

WYB
Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2014

Attendees:

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| D. DiCesare | J. Biedermann | D. Berenbaum | G. Hilton |
| E. Zakarewicz | G. Anderosky | K. Mitchell | M. Bouchard |
| S. Biedermann | D. Street | D. Frey | K. Spaddacino |
| K. White | C. Snyder | B. Hinds | S. Crayder |

- FINANCIALS
 - Financial Update
 - Bank Account Balance: \$31,000
 - YTD Income: \$25,244.28
 - YTD Expenses: \$15,647.16
 - 2014 Budget – Draft 2014 Budget was presented to the board and was approved without any changes

- IN HOUSE UNIFORMS
 - J. Perrello is working on obtaining quotes for uniforms. At this stage we are planning on 550 players. The board voted to use throwback MLB uniforms this season and also recommended not using the Phillies, Mets or Yankees.

- SPRING REGISTRATION DISCUSSION
 - K. Mitchell reported as of 1/28/14 there were 302 players registered (after 5 refunds). 18-4yo, 12-5yo, 43-7yo, 40-8yo, 58-9yo, 43-10yo, 27-11yo, 26-12yo). 50 advertising signs have been purchased and will be placed within the WYB boundaries. Possible Sunday Sports Section advertising, Kevin M to get pricing.

- SPRING INHOUSE SEASON
 - Rules Updates/Suggestions – the following rules clarifications have been approved:
 - No Manager will use a player from another age division as a substitute for missing players. “Borrowed” players MUST be from the opposing team of the scheduled game – NO EXCEPTIONS. The player borrowed should be the last batted out from the previous inning.
 - A non-travel player MUST pitch before the start of the 4th inning (Innings 1-3), and must pitch a full inning or face a minimum of 5 batters.

- Any pitcher that hits two batters in one inning will be relieved from pitching for the remainder of the game. Any pitcher that hits three batters in a game will be relieved from pitching for the remainder of the game.
 - Both travel and non-travel players are to get equal playing time. All players MUST play at least 3 innings (13 player roster) or 4 innings (12 player roster) in a 6 inning game. No player shall be on the bench 2 innings in a row unless the player is injured/sick or there is a disciplinary issue that has been discussed with the opposing coach. All players MUST play a minimum of 2 innings in the infield unless the player is injured/sick or late for the game.
 - IN THE MINORS – The maximum number of runs that can be scored in an inning will be 5 with the exception of the 6th inning where there is no limit. Once a team scores 5 runs the inning is over. A team may only score more than 5 runs in innings 1-5 on a home run that goes over a fence.
 - IN THE MAJORS – The maximum number of batters in an inning will be equal to the larger number of players in attendance of the two teams. For example if one team has 13 players and the other team has 12 players, each team can bat a maximum of 13 players in an inning.
 - Player Evaluation Process – tabled and will be discussed in February Meeting
 - Draft Process – tabled and will be discussed in February Meeting
 - Dates – tabled and will be discussed in February Meeting
- WYB COACHING/PLAYER CLINICS – G. Hilton/G. Anderosky
 - Coaches clinics will be set up (coach can bring son) indoors, by age group, 1 hour sessions. 2 sessions will be set up for each age group, objectives will be throwing/hitting and then infield/outfield. Sessions to start Middle of March. Focus on Tee Ball and Coach Pitch First then move up through the age groups.
 - Tentative Dates – Weekend of March 15-16. Location and Time TBD.
 - G. Hilton and G. Anderosky will prepare a plan for facility pricing, and curriculum to be discussed at February Meeting.
- UMPIRES
 - The board voted on the following:
 - Use of Tim Formica Umpires for all In-House Games and 7-10 Year Old Travel Games. Also for 7 and 8 year old Memorial Day Tournament

- Use of Tri County Umpires for 11 and 12 year old travel games and 9-12 year old Memorial Day Tournament. Cal Ripken Tournaments will be using Tri County Umpires.
- TOURNAMENTS
 - Directors of Tournaments are looking for age coordinators to help run each age bracket, volunteers needed. Decided to limit the 11 year old age bracket for Memorial Day Tournament to 6 teams.
- WEBSITE UPDATE
 - K. White in process of building new website. Possible change from league lineup for tracking, further research being done on alternative options to be completed before next board meeting.
- FIELDS – The following improvements have been recommended by T. Grochowski for fields.
 - Infield Mix and Field Conditioner installation on all fields
 - Need 120-140 tons and hire a contractor for installation, compaction, cutting edges, etc.
 - Will include repairs to pitching mounds
 - Cost \$8-12K
 - Swales
 - Recommendation to cut swales on TRF, Low Minors and Plateau. This needs to be discussed further due to concerns over large swales on TRF already.
 - Bases
 - T. Grochowski working with B. Hinds on installing more permanent base anchors.
 - Batting Cages and Dugouts for Kings
 - Recommendation for Batting Cage and Dugouts at Kings Field. Dugouts are in the budget - batting cages are not. WYB has the design plans for the dugouts and J. Biedermann to discuss permitting and assistance with the Township.
 - Coaches Training Session for Field Maintenance –Board agreed this is needed and also recommended developing a video to post on the website on how to maintain the fields.
 - Trailer
 - Need for a trailer to get sandpro from Barness to Kings was approved

- Tractor
 - Need for a new tractor approved...need to evaluate costs prior to any purchase.

- EQUIPMENT PURCHASE
 - On schedule and includes baseballs, bases, pitching rubbers, catchers gear for younger age groups, batting cage nets for Barness and new L Screens.

- LIGHTS UPDATE
 - J. Biedermann working with the Township. Township has agreed to provide up to \$25k this year for in-kind work (preparation, PECO Electrical, wiring, holes, etc.) and next year for infrastructure (total \$50K). Need to get final approval from Township on location of lights (prefer Barness), will know in several weeks. Township to start first phase of work before end of 2-14 due to fiscal year budgeting, goal is for lights to be completed by the Spring of 2015. Casino Night is main annual fundraiser event for Lights, but the lights will require a future allocation of our annual budget. If installed at TRF/Barness, plan would be to add lights to minors in 4/2016 or 4/2017.

- CASINO NIGHT UPDATE
 - Date will be March 29th from 7:30pm – 11:00pm
 - Location will be the Ukrainian Club
 - In need of a Main Sponsor for \$3500 and table sponsors for \$750 per table.
 - D. Street leading sponsorship efforts.
 - Casino Company and location confirmed
 - Giveaways include a free cruise for two, gift baskets (won by raffle through winning casino chips). K. Mitchell Coordinating.

- LAWSUIT UPDATE
 - Green Ridge is suing WYB for \$6800 in field work fees. WYB fighting the lawsuit but maybe willing to offer a settlement, ongoing discussions at the present time.

- CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE OF BOARD MEMBERS
 - All Board Members to sign approved Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form, please return to Secretary Guy Hilton at next board meeting.

- NO RETALIATION POLICY

- Policy was approved by Board and instituted. Will be provided to all travel coaches to hand out to teams.

- BACKGROUND CHECKS
 - J. Biedermann to get more information on Cal Ripken process. Will be done on every 2014 coach, volunteer and board member.

- TRAVEL UPDATE
 - Teams have been selected and are starting practices.