



Deerfield Youth Baseball and Softball Association

November 1, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Present: Lew Bricker, Mike Danielewicz, Jeff Feldheim, Tom Gilbert, Adam Gold, Colette Harlan, Greg Marvy, Barry Metzger, Todd Rubin, Victor Rudo, Beth Sciarretta, Jeff Shamberg, Tom Shapira, Harry Steindler

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Following a motion and a second, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the October 4, 2010 meeting.
2. The Commissioner indicated that going forward, the meeting agendas and approved minutes will be posted on the website and a greater effort will be made to keep within the timeframes for each item on the agenda. The Board discussed the best way to respond to anonymous inquiries/complaints.
3. Travel Baseball. Adam Gold discussed an anonymous email regarding try-outs and the number of players selected for a team. He indicated that going forward, travel coaches will be encouraged to discuss evaluations directly with their players at the end of the season. In the context of the try-out, Coach Mayer's discussions following the try-out are very important for a player to learn what skills need to be improved. He noted that there is an upcoming MSBL meeting to discuss the Spring schedule. In addition, there is a potential conflict with the proposed Cooperstown dates that will need to be addressed. He indicated the Wooden Bat Tournament will occur on the weekend of Father's Day.
4. Baseball. Barry Metzger indicated that registration posters have been put up. He is pleased with the baseball committee's participation so far. He indicated the league presidents will work with Joy of the Game to develop a curriculum for clinics. He will also approach other clinic sponsors to participate. The clinics are a part of the registration fee. He is looking for someone to run the winter clinics. He also indicated that if a committee member's child is not playing in the house league, that individual would not be eligible to be on the baseball committee.
5. Treasurer. Jeff Shamberg discussed amounts in the money market account and the checking account as of October 31. Those amounts do not reflect the invoice from Deerfield Park District. Jeff indicated that we are unable to reconcile deposits specifically to each league. In addition, travel is not yet on the website. For budget purposes, he used prior numbers but will meet with each director for anticipated budget numbers. He indicated that the budgeted travel numbers include an amount for uniforms, but the budget does not include the use of Thillens Stadium.

6. Volunteer Dinner. Todd Rubin indicated that there have been 37 RSVPs and he is awaiting additional RSVPs. The dinner will be on Friday, November 12.
7. Board Response. The Commissioner discussed the process when an email is sent to the entire Board. The relevant director needs to address the issue before forwarding to the rest of the Board, rather than all Directors getting involved in the response. With respect to scholarships, the responsible director must obtain the necessary background information and provide that to the Commissioner for final approval.
8. Fields. Jeff Fjeldheim indicated he is still seeking input as to needs for the fields but that the Park District is doing a lot of work already. He noted that it is difficult to ask for the bigger items now while this work is going on. Beth indicated she was aware of some unused backstops that we can pick up for use.
9. Technology. Tom Gilbert distributed the current registration numbers and indicated that a weekly letter is being sent out as a reminder. The Board discussed communication with the schools to encourage registration.
10. Softball. Lew Bricker indicated that he is still seeking a president for the T-ball and Bronco leagues. He provided yard signs to be distributed advertising registration for baseball and softball. In addition, there will be three clinics in each of January, February and March. Lew also provided an explanation of the proposed amendments, followed by a Board discussion of same.
11. New Business. To be discussed at a later meeting, the Board was asked to consider a subsidy for pitching lessons for softball, to improve the entire program.
12. Next Meeting. The next meeting will be on December 6, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,

Thomas B. Shapira