the account