

Coginchaug Little League Board Meeting

January 11, 2017

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

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm

Director reports

Treasurer:

Main account balance is \$10,249.64.

Concessions account: \$23,624.89.

President:

Registration now open. 26 registrations received so far. Late registration after Jan 31.

Reviewed Constitution and by-laws. Some changes recommended. Motion by Steve DeMartino to approve Constitution and By-Laws, with changes as discussed during the meeting. Motion seconded by John Leonard. Unanimous yes vote to approve as moved.

Field maintenance: one quote received for budget purposes, Rick Mach will get two more.

Meeting minutes for November and December approved by unanimous vote.

League administrators meeting scheduled for January 21 in Bristol. Scott Strang to attend.

Pitch, hit, run even discussed. Stephanie Berry has some information and will pass on to Howard Weisberg for further research and recommendation. Currently planned for 10AM on Sat, May 5 at Atwell.

Positive Coaching Alliance was discussed in previous meeting. Funding included in proposed budget.

Scholarship Committee: form is updated and on the web site. We will need some board members to review applications. CLL has not been announcing scholarships at the CRHS senior scholarship night, but it was suggested that we should.

Little League volunteer background forms need to be filled out and returned by all board members.

2017 budget proposal

- Discussed cost of All Star tournament participation. Scott Strang reviewed historical costs and compared to money received. A typical year would end up with a \$1,771 net cost to the league. Income is \$7,270 and consists of: \$4,320 registration fees, \$500 from outside teams/leagues playing at CLL fields, \$2,450 concessions (based on typical margins). Expenses of \$9,041 include trophies, visiting site fees, charter fees, uniforms, jackets, umpires. One suggestion was to increase registration fees to help make up the shortfall. Also discussed the non-financial benefits provided by participation.

- Proposed budget includes \$9,000 for irrigation. This includes contingency for additional pumps and other unexpected costs. The proposal assumes financing the expense over two years.
- Proposed item: new AED at Peckham Park to replace the stolen one. Discussion focused on concerns about having a safe place to keep it. We need some place safer than last time. The group agreed to add \$1,400 to the safety line for the new AED.
- Unanimous vote approved the budget, after John Kelly and Mike Donlan moved to approve. NOTE: Rick Mach had to leave so he did not vote.

Other Business:

Irrigation: Tom Wameister has two quotes and is looking for a third.

Majors baseball: Joe Fournier has rented Lake Grove for tryouts. Three hour rental on Feb 12.

Diamond Zone is a new indoor training facility in North Haven. This is a possible option for practice space.

Minors baseball tryouts will be needed. Suggested to add one hour to Lake Grove rental.

Softball: Middletown HS is planning to run a clinic. Historically this has been good for the 8-10 year old players. Date to be determined.

Farm softball: CLL needs someone to run this.

CPR class being scheduled by Mike Donlan. Likely March 25. Will cover CPR and first aid.

Opening day: April 22.

CLL will have a juniors/seniors softball team this year.

Softball tryouts will be needed. Request to add another hour to Lake Grove rental.

Still need a web site coordinator. Likely to be Scott Strang if we can't get another volunteer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44.