

WYB
September 21, 2015 – 8:30pm
BOARD MEETING
Minutes

- Financials – Presented by D. Berenbaum
 - Current amount in Account is \$49,234, with checks to be written balance will be \$45,615.
 - Inflows for period from 1/1/15 through 9/17/15 = \$171,068.23
 - Outflows for period from 1/1/15 through 9/17/15 = \$162,239.11
 - Cash flow for YTD 2015 = +\$8,829.12

- Fall Ball Update – Presented by S. Crayder
 - Fall Ball going alright so far
 - Coach Pitch Teams are 6 or 7 players, mixed opinions on that number on each team, to continue to be evaluated

- Snack stand – Presented by C. Snyder
 - To date revenues are \$250-300 per week.
 - Only selling existing product, with limited new purchases
 - Boy Scouts are helping by volunteering to work the snack stand in the fall.

- Picture Day Photographer – Presented by J. Ciavola
 - Recommendation for switch photographer from AG to Barksdale due to service provided last year by current photographer
 - New photographer to be sponsor for WYB
 - Will handle reservation and payment of picture day location
 - Providing additional benefits to WYB including a day of game action photography
 - MOTION MADE BY J. Ciavola to cancel current contract with AG, seconded, and voted approval by board unanimously
 - MOTION MADE BY J. Ciavola to enter in contract with Barksdale, seconded, and voted approval by board unanimously

- Future of Volunteer Program – Presented by K. Oescher
 - Recommendation made to remove field raking as a valid volunteer activity. Board agreed.
 - Plan going forward to start volunteer list half way through season so volunteer refunds can be made more timely
 - Discussion regarding doing away with volunteer fee and replacing with another fundraising idea as volunteer fee has not produced additional volunteers. Item will be investigated further led by K. Oescher with discussion at October Board meeting.
 - Discussion moved from volunteer fee to increasing numbers in organization and increasing volunteerism. A discussion on increasing outreach and making baseball a faster and more engaging game at the younger age levels. Ripken Quick Baseball was discussed (E. Rehr presented his experiences), and committee was formed to investigate and make a recommendation at the October Board meeting on the topic. E. Van Zanten to lead committee.

- Fields & Field Responsibilities – Discussion led by K. Spaddacino/M. Depaul
 - Scott Alabrodziski will be joining the board and helping with field maintenance items.
 - Raising the Minors Infield was discussed, with cost from Subcontractor at \$5,000
 - Improving drainage at Kings Field behind 2B was discussed with cost from Subcontractor being \$2,000 to remediate the ponding issue.

- Discussion on changing baselines to grass baselines (home to first and third to home). K. Spaddacino to get costs for changing baselines to grass on fields.
 - Discussion on field day activity – increasing the amount of work being done by volunteers including actual work on fields rather than paying contractors. This will be attempted next year, but will require much more planning and direction from Field Committee.
 - Discussion on how to manage fields and the need to properly train volunteers and field maintenance people – K. Spaddacino to put together a “Field O&M Manual” to post on the website, distribute to organization and post in dugouts. Need increase communication on how to maintain fields.
 - Discussion on need for a machine to maintenance Kings Field, as well as a shed to store equipment at Kings Field. K. Spaddacino to investigate costs.
- 2016 Spring Registration – Lead by D. DiCesare
 - When to Open? K. Mitchell indicated can be opened at any time. Board to make decision at October Meeting.
 - Registration Prices (inhouse and travel) – D. Berenbaum, D. DiCesare and S. Crayder do perform a financial analysis on both the inhouse and travel player costs and make a recommendation for fees for 2015.
 - Discussion included the additional costs that maybe are not being recovered and the need to investigate.
 - Cost to Fall Teams discussed and recommendation to add that for 2016 discussed.
- Travel Tryouts/Workouts – Lead by E. Zakarewicz
 - Discussion on when to hold tryouts since October was not able to be done this year.
 - Decision was made not to do before the Holidays this year, but to do the first week of January.
 - Discussion on where to hold tryouts and travel team workouts this year.
 - ALL STAR BASEBALL COSTS for 2016 are:
 - \$175/player without instruction with price dropping \$10/player for each \$1000 WYB subsidizes. Includes Pitcher/Catcher clinics.
 - \$225/player with instruction with a minimum of 7 teams participating. Cost for 6 or less needs to be reworked...cost will increase.
 - All Star wanted an answer by Friday, 9/25/15 – will be told that was not possible at this time.
 - E. Zakarewicz looking at what the other options are for the October Board Meeting
 - Option of each coach working out their own workout plan to be discussed further.
- Filling Board Positions – Lead by D. DiCesare
 - October Meeting – General Board positions to be filled. Interested parties to send in the position they would like to volunteer for prior to the October meeting. G. Hilton to coordinate. Positions attached.
 - November Annual Meeting – Executive Board positions will be voted on at the November Board Meeting
- Township Items – Lead by D. DiCesare and J. Biedermann
 - Minors Tower – Township requested update on fixing the Minors Tower Door. S. Alabrodzinski to repair/replace the lock and secure the door.
 - Water Meter Pit at Kings – The township has required/requested WYB to install a new meter pit at Kings Field. Estimated cost is \$5-\$10K. J. Biedermann to discuss further with J. Paul of Warrington Township
 - Parking Lot and Lights – J. Biedermann provided update.

- The federal permit has been approved and the parking lot construction is to begin November 15th. The stormwater basin will be reconstructed first followed by the Parking Areas. The stormwater line previously expected to run through Minors outfield will now run in a different area and only affect a very small portion of Left Field on Low Minors.
- Entrance locations and Exit locations to change and move away from the Snackstand.
- Lights...J. Biedermann has been trying to follow up with Carr & Duff on cost for erection of the lights. WYB will be responsible for the concrete pillars, purchase of the lights and installation of the lights. Cost is estimated at \$135K installed. All other aspects including foundations and electrical to be by the Township.
- Discussion on concern regarding taking on the debt were discussed. The ability to increase playing and practice time and the potential to allow others to use fields at a rental fee to WYB was discussed, and the decision to move forward was confirmed.
- Fundraising needs to be a priority each year to cover the debt costs and maintenance costs. Memorial Day Tournament and Fall Tournaments are critical to increasing revenue to WYB.