



**Deerfield Youth Baseball and Softball Association**  
**June 6, 2011**

Directors in Attendance: Lew Bricker, Mike Danielewicz, Jeff Fjeldheim, Adam Gold, Greg Marvy, Barry Metzger, Todd Rubin, Victor Rudo, Beth Sciarretta, Jeff Shamberg, Tom Shapira, Harry Steindler.

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

Mr. Steindler introduced the 2011 scholarship winners: Brendan Chamberlain-Simon; Zach Dickstein, Jessica Rutstein, Jake Kuznetsky and John Smirles. Mr. Steinder and the Board congratulated them on winning the scholarships.

1. Umpires. Mr. Rudo discussed a small rule change for the Wooden Bat tournament. He is working on the summer schedule. He noted that coordination for the Colt/Palomino league is difficult because of the multiple communities involved, and the adverse impact on rain-out flexibility for the older travel teams. He noted the travel managers need to check the schedule before requesting games. He proposed that the Board look into making the umpire pay scale merit-based.

2. Fields. The Board had a wide-ranging discussion of the overall deplorable field conditions, as well as games canceled as a result of the light problems at Clavey #1. It is embarrassing to the community, but Mr. Fjeldheim noted that there are positive changes taking place at the Park District with respect to resource allocation and timing of maintenance. The former fields director of DPD is now the Executive Director. There is also a new fields director, who has been on the job less than two weeks. Mr. Fjeldheim anticipates an improved relationship with the Park District and better work on the fields. He noted dates of upcoming meetings for the Park Board and the Affiliates Committee. Following a motion and a second, the Board approved a Scope of Work Committee, consisting of most of the members of the Board, to develop a plan of work document to present to the Park District. In addition, the Board discussed reviewing the schedule of the two current seasons.

3. Financial. Mr. Shamberg reported on the current balances in both the money market checking accounts. In addition, certain Cooperstown payments have not hit the account yet, along with undeposited and additional summer registrations. He distributed the budget through May.

4. Softball. Mr. Bricker reported that Date Night already has 50 registrants and has obtained a number of sponsors. Summer t-ball has five teams.

5. Baseball. The Board noted the incredible work by Ron Watson on the Colt/Palomino League, which has over 80 players. The Board discussed use of the PA announcer. Summer registration currently has six Pony teams, five Bronco teams, ten Mustang teams, sixteen Pinto teams and fourteen boy T-ball teams. The Board discussed the need for a Director of Publicity

on a going forward basis. Mr. Metzger reported on the success of the T-ball party. The Board is considering a new rule to prohibit head-first slides, and adopting the IHSA policy on use of composite bats.

6. Travel Softball. Mr. Marvy proposed purchasing a pitching machine and the Board unanimously approved the proposal.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas B. Shapira  
Secretary