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ALL Board Meeting Minutes 11/9/15

Meeting called to Order at 6:30pm

Members Present: Chris Ahearn, Marc Cornish, Melissa Haas, Baron Jones, Keith Maynard, Joe Pinto, Colleen Rondon, Chris Saddler, Brad Zealor, Joe Czajkowski, Henry Rondon, Kurt Haas, Chris Sherman

Members absent: Charlie Revere, Steve Tamburrino

Approved Minutes from 10/8/15 Annual Meeting

Public Session – No one present, closed.

Presentation by Matt Edo, Alderman – Matt couldn't make it, per Colleen he wanted to welcome and congratulate board and talk about standards of behavior, decorum. We represent league in public.

Completion of Board of Director Roles (tabled from last meeting):

- Umpire Coordinator – Baron nominated Joe Czajkowski for umpire coord. Marc seconded. Joe accepted and vote passed unanimously. Baron will send info from last year to Joe C.
- Baseball safety officer – Brad nominated Keith Maynard, Baron seconded, Keith accepted and vote passed unanimously. Discussion on safety manual: Chris A will look for safety manual on Little league website and provide to board for review. We save money from Little League if we have one in place.

Treasurer's Report – October 2015

- Income: \$1135.81 (\$507.16 Baseball; \$628.65 Softball)
- Expenses: \$856.00 (\$295 Baseball; \$245 Softball; \$316 Admin)
- Profit: \$279.81
- Balance: \$13,443.77 (\$9116.90 Baseball, \$3650 Softball; \$676.82 Admin)
- Paid for PO box.
- Due to switching banks from ION to People's, 3 checks bounced, Bob made good on two out of three, Joe cut new check with penalty.

- Joe – baseball needs to spend money (proposed expenses to be discussed later in meeting).
- Motion to accept treasurer's report made and seconded, vote passed unanimously.

Fall Ball reports:

Softball

- Chris A - About 42 players, lot of late signups (7). Coaches may not accept late signups at some point.
- Colleen suggested sending out fall flyers to schools in June, having registration at end of school year (harder doing it over the summer). Possibility for next year.
- Brad – Derby parent said not going to come back, going to Shelton next year. Once they played in our league, grandfathered in...once leave, can't come back. Kids can stay if they've played before. Saying this for a couple of years. That would be 30 kids in spring. Chris A said Derby parents are positive about Ansonia, so he'd be surprised if this is coming from him.

Baseball

- Chris Saddler - 58-60 kids. Teams: 2 majors, 1 minor, 1 coach pitch, 2 tball. Tball played other towns this year and was coed. Numbers were consistent with last year.
- Tough getting managers, especially tball. Lots of late signups.
- Hard time with coach pitch kids not showing up, getting late cancellation emails from parents, cancelled four games.
- Trouble getting concession volunteers at instructional level. Less of issue in spring because not as many instructional games at Nolan. We can discuss at Feb/March meeting – need plan to staff stands fairly. Needs to be parent on team, not coach.
- Chris Sherman suggested coaches meetings with parents. Kurt said this is discussed with coaches but coaches don't focus on getting team parents.
- Joe Pinto says we need to be tougher on this – forfeit games if we don't staff stands.
- Henry – Fall schedule made it tough for concession and umpires - minor/major at 11, instructional at 3, another minor game after – issue with umps and stands, stands were locked. Ump games need to be back to back – need to tell the district this for next year. Unusual this year the way they scheduled it.

Establish Spring 2016 Fees

- Colleen – Need to get fees established for spring for next town rec board (1st Monday of Dec).
- Options for 2016:
 - Keep same fees and discounts as 2015.

- o Add \$25 to cost to cover end of year party at Quassy. Covers full admission, food, drinks, use of pavilion. Could do end of year gift at same time.
 - o Change Fundraiser to a Hit-A-Thon: Run through website, send link and have participants raise money, submit hit-a-thon data to website, website takes 10%. Derby LL raised \$8000 last year. Prizes and pizza party to team that gets most. Colleen proposes changing from raffle to this.
 - o Add fee after registration cut off to cover the cost of single uniform printing.
- Discussion:
 - o Suggestion to do Quassy and hit-a-thon, eliminate raffle, to avoid increasing registration fee by \$25. We can try hit-a-thon/Quassy for one year see how it works. We could just raise overall fee \$25 instead of adding a line item for Quassy. We would include in flyer that fee includes uniform, league fees, Quassy end of year party. Concern raised with what happens to money if kids don't go to Quassy. Once we give Quassy the headcount/money, if kids don't go Quassy would not refund.
 - o We have to accept players up until 1st pitch. Problem with this is uniforms. Proposal to add a single uniform printing fee for kids who sign up late. Tentative draft is 3/21, so fee would apply on or after 3/22 or 3/23.
 - o Question if manager shirts are included into the registration fees. Managers didn't get shirts last two years. All agreed that registration fees include supplies, umpires, manager shirts.
- Motion made and seconded to keep fees and discounts the same as 2015. Vote passed unanimously.
 - Motion made to designate \$25 of the fees to end of year party at Quassy.
 - Concern raised about kids that don't go and Quassy keeping that money. Suggestion made to present raffle to board and possibly changing it later. Concern raised that this would not give us enough time to have rec board approve fees, Board of Ed approve flyer, and distribution to schools by Jan 4th.
 - Joe Pinto made motion to accept Quassy, motion was seconded, motion was passed with two members voting no. Brad to continue conversation with Quassy re: rain date options, rain checks for kids who can't go, deadline for headcount (will have info at special meeting).
 - Motion made to change fundraise to hit-a-thon, motion was seconded, vote passed unanimously.
 - Brad made motion to add fee for single uniform printing (fee exact cost of printing), Keith seconded motion, passed unanimously. Flyer will state that a fee will apply after cutoff date for uniform printing.
 - Joe Pinto stated that we are the only league taking cash, proposed only taking checks or money orders. City controller doesn't want us taking cash. Chris Sherman to look into credit cards. Flyer to state no cash.

Proposed 2016 Calendar:

- Colleen submitted proposed 2016 calendar. Board will review calendar to discuss at later date.
- All agreed that four dates in January for registration look good.
- Winter Clinic schedule discussion: 1 hour during week for instructional. Major/minors – 1 ½ hour each weekend. Jeff Coppola was in attendance and scheduled the armory for us for every Thursday, said Saturday mornings should be ok for Feb. Colleen to sit with Jeff to get times.

Bylaws Draft

- Colleen distributed bylaws from Derby and Beacon Falls, our bylaws cannot be found.
- Jeff Coppola recommends board approving new bylaws every year, and bringing to rec board for approval.
- Kurt offered to draft bylaws, board will focus on this at next meeting.

Expenses

- Reimbursement
 - Joe P wants to reimburse for concession stands before next meeting to be able to report on how well they did.
 - Kurt's concession expenses: Total \$84.05 (\$51.89 – new exterior light; \$32.16 concession supplies/propane from Big Y). Joe P \$500 to City Stitchers. Motion made and seconded to accept these reimbursements, vote passed unanimously.
- Proposed expenses
 - Chris Sherman proposed looking into award for Bob DeFelice. Discussed \$100 gift card and up to \$40 for plaque. Motion made and seconded to accept these expenses, vote passed unanimously.
 - Colleen has to submit charter to Little League. Has included accident and liability insurance in the past. Extra \$250 for theft insurance. Total charter cost about \$2000. Motion made and seconded to accept charter cost with theft insurance, vote passed unanimously.
 - New player management system – ours is antiquated and not web-based., Currently on Brad and Chris Saddler's computers. Chris Saddler proposing New LeagueOne web-based system - streamline registration, manage volunteers, manage communications, parents can update info, more parent-friendly. Set up is lengthy so need to purchase soon. Chris to get cost and we will have special meeting to approve.
 - Colleen - Our website: Dr. Kiku Jones has computer club at Quinnipiac which will help with cleaning up our website.
 - Baron proposed increasing umpire fees in order to gain more interest and loyalty. Ansonia's fees are currently lowest in area. Motion made and seconded to increase umpire fees to \$45 for patch, \$40 for non-patch; vote passed unanimously.

- o Colleen proposed small chest freezer for Nolan. Options will be researched to discuss at a later time.
- o Kurt – Fire extinguisher inspections – Joe C to ask Judd at Public Works to add Nolan to Kirk's (inspection contractor) schedule of routine inspections for Nolan Sports complex.
- o Kurt – On-Time Printing proposed expenses: Three new 200 ft signs - \$45 each – total of \$150. Parade banner - \$82+\$10 for pole pocket. Yard signs for registration - up to \$240 (20 signs) Motion was made and seconded to approve On-Time Printing expenses. Vote passed unanimously. Kurt to give invoice to Joe Pinto, he will drop off check which will include Bob's plaque.

Additional discussion items

- Kurt – What is status of new retaining wall at Nolan. Joe C said work hasn't been started yet.
- Jeff Coppola proposing to rec board that public works fix/upgrade 5 fields. Colleen will follow up at rec board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.