

COGINCHAUG LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2017

Present: Andy Kleczkowski, Chris Meisenkothen, Chris Champagne, Scott Strang, Joe Fournier, Howie Weissberg, Rick Mach, Mike Mancini, Rick Quirk

- Meeting called to order at 7:45pm
- Finances:
 - Current balance – League account: \$9,507
 - Current balance – Concessions account: \$6,741
 - *Note – final concessions report not yet submitted, which should add approx. \$2000*
- Directors Report:
 - Charter has been updated
 - 2018 budget plan - largely follow last year's budget
 - Coaching tools:
 - Little League University downloads – drills, instruction etc.
 - Howie suggested preparing binders with materials to be given to every team – T-Ball, Farm, and Minors editions
 - Positive Coaching Alliance – consensus was to offer on biennial basis
 - Uniforms – different vendors discussed for upcoming season
 - Hartford Yard Goats CLL Day 2018 – will review schedule and select date at next meeting
 - Opening Day will be **Saturday April 28, 2018**
 - Registration – aim to is open on January 1, 2018; Scott will meet with new website coordinator Greg Schaffer to set up online registration
 - Press releases/website content: Scott noted the best practice is to write up exactly what we want communicated in any press releases or Town Times articles
 - Tryouts:
 - Aiming for late January/early February at Advanced Sportsplex in Middletown
 - Begin with majors in early morning, then younger levels to follow
 - Howie confirmed plan to have one boys “Minors” level with expanded “Farm” level
 - Anyone (a) with Minors experience or (b) 10-11 years old automatically qualifies
 - Anyone under the age of 10 without prior experience needs to tryout for Minors
 - Winter practice:
 - Howie mentioned the Bat Cave in Meriden is available - \$60/hr for 12 players
 - Durham Market is under new ownership and would like to partner with CLL; Scott will look into regarding concessions inventory
 - Possible upcoming expenses:
 - New liners
 - New concession stand sign
 - Discussion followed as to possibility of adding window in concession booth to view Atwell field
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm