



**Deerfield Youth Baseball and Softball Association**  
**May 2, 2011**

Directors in Attendance: Mike Danielewicz, Jeff Fjeldheim, Thomas Gilbert, Adam Gold, Colette Harlan, Barry Metzger, Victor Rudo, Beth Sciarretta, Jeff Shamberg, Tom Shapira, Harry Steindler.

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

1. Umpires. The Board discussed rescheduling of rained out games and that we are running out of open fields and dates if there is significantly more rain. The Board discussed a potential extension of the season into the summer season, noting it is easier for the T-ball and Pinto leagues, which do not use the Wooden Bat fields, but this poses problems with camp departures and creates more conflicts with travel. The Board discussed house/travel conflict situations. League presidents will be encouraged to re-schedule games and call-up lists will be expanded. In addition, pitcher/catcher restrictions on call ups will be waived in the Bronco and Pony leagues. If necessary, the playoffs can be pushed until the Tuesday prior to Wooden Bat. In the future, the Board may consider moving Wooden Bat one week later and moving the season back two weeks from the beginning of April. Mr. Rudo indicated he is working on the schedule for the Wooden Bat tournament.
2. Scholarship. Mr. Steindler confirmed that all Board members had received copies of the applications for scholarships and asked for responses by May 6. The Board considered reserving one scholarship for a player on the baseball team, similar to the softball-specific scholarship.
3. Fields. Mr. Fjeldheim reported that he and the Park District are aware of issues with the fields and once fields are stabilized as a result of rain, the additional work, such as re-grading and fixing the infield lips, will occur.
4. Picture Day. Everything went smoothly. No one is aware of any problems and PMI did a good job.
5. Registration. Mr. Gilbert indicated that summer registration is open but is holding off sending an email blast in light of the limited number of Spring games played to date.
6. Baseball. Mr. Metzger indicated he is working with Mr. Gold on resolving scheduling conflicts with travel. He noted the Mustang games at Thillens will occur May 14 and 15. The Board discussed Pinto eligibility for the All Star game in light of DYBA and non-DYBA 8U travel teams.
7. Fundraising. Ms. Harlan announced Chipotle Day will be on May 14 and half the proceeds will go to DYBA. She indicated the sale of Warrior Wear at Picture Day netted \$2,388 and apparel will also be sold at All Star games, but only out of inventory. No orders will be taken. She indicated that the 12U teams are hoping to have a fundraiser at a Deerfield pool for

Cooperstown. The Board discussed the potential liability for DYBA and determined that such a fundraiser would not be appropriate, but will share other fundraising ideas with these teams.

8. Treasurer. Mr. Shamberg announced that the amounts available as of April 30 in both the money market and checking accounts, after the donation to the DHS Booster Club. He indicated that DYBA is owed some credit on uniform orders. He provided budget comparison and will have a per player cost broken out for budgeting purposes.

9. Travel. Mr. Gold indicated there are still three families that have not paid for travel. If payments are not received by the upcoming deadline, the player will be suspended. The Board discussed the 8U tryouts. The turnout was low but 13 of the 20 players will be put on the team. There will be no developmental team. The Board passed a resolution to approve purchasing batting helmets for the 13U and 14U teams, at a cost of approximately \$300 per team. Mr. Gold indicated that 10U tryouts will be in the Fall. These tryouts previously occurred in the Spring.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas B. Shapira  
Secretary