

SACHEM YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 21, 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, Christine Falkenberg, Chris Centurelli, Tim Legere, Rich Crawford and Joe McCabe. Michael Creane and Major's Commissioner Joe Lawler by invitation of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes of April 16, 2015 Meeting

With one change to reflect the approval of a \$500 donation to the high school baseball team for its trip to Cooperstown, on a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the April 16, 2015 meeting are approved.

Treasurers Report

Ken Lampert reported that revenues are tracking to the budget and there is still sponsorship money to be received.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Vice President Reports

- A. Softball – Tim Legere reported that things are going pretty well. There have been some issues with coaches in the senior league, Tim said he would work with Rich Crawford on the issues. He reported that Kip Adams has done a great job with the clinic/rookie programs.
- B. 13 & Over – Chris Dauer reported that the season is in full flight and that the games are competitive. He is trying to keep middle school games played during the week.
- C. 9 & Under - Joe McCabe reported that the AA season is off to a good start and there has been a great turnout for the skills sessions on Sunday afternoons. He said they would field two 9 year old teams and one 8 year old team in the Woburn Tournament over Memorial Day weekend. He said that the clinic

and rookie leagues are going well and uniform night was a big success. There was a discussion of getting the infield machine to Mullen to work on the fields there.

- D. 10-12 – Keith Vinciguerra reported that Fred Huber is doing a great job as the AAA commissioner. He had been worried about numbers but with 5-6 late registrations things worked out fine.

Joe Lawler then discussed holding double elimination playoffs for the Majors. Joe spoke to the better experience for the players of a double elimination tournament over single elimination. Michael Creane pointed out that the district tournaments begin on June 20. There was discussion of how to fit a double elimination tournament into the schedule and on a motion duly made and seconded it was:

RESOLVED: to hold a double elimination Majors playoff beginning June 8 and ending by June 16.

Joe Lawler left the meeting at this point.

Current Items

Christine Falkenberg reported on finalizing rosters and assigning unassigned players. SYBS will pay a user fee of \$6,000 to the Town for the spring.

New Business

Jim Fair reported on the rubber duck drop and the need to get going on fund raising.

Summer Baseball

- A. Tim Legere reported that the Middle Essex League wants registrations by June 1 and that we can field 2 teams and maybe 3. U12, U14 and U10. We will send a team to the State Babe Ruth Tournament for U12 and that tryout for that team will be on May 30.
- B. Chris Dauer reported that there will be 3 summer teams and the coaches are:
- 13s – Mike Costello
 - 14s - Chris Dauer
 - 15/16 - Mike Crean
- C. Keith Vinceguerra said there will be three summer teams and the coaches are:

10s- Marty Mahoney
11s- Chris Centurelli
12s - John Kingston

Tryouts for the 10s, 11s and 12s will be May 30 from 5pm-7pm and June 5 for the 9 year olds at 5:30pm.

- D. Tom Sheehan will coach the Senior Babe Ruth Team and Rich Michienzi will help.
- E. Rich let the board know that the high school coach is holding a summer clinic and that the information would be distributed to the Majors teams and placed on the website.
- F. Rich discussed the Skillings Field Project and that it was not dead though the Town Meeting opposed it. He said the Board of Selectmen will put it on the ballot for June 9. On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: for SYBS to support the Skillings Field Project as an organization.

- G. On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: to pay \$350 each for three teams to participate in the Woburn Memorial Day tournament.

Other Business

There was a discussion of field conditions, namely water at third base at Ambrose which Softball uses for practices and the pitching mounds at Nutile and Mullen.

There was a discussion of the Board rules for votes on financial matters and votes taken by email. The Board was reminded that all financial matters must be placed on the meeting agenda by the Executive Board and may not be raised at a meeting without Executive Board approval. Email voting should only be done in time sensitive situations and then only with the prior approval of the Executive Board.

There is a need for more Ts for the batting cages.

Rich reminded the summer coordinators about process for tryouts being the coach and 2 independent evaluators with baseball knowledge.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.