

SACHEM YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 16, 2015

Board Members Present: Rich Michienzi, Ken Lampert, Kevin Murray, John Siciliano, Paul Karle, Jim Fair, Tricia Henderson, Matt Henning, Keith Vinciguerra, Jeff Andrews, Rich Lanzillo, Chris Dauer, Eric Hoertdoerfer, Ellen LeMay, Bob Nutile, Chris Centurelli, Tim Legere and Angie Burbine. Ed Interest by invitation of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

Minutes of February 26, 2015 Meeting

On a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the March 19, 2015 meeting are approved.

Treasurers Report

Ken Lampert reported that March is a big revenue month due to registrations and sponsor payments.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Vice President Reports

- A. 13 & Over – Chris Dauer reported that the middle school teams had started play and that the season would start on April 18.
- B. 10-12 – Keith Vinciguerra reported that the AAA draft held on April 12 went smoothly and that all teams have held practices.
- C. 6-9 – Keith Vinciguerra submitted a report on behalf of Joe McCabe. All Rookie and Clinic teams have been assigned and the late sign ups are being added. Jeff Andrews added that he had a good meeting with the A coaches. Some coaches has expressed an interest in holding practices during the week but field availability is an issue. The AA coaches have been set and there are evenly matched teams.
- D. Softball – Tim Legere reported that the Senior and Intermediate drafts have been held. The Junior teams will be set by the weekend of April 18/19. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was,

RESOLVED: that Kip Adams serve as commissioner of clinic softball.

High School Softball

The coach of the Winchester High School Softball team, Steve Swymer, spoke to the Board about the relationship between SYBS and the high school program. He encouraged the middle school program to have more practices as opposed to just playing in games.

Current Items

Jim Fair reported that the St. Patrick's Day/Comedy Night will net SYBS about \$8,000.

Angie Burbine reported on the sponsors and that a dentist practice in Woburn wanted to sign up for a 4 year sponsorship. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED: to distribute the Moddells promotional email providing SYBS 5% of purchases.

Rich Michienzi reported on that as of the date of the meeting there were 812 players registered.

Chris Centurelli updated the Board on the status of spring uniforms and said that the Single A bags are ready to be picked up on Uniform Night.

Jim Fair said that Uniform Night will be April 26 for AA, A, Clinic, and Junior and Clinic Softball from 5:30-7:15 with Wally the Green Monster in attendance.

Matt Henning reported on the junior umpire program and noted that there were enough girls to have all softball games staffed by girl umpires.

Keith Viniciguerra said there will be a coaches clinic on April 27 from 7-8 pm at Rivals in Woburn.

The spring season will start on May 2 with the majors opening game that night. The snack bar should be open by then.

New Business

There was a discussion of summer teams. Rich said that districts need to be completed by June 29 for 10 and 11 year olds. The Bay State league for 9 year olds begins June 27. It was determined that summer tryouts will be held on May 30 in the morning. At the May meeting there will need to be a discussion of coaches for the summer teams.

There was a discussion of the 12 year old team having the option to play on the 50/70 diamond or on the 60 foot diamond. Ken Lampert said that in 2017 it will not be an option for Bay State and that all teams will play on the 50/70 diamond. The decision was made for the district team to compete on the 50/70 diamond

There was a discussion of the efforts of the McCall baseball/softball coach and upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: to pay Matt Skipoleti \$500 this season for coaching the McCall teams.

There was a discussion of SYBS supporting the high school baseball team's upcoming trip to Cooperstown, New York to play a game. Rich Michienzi, Ken Lampert and Angie Burbine recused themselves from the discussion and any vote because they have sons on the team. On a motion duly made and seconded , it was

RESOLVED: to give \$500 to each of the Winchester High School baseball and softball teams and to request that they do a clinic for SYBS players and a \$500 donation to the baseball team to contribute to its trip to Cooperstown.

Steve Swymer talked about improvements to the softball facility and said he might like to see the dugouts painted and a storage container. He may raise this at another time.

There was a discussion of support for the Winchester Hall of Fame Dinner and on a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: to purchase a full page ad in the Hall of Fame Dinner program for \$300.

There was a mention of Field Cleanup Day on April 25 and that the Town is going to hire a private contractor to mow all of the fields so it will continue that responsibility. There is a field user fee of \$7.00 per registered player paid to the Town for field maintenance.

It was agreed that it is ok for sponsors to post team pictures without names on their websites.

Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.