

COGINCHAUG LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2017

Present: Andy Kleczkowski, Chris Meisenkothen, Campbell Barrett, Chris Champagne, Rick Mach, Steve DeMartino, Stephanie Berry, Howie Weissberg, Krista Lobo, Tom Wamester, Rob Konopka

- Meeting called to order at 7:45pm
- Motion nominating Campbell to serve on Board of Directors as Vice President made by Steve, seconded by Tom – *motion unanimously approved*
- Directors Report:
 - Charter must be updated by this spring to reflect levels/teams for upcoming season
 - New baseball bat standard effective in 2018 – USABat certification
 - Website to be updated with list/links re: bat specifications
 - Positive Coaching Alliance – discussion on whether better as annual or biennial course
 - Need to provide coaching instruction/seminars to help prepare and assist volunteers as coaches also was noted
 - Hartford Yard Goats – CLL Day 2018; Yard Goats have significant flexibility and might be able to provide pregame clinic for our players; all agreed it is a worthwhile event
 - Peckham Park batting cage update (Joe Venables Eagle Scout project) – the posts are in, still waiting on fencing
 - Fall Ball – another successful season, positive experience for all teams
 - Field closure completed on Sat November 11th; one screen at Herzog and bunting at Atwell need to be replaced
 - Possible future upgrades:
 - Electrical repairs to Herzog scoreboard
 - New scoreboard for Atwell, with current one possibly moved to Herzog
- Finances:
 - Current balance – League account: \$12,504.02
 - Current balance – Concessions account: \$7,018.07
- Howie – update on boys minors 2018:
 - AA/AAA to be consolidated into single “minors” level
 - Farm/instructional level to be expanded – some players will need two years at Farm
 - Farm experience required for boys ages 7-9 prior to moving up to minors
 - All 10/11 year olds & players with AA experience eligible for new minors level
 - Tryouts for boys minors (ages 7-9) to be held this winter
 - Consensus was that a five minute tryout isn’t enough time to properly evaluate players – will aim for more in-depth session
 - Advanced Sportsplex in Middletown likely venue for tryouts

- Miscellaneous:
 - League now has a Google drive – useful for Board members to share files & info
 - New league email address: coginchaugcll@gmail.com

- Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm