



Deerfield Youth Baseball and Softball Association

April 13, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Directors in Attendance: Mike Danielewicz, Jeff Fjeldheim, Thomas Gilbert, Adam Gold, Colette Harlan, Greg Marvy, Barry Metzger, Todd Rubin, Beth Sciarretta, Jeff Shamberg, Tom Shapira, Victor Rudo

After a motion and a second, the minutes of the prior meeting were approved.

1. Picture Day. Mr. Shapira updated the Board on the arrangements for Picture Day, indicating the schedule was being distributed to all managers and league presidents and would also be posted on-line. All sponsors and managers will receive plaques with a team picture.

2. Umpires. Mr. Rudo indicate there were some issues with the softball schedule but now will be using similar process used for baseball, in an attempt to eliminate the issues. The Board discussed whether headfirst slides were permitted and whether umpires should give a warning. It was determined to continue to monitor the issue, but no formal rule change will be made at this time.

3. Softball. Mr. Bricker submitted a report indicating that registration numbers were up and the new league president, Steve Taub, was doing his job well.

4. Travel Baseball. Mr. Gold indicated that only 28 kids tried out at the 9U level. The Board discussed the post-tryout “bucket” talk and the need to emphasize to Coach Mayer that these talks needed to be geared to the age of the kids. Mr. Gold clarified that for the 8U teams, a player could not choose which team to play on. He discussed the upcoming 10U tryouts which may need to move indoors as a result of weather. The Board discussed the missed event/absence policy for the travel teams and discussed the possible consequences for those players who violate the rule.

5. Baseball. The Board discussed eligibility for the Pinto All Star Game with respect DYBA and non-DYBA travel teams. The Board consensus was that any 8U travel player (whether on a DYBA team or not) should not be eligible for the game. The Board reiterated the rule requiring a slide at home plate if there will be play and also discussed the use of Hart Gard shirts as a personal choice for players, and not DYBA mandated.

6. Fields: Mr. Fjeldheim indicated that the Park District is behind in field maintenance as a result of the weather but is catching up on the work on directing lights at the fields. He stressed the need to protect the light codes, that should be for coach use only. The Board discussed the parking/safety issue on Crabtree and will send a warning to all coaches. There has been a problem that the PD tractor can only be used to turn fields in the morning, but at that time, the fields may not sustain any weight. By the afternoon when the fields can bear the weight, the

service is not available from the Park District. The Board will consider purchasing its own tractor.

7. Equipment. Mr. Danielewicz reported on minor glitches with three uniforms that have now been corrected. For the summer season, he is considering the use of college teams.

8. Treasurer. Mr. Shamberg reported on the balances in the money market and checking accounts as of March 31. He noted there have been additional recent deposits that are not reflected in these numbers. He circulated actual versus budget comparisons on a year-to-date basis, as well a list of undeposited checks from DYBA.

9. Summer Fees. Ms. Sciarretta proposed fees for the summer season. The Board unanimously approved the following: T-ball \$100.00, Pinto \$135.00, Mustang/Bronco \$150.00, and Pony \$160.00. All leagues, other than T-ball, have a \$50.00 late registration fee.

Next meeting May 2 at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas B. Shapira
Secretary