

SACHEM YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 18, 2013

Present: Rich Michienzi, Kevin Murray, Tricia Henderson, Ken Lampert, Michael Creane, Rusty Sullivan, Christie Falkenberg, Bernie Schipelliti, Bob Nutile, Peter Carellas, Richie Lanzillo, Ellen LeMay, Jim Fair, Mike Duggan, Angie Burbine, Mike Tucci, Keith Vinciguerra, Matt Henning

Call to Order – 7:06 p.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes of the October 17, 2013 Board of Directors meeting and of the Annual Meeting were approved unanimously.

II. TREASURER’S REPORT

Ken Lampert had nothing to report.

III. VP REPORTS

A. SOFTBALL

Bernie Schipelliti had nothing new to report.

B. BASEBALL 13 AND OVER

Mike Creane reported that the 90 ft diamond at McDonald is being rebuilt by the town. This was welcome news to the board.

Mike also reported that he is in discussions with Lexington, Arlington, Medford, Woburn and Burlington about joining the Minuteman League. Burlington is a possibility. Woburn is moving to a 90 ft. Medford is interested, but yet to be finalized. He mentioned that 6 teams will build up the Minuteman League a little more, which has been historically Winchester, Bedford and Belmont.

Rich Michienzi asked for a contact for Bernie to discuss a softball program.

C. BASEBALL 10 – 12

Rusty Sullivan had nothing to report.

D. BASEBALL 6 - 9

Christie Falkenberg had nothing to report.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget

Ken Lampert handed out the budget and pointed out the major differences. First is an increase in sponsorships of \$10K due to new dedicated board members in that position this year. The Board felt confident that we could increase sponsorships to \$25K vs \$14K last year with the board position filled by Mike Tucci & Angie Burbine. Also, expenses are \$13K higher than last year due, in part, to the concession payroll. Concessions were not open a full season last year, so the budget is more in line with what we ran in the past. We have budgeted to hire High Schools kids to work the concessions again this year. Ken also mentioned that equipment and umpires are the biggest expenses items. Ken is going to check into the \$4K item in donations.

Jim Fair asked about the big difference in tournament expenses in the budget and Rich said he does not expect Winchester will host any big tournaments this year, other than maybe Districts, which is not a big expense.

It was also noted that we switched field maintenance vendors last year and saved a lot of money.

Jim Fair questioned why we are budgeting for a loss in the concessions, and Rich mentioned will be looking into what can be done to make them cost neutral next year.

Ken pointed out that \$20K has been allocated for potential capital items.

B. Nominating Committee

Rich Michienzi reported that there are still two positions to be filled. He asked anyone with suggestions to email him.

Field/Web Coordinator/Schedule Coordinator - Peter Carellas asked if it was possible to split the position into smaller jobs, which may make it easier to fill. Rusty Sullivan said the position was critical to fill but we may be able to split cancellations from rescheduling. Jim Fair suggested the website be put under Marketing. It was agreed we need to find someone to handle reschedules, but it is an open question about how to fill it. Rusty will give this some thought before the next meeting and will try to find someone to fill the job.

Booster Club – there was a question about whether this position was needed. Rich feels it is needed to help rally the troops for events where helpers are needed. This will be put on hold a little longer.

C. Job Descriptions

Rich Michienzi reported that the Nominating Committee has finalized job descriptions for the Board positions. Rich will send them to Tricia Henderson to distribute to the Board.

D. Winton Club

Rich Michienzi reported that we have been approached by the Winton Club for our annual contribution to their cabaret. He said that SYBS has donated for the last 15-20 years. It is viewed as good will in the community. The donation is \$175 for a ½ page ad. There was a motion to give the donation, and it was unanimously approved. Ken Lampert will issue the check.

E. Capital Projects

Rich Michienzi repeated that \$20K has been allocated for capital projects, and asked for input from the board about how the funds should be allocated. Mike Creane recommended covers for the dugouts at McDonald & Skillings and developing space at Mullen for a 50/70 field. There was a suggestion to hold off on Skillings until the High School renovations we made. There was another suggestion to upgrade A & B at Mullen. Rich and Kevin suggested we make a 5 year plan for fields and see what needs to be done. Nets are needed, Ginn needs work, Mullen fields have drainage issues. etc.

Rich suggested looking at the number of kids that play on each of the fields to prioritize.

Bob Nutile will check to see if DPW has any other fields on their list to fix.

Rich suggested concessions could use some focus and that we spend some money to make improvements.

F. 50/70 Diamond Committee

Peter, Ken, Rusty and Mike are the new committee members. 50/70 was introduced as a transitional phase by Cal Ripken. SYBS is considering going to the bigger diamond format for 11 & 12 yr olds as a way to compete with AAU programs. Question – do we want to consider this format for Summer 2014 for 12 yr team? We would need to select team early, so a decision needs to be made in Mar/April. Committee will present a report to the board in the next couple of months.

G. Other

Christmas party was discussed, and Michael Creane is going to plan.

The idea of a Medical Liaison was discussed. Peter checked with Lexington and was told they have a doctor for that role. There is interest from the board to explore this further.

Meeting adjourned – 8:15 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2013
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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NOVEMBER 18, 2013**

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