

SACHEM YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 10, 2014

Present: Rich Michienzi, Kevin Murray, Tricia Henderson, Ken Lampert, Michael Creane, Christie Falkenberg, Rusty Sullivan, Peter Carellas, Ellen LeMay, Chris Centurelli, Jim Fair, Angie Burbine, Matt Henning, Joe McCabe, Rich Lanzillo, Jeff Andrews, Mike Degnan

Call to Order – 7:32 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes of the January 21, 2014 Board of Directors meeting were approved unanimously.

II. TREASURER’S REPORT

Ken Lampert reviewed the Jan 14 P&L compared to prior year. He reported that on the revenue side, registrations are up quite a bit from a year ago, but that it might be a timing issue. On the expense side, insurance accounted for the major difference because it was paid in December the prior year. Ken also reported that \$10K would hit the books in February for chartering and Babe Ruth insurance.

After some discussion, it was agreed that going forward, YTD and full year budget will be added to the report to better reflect how finances are tracking after accounting for timing issues.

III. VP REPORTS

A. SOFTBALL

Bernie Schipelliti had nothing new to report per Rich Michienzi.

B. BASEBALL 13 AND OVER

Mike Creane reported that Medford has joined us in the Minuteman League, and this will expand the league by 3-4, which is great news.

Mike will be attending a February meeting hosted by the Babe Ruth Commissioner. They want to change the District format and run a District League through the regular spring season. The winner would move on to the States. This would overlap programs, and Mike will report any additional information to the Board during the April meeting. There is a concern that this change will chase

kids out of the program and allow AAU kids to play and skip the Minuteman League.

C. BASEBALL 10 – 12

Rusty Sullivan reported that Joe Lawlor is returning this year as Commissioner for the Majors. He also reported that we need to get registrations up for AAA and we still need managers and a Commissioner for this division.

D. BASEBALL 6 - 9

Christie Falkenberg raised the idea of having fewer games and more practices. Last year AA had three games a week and a Sunday skills session. This was very well received and helped with the development of the players. Christie reported that she also has her Commissioner in place.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. BASEBALL & SOFTBALL CLINICS

Rich reported that the original times he was given for the clinics at the A's Baseball Center are no longer available, but he has secured new dates and times:

Age 13-15	Sundays, March 2, 16 & 30 from 4:30-6:00
Age 10-12	Saturdays, March 8, 22 & 29 from 5:00-6:30
Sr. Softball	Sundays, March 9 & 23, and April 6 from 4:30-6:00

The cost for the three 90 min sessions is \$25.00 per player. Sessions will be limited to 30 players per session on a first come, first served basis.

Rich asked for approval for a \$2K expenditure for the clinics, which was unanimously approved. Ed Interest will post the registration form on the SYBS website and we will require that players be registered for the spring season to be eligible for the clinics.

B. 50/70 DIAMOND

Peter Carellas reviewed the take a ways from the last meeting and summarized that:

- there is general interest in 50/70 baseball as part of our program
- if possible, we should try to field a team this summer in Bay State
- nobody likes portable mounds

After some discussion about the pro's and con's, it was agreed that we will probably start in the summer and will play at Ginn.

V. DIRECTORS REPORTS

A. SPONSORS

Angie Burbine gave an update on the sponsorship program. They have a lot going on and are tracking well so far with 6 new sponsors. She asked anyone with contacts for the Major's sponsors from last year to please share the information so that she can reach out to them.

B. REGISTRATION/WALK-IN REG

Mike Degnan reported that Feb '14 registrations are tracking at 300 vs. 265 from Feb '13. The walk-in registration proposed date is March 1st at the Sons of Italy. The Board discussed hanging a banner from the bridge over the town center, which will cost \$100. The Board approved the expense. Rich will work on town approvals and Sons of Italy logistics.

C. McCALL MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAMS

Not discussed.

D. SPRING UNIFORMS

Ken Lampert reported that Chris Centurelli had been in touch with Bay State and compared their pricing to Anaconda. Bay State is less expensive. Ken reminded the Board that timing is an issue and we are behind schedule from last year. Rich said he was expecting Staples bid the next day and would like to wait for that before making a decision. Ken also reminded the Board that Bay State did a lot of last minute orders for us last summer, and this should be considered as part of the evaluation. Rich will inform Chris of the decision shortly.

E. PHOTO DAY

Jim Fair is going to be speaking with Cyndey Ambrose about confirmation OF Dustin Pedroia for the Rubber Ducky Fundraiser again this year, and requesting flexibility in scheduling of Photo Day.

F. SPRING FUNDRAISER

Jim Fair raised the idea of having a "uniform parade/walk" around the square on uniform day for the 6-9 age group to generate excitement and awareness. The idea was well received. Jim and Joe will continue to work on this, but it was agreed we would need to have the hats and shirts in time for the parade, which may be an issue. Suggested date is the last weekend in April. This may also be an opportunity to recognize sponsors.

An adult spring fundraiser will be planned. April 11th is a possible date for a comedy night.

G. BOARD OF DIRECTORS PHOTOS

Rich asked anyone that had not had their photo taken for the SYBS website to see him before leaving to have their picture taken.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. WINCAM

Joe McCabe will look into how we do a better job with Wincam. It was agreed that is nice to have but there is a general lack of awareness that needs to be addressed.

B. HALL OF FAME DINNER

The Hall of Fame Dinner will be held at the Burlington Marriott on May 8th. The dinner recognizes senior athletes from WHS, and the cost for a table is \$500. There was a motion to approve the expense, which was unanimously approved.

C. SYBS NEWSLETTER

Rich would like to see us create a newsletter to help promote the program. Mike C. volunteered to help coordinate articles that members submitted. Suggestions include: uniform parade, fundraiser, clinics, walk-in registration, 70 Ft diamond. Joe also offered to help and said there would be a mass email going out to remind people to register after February school vacation.

D. SYBS BY-LAWS/TERM LIMITS

After a discussion on the topic, Rich asked the Board to consider term limits and get back to Kevin Murray with any thoughts.

Meeting adjourned – 9:18 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

**MONDAY, March 17, 2014
7:30 P.M.
MYSTIC VALLEY ROOM
TOWN HALL**

TO DO LIST

<u>TASK</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE PERSON</u>	<u>DATE OF MEETING</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>

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- I. MINUTES TRICIA HENDERSON

- II. TREASURER'S REPORT KEN LAMPERT

- III. VP REPORTS
 - A. SOFTBALL BERNIE SCHIPELLITI
 - B. BASEBALL 13 AND OVER MIKE CREANE
 - C. BASEBALL 10-12 RUSTY SULLIVAN
 - D. BASEBALL 9 AND UNDER CHRISTIE FALKENBERG

- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. BASEBALL & SOFTBALL CLINICS RICH MICHIEZI
 - B. 50/70 BASEBALL DIAMOND PETER CARELLAS

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 - B. REGISTRATION/WALK-IN REG. MIKE DEGNAN
 - C. McCALL MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAMS MIKE CREANE
BERNIE SCHIPELLITI
 - D. SPRING UNIFORMS CHRIS CENTURELLI
 - E. PHOTO DAY JIM FAIR
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 - G. BOARD OF DIRECTOR PHOTO'S RICH MICHIEZI

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