

## Coginchaug Little League Board Meeting

December 14, 2016

Attendees: Stephanie Berry, Rick Mach, Steve DeMartino, Scott Strang, Chris Meisenkothen, Tom Wameister, John Leonard, Mike Donlan, Mike Mancini, Rick Quirk

Meeting opened at 7:03 pm

### Director reports

President:

- Insurance will be renewed for January 1.
- Gatorade has offered to provide a dozen water bottles for each team.
- Umpire Mike Gross wrote a letter thanking CLL for hosting the 50/70 tournament. He sent us a Little League pin. We will present it to Keith.
- Durham Fair association has a fair book. There is a small fee to advertise in the book (\$100/quarter page ad). This is for the permanent book.
- Positive Coaching Alliance – we worked with them on a training event a few years ago. Cost is approximately \$1,300 to do a single workshop. We should consider this again as it provides a good experience for the coaches and kids. Planning to include \$1,500 in the suggested 2017 budget. This would occur in late March. Can save \$150 per session with a multi-year commitment.
- Winter tryouts. Joe Fournier is planning to do something. Note: new ownership at Lake Grove/Rushford, so we will need new contact information.
- Registrations opening Jan 1. We still have no web site coordinator.
  - Clinics discussed. Worked well last year at Advanced. This was a separate registration. Fee budgeted at \$50/child.
  - Need to decide how much to charge for regular registration. Historically we've charged \$85 (T-ball & Farm), \$125 (majors boys and majors girls), \$125 (50/70). Note on 50/70 – we lose money on this. Propose increasing fee to \$135 - \$85 for those that play majors also. The \$85 does not apply against the family max.
- Bylaws and constitution. Next meeting we need feedback and vote for approval.
- Budget – Scott distributed proposed 2017 budget for review.
  - Received two quotes for irrigation - \$18k and \$14k.
  - If we do irrigation, propose obtaining a line of credit and pay over time to preserve operating cash.
  - Consider adding material and regrading Durham and Peckham. Rick Mach will obtain three quotes.
  - Sponsorship: Steph researched other towns and considering multiple tiers of sponsorship. Possibly offer a scoreboard ad sponsorship.
  - Umpires: 2017 budget of \$22k looks high compared to prior two years' spend. Scott to check.

- CPR – Mike gave up his CPR training certification so we will need to find a replacement. Should budget a few hundred \$ to cover the cost.

Treasurer:

- Main account balance is \$\$9,179.33. Pending bill for remaining All-Star jackets, approximately \$1,200.
- Concessions account: \$23,572.39.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.