

SACHEM YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**May 19, 2016**

Board Members Present: Rich Michienzi, Kevin Murray, Kevin Murphy, Robin Lacey, Ken Lampert, Ellen LeMay, Tim Legere, Joe McCabe, Rich Lanzillo, Tom Mahoney, Christie Falkenberg, Chris Centurelli, Andrey Zarur, Paul Karle, Fred Huber, Matt Henning. Wayne Pandolph, John Zirmani and Marty Mahoney attended by invitation of the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m.

Rich thanked the Board and SYBS community for the flowers and support on his father's death.

**I. Treasurers Report**

Ken Lampert provided the report of the Treasurer.

There was a discussion of the success of winter clinic. Comedy Night collection from auction items is not done. There will be a full report on the Comedy Night at the next meeting. Equipment will be settled by then as well. Ken noted that the facility expense includes the back charge to NSTAR so that is a one time expense. There was an IRS penalty for late filing fees which is being appealed. Ken said there is sponsor income still to come and thinks concession income will come in.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: to accept and approve the Treasurers Report.

## II. Vice President Reports

- A. VP Baseball (13 & over) – Mike Creane not being present, Rich Michienzi reports all moving smoothly.
- B. VP Baseball (10-12) – All running smoothly.
- C. Joe McCabe reported that AA is going well. He reminds everyone to make sure everyone puts back tees and helmets if they see them down there.
- D. Softball. Tim Legere reported that all is fine with Senior Softball. Intermediate commissioner Bob Corso reported some concerns about length of games and speed and some umpire issues. Clinic has no commissioner so Tim has been doing it and McCall Middle School team is helping run it. There was a discussion of space at Ginn for summer. Rich Michienzi noted that softball has grown, it is a credit to Tim and his predecessors.

## III. Old Business

- A. Comedy Night Recap – Fred Huber reports \$3,600 revenue. He said it was not what we hoped for but he has some ideas. Raised the possibility of having the event in the Fall.
- B. Uniform Night Recap. Joe McCabe reports it was well attended. Thanks for all of the help.

- C. Sponsor Update – Tom Mahoney said it was a race to get all uniforms done. There was a discussion of having coaches use sponsor’s name in the stories posted to the website.
- D. Junior Umpire Report – Robin Lacey reports we are doing a fairly good job of keeping up to date with the schedule.

There was a discussion of softball umpires and potentially using PATCH umpires.

Majors – Umpires have made some disappointing calls on the field – Rich Michienzi suggests majors coaches get together and discuss.

Andrey says they are going to use junior umps instead of patched umpires in the AAA playoffs and finals.

Rich Michienzi suggests for Majors pairing patched umpires with a junior umpire.

- E. Spring Registration Recap – Christie Falkenberg – Only down 20 players from last year, mostly softball. 830 this year vs. 852 previously.

She reminded of the Babe Ruth Letter of Eligibility and that all rosters need to be submitted for our letter.

She noted that birth certificates are required for Babe Ruth insurance purposes.

#### IV. New Business

##### A. Summer Coach Nominations

9 – Wayne Pandolph – Bay State / John Siciliano for Cal Ripkin

10 – John Zermani

11 – Marty Mahoney

12 – Chris Centurelli

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: to accept and approve the Summer Coach Nominations.

Tryouts for Summer will be held this Sunday, May 22.

8:30 – 10:30 for 9s and 11s

10:30 – 12:30 for 10s and 12s

Selection process will be that managers can evaluate players joined by 2 independent evaluators.

Summer Softball discussion – Tryout conflict with the McCall graduation so something will need to be worked out.

Discussion of registration for 13, 14 and 15/16 Lou Tompkins, Bay State 9, 10, 11, 12

Kevin Murphy said to organize the Summer teams he needs to figure out how many we have playing after the Bay State / District teams are selected.

B. Fred Huber update on plans for the Rubber Duck Drop which is the largest fundraiser for SYBS. Last year we sold 2,500 ducks. Fred reports that there will be prizes for teams selling the most ducks, A, AA and AAA to selling teams get a game under the lights.

C. High School Summer Baseball Clinic – July 18-22

9:00 am – 11:00 am -- \$99

Students going into 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

D. Rich Michienzi mentioned the Mass. Parkinson Walkathon and that Bob Nutile will be walking 3 miles to benefit Parkinson's Disease.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: to approve the donation of \$500 to benefit Parkinson's Disease.

- E. Rich Michienzi let the Board know that two places the town is considering for a dog park are the Nutile D Field or Playground.

Lights at the Dog Park.

- F. Andrey mentioned Practice Fields are scarce for AAA. He also noted that we will need to figure out a process for responding to questions that come through the SYBS Facebook page.

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