

SACHEM YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**November 20, 2014**

Board Members Present: Rich Michienzi, Ken Lampert, Kevin Murray, John Siciliano, Paul Karle, Shauna Dowden, Jim Fair, Tricia Henderson, Matt Henning, Bob Nutile, Chris Dauer, Rich Crawford, Chris Centurelli, Angie Burbine, Eric Hoerdoerfer

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Minutes of October 20 Meeting

Kevin Murray proposed adding a list of the 2014/2015 directors to the proposed minutes of the October 20 meeting and the positions each holds. With that change, on a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the October 20, 2014 meeting are approved.

2015 Budget

Ken Lampert led a discussion of the proposed 2015 budget as compared to the actual revenues and expenses for 2014. He noted that the proposed budget projects increased revenue from player registrations as a result of an average \$25 per player in registration fees and assuming consistent registrations. He said that summer registration was up from 2013 to 2014. Ken also noted that revenue from sponsorships doubled from 2013 to 2014 and he has increased the budgeted number for 2015. There was no gala in 2014 but the 2015 includes one in the budget.

Kevin Murray explained the payments to Ed Interes for work on the website and the fee to transfer control of the website to SYBS which will be a one time fee.

Ken explained that the concessions at Nutile Field are not a money maker but that he increased revenue from it in the 2015 budget possibly from small price increases and being open during softball games.

There was a discussion of the budget line items for equipment and field maintenance. Consideration is being given to contracting out for all field maintenance in 2015 for the Nutile Field complex. The line item for clinics has been increased to possibly accommodate clinics for the 6-9 year olds.

Jim Fair noted that there should possibly be a line item for capital improvements given the increase in registration fees. It is possible that the Town may replace the backstops on the A and B diamonds at Nutile Field. It was the consensus that a \$25,000 line item for capital improvements be added to the budget.

Ken updated the Board on the little year to date activity. On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: to accept the Treasurer's Report and the proposed 2015 budget with the changes noted above.

#### Vice President Reports

- A. 13 & Over – Chris Dauer said that both the Minuteman League and Extreme Baseball are under consideration. He said that doing Extreme Baseball for the summer would give the league a feel for it. Concern about travel, but there may be North and South divisions. It was mentioned that the Lou Tompkins League is also an option.
- B. 6-9 – Rich Michienzi noted that while Joe McCabe was unable to attend the meeting, he would like to begin getting the A and AA teams together earlier in the spring in 2015. There would still be no games until after April school vacation.

#### Winter Clinics

Rich Michienzi said that Joe would like to make some clinics available to younger players. Jim Fair noted the issues with scheduling at the A's Baseball Center. There was a discussion of looking into the Wolf Den and Rich said he would look into use of the high school gym.

Paul Karle and Jim Fair mentioned looking into clinics for coaches and/ or professional coaching.

#### By-laws

Kevin Murray presented the revised By-laws for SYBS to the Board. On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: to adopt the revised By-laws with the fiscal year remaining August 31.

#### Other Business

Chris Centurelli mentioned an upcoming effort to clean out the equipment room.

Jim Fair raised the holiday party and Jim and Tricia Henderson agreed to try to organize one.

Paul Karle raised the issue of restrooms at the various fields.

Bob Nutile volunteered to find out what Cal Ripken League tournaments might be available for SYBS to host.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.