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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2016

Time: 6:30 PM Ansonia Senior Center

Regular Meeting: Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.

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1. Roll Call

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes from 2/22/16 Meeting. Minutes approved unanimously.

4. Public Session – No one present

5. Treasurer's Report – Feb 2016

- Income: \$5514.72
- Expense: \$600
- Profit: \$4914.72
- Balance Forward: \$17,184.70
- Cash on Hand: \$22,099.42
- Giving full refunds now since uniforms haven't been ordered. After that deduct uniform cost. Kids can be cancelled in online system. Chris Saddler to find out if player's credit card gets reimbursed or if we should issue check. We will reimburse full amount minus fee charged for online registration.
- Treasurer's report approved unanimously.

6. Fundraisers

- Apparel – Colleen will contact City Stitchers; All agree to change logo this year. Apparel form can have two designs (baseball, softball) on top, to be put on any apparel. Chris Saddler will ask New Age Design about online fundraiser. Fundraising Committee formed: Chris Sherman, Joe Pinto, Colleen Rondon.
- Hit A Thon – May 15<sup>th</sup>; Will use Volunteer Spot for helpers, need 10 at Nelligan, 10 at Nolan.
- Bricks and Barley – Chris Ahearn sent application for sponsorship (they are interested), left message re: fundraiser. Chris will follow up.
- Peachwave – Colleen will contact.
- Tag Sale – 2 moms coordinating tag sale, 3/24 evening, 3/26 morning. Even split of proceeds between baseball, softball.
- Bluefish and Torrington Titans offered to do Ansonia LL night. All agreed to skip this year due to other commitments.

#### 7. Sponsorships

- Completed sponsors (paid): Italian Pavillion (returning banner & team); Valley Electric (returning banner); Drapp & Jaumann (returning banner & team); Norwood's (banner), Dunn Insurance.
- Contacted by Marc (no response yet): Big Y, Crave, Franks Towing, Sadros Auto, Cooper City Grill, Brannigans Auto, Tracis on Main, Pelin Pizza, Dairy Cream, Mars McNeil (for her company). Marc to ask Sarah Blackwell for Ansonia PD.
- Contacted by Kurt (no response yet): General Muffler (left forms, called multiple times), Contacted Brian Picirilo: Stevens & Molto Benne (he got last year), Brian hasn't replied. Contacted Matt Edo: Ansonia Republicans, Matt hasn't confirmed.
- Melissa: Pediatric & Adolescent Healthcare – dropped off form.
- Other 2015's not contacted yet: Jeff's Appliance, Assumption (banner last year – Joe Pinto will contact), D.F. McDermott (Baron will talk to Kim McDermott), Integrated Security Group (Steve Tamburrino may have contact), Valley Batting Cages (Chris Saddler confirmed they will do banner and will drop off paperwork).
- Potential new sponsor's: J's HotSauce (Coach Javier), Derby Elks (sponsoring all sorts of teams, Colleen sent paperwork)
- Colleen will contact City Stitchers re: banner/uniform cutoff date.

#### 8. Umpires - paperwork, training, assignments, payment plans

- Joe contacted three umpires – Carlos, Jeff, Norm – all available. Two more to call.
- Possible to have 2 softball games, 1 baseball game at same time.
- Umpire clinic to be run last week of March (by district).
- Contact high school baseball players.

- Discussion: New, younger umpires to ump in field first. Train 3 or 4 games (at 1/2 pay). Young umps do minors games, not majors, behind plate.
  - District Meeting: If league is paying employees, we need worker's comp insurance. Joe Pinto: Our umps are not league employees. All have to fill out W9's this year, we should have contract for them to sign saying they are independent contractors. They don't have to claim, we have to issue. Need volunteer forms filled out. Need to have forms back to us before 1<sup>st</sup> game. Joe C to get email addresses for umps to send paperwork to.
  - Treasurer suggests paying a week behind. Easier for cancellations/no shows. Baron knows of one ump who will not do it. Discussion: Some feel they should get paid same day. This is logistically difficult. Decided that weekly checks will start April 16<sup>th</sup>.
9. Upcoming meetings - coaches workshop, all-league parent meeting
- Coaches' workshop – Mead 3/23, Henry has Power Point. Colleen will encourage getting parent help, Kurt will have binders ready.
  - Kurt – Report on Open Forum for Umpires meeting that he attended – Talk of enforcing badge IDs for coaches in dugout; Tom Robinson would provide that service; Phase out of Mako bats by Little League by 2018, Colleen to ask about details of this at district meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - All League Parent Meeting – April 4<sup>th</sup> at Mead; introducing board, distribute forms, discuss communication.
10. Rec Board/Director Update: Jeff Coppola – Public Works will take fences down at Colony as long as no opposition by ALL board. Ok since we do not have many games there. We should keep Public Works informed if not using fields. Nolan Field wall done today (need more pads). Use city line item for new pads. Look into getting something to block spectators from standing behind plate. Also use line item for covers for Nelligan dugouts. Practice fields ok for next week (barring lots of rain). Nolan probably closed until opening day.
11. Registration Updates: Baseball: 154 (3 majors, 4 minors – 18 12 year olds). Final evals 3/15 then draft; Softball – 76 registered.
12. Opening Day – April 9<sup>th</sup>, we will have small ceremony, Seymour to send us major team; Softball to have separate opening day.
13. Volunteer Approvals – Appoint committee: Chris Saddler, Chris Ahearn, Colleen. Need new volunteer forms (not returning) for all volunteers due to new city volunteer rules. This includes ALL Board members.

#### 14. Expenses

- Itemized equipment list for city line items (Nolan pads, covers for fences, Nelligan dugout covers, league balls)
- Proposed expenses - Nolan refrigerator/freezer (Marc) – to be discussed with concession stand committee; Coaches' binders (up to \$100) – approved unanimously; Colleen – up to \$50 mailing materials (approved); High school players and coach - \$25 gift cards to kids (Dicks); \$50 gift card for coach. – (approved unanimously)
- Reimbursements - Website domain \$16 ([www.ansonialittleleague.org](http://www.ansonialittleleague.org)), bat trophy holder (Rising Stars bat trophy holder - \$31.44);

#### Executive Session:

1. Review and Approval of Managers/Coaches

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.