



**Deerfield Youth Baseball and Softball Association**  
**August 22, 2011**

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

Guests in Attendance: D. DeLisle, J. Feldman, H. Pattis, D. Mendelsohn, E. Kolada, R. Ruiz and C. Chase.

The President called the meeting to order.

1. Picture Day. Mr. Shapira reported that the fundraiser generated over \$600 for DYBA and we are awaiting final accounting from the photographer.
2. Travel Softball. Mr. Marvy indicated the tryouts will be on August 27. He said the numbers look solid, but a “last chance” email blast will be sent three days in advance of tryouts.
3. Nominating Committee. Ms. Harlan discussed the background of nominee Karen Chanan as the new Director of Fundraising. The Board discussed creating a public relations position to improve our overall numbers and image in the community, but that this would not be a Board position. Following a motion and second, the Board endorsed the slate of proposed directors as follows:

Commissioner: Beth Sciarretta  
Assistant Commissioner: Todd Rubin  
Secretary: Thomas Shapira  
Treasurer: Jeff Shamberg  
Director of Equipment: Mike Danielewicz  
Director of Fields: Jeff Fjeldheim  
Director of Fundraising: Karen Chanan  
Director of Baseball: Barry Metzger  
Director of Softball: Lew Bricker  
Director of Travel Baseball: Adam Gold  
Director of Travel Softball: Greg Marvy  
Director of Technology: Thomas Gilbert  
Director of Umpires: Victor Rudo  
Past Commissioner: Harry Steindler

4. Treasurer. Mr. Shamberg reported on the current balances of the money market account and the checking account. He provided the Board with a copy of budget vs. actual numbers as of mid-August, and noted that the audit has been completed.

5. Technology. Mr. Gilbert indicated that he is in the midst of an end of season cleanup of the website, in preparation for the upcoming registration. He plans on improving the scheduling features on the website.
6. Baseball. Mr. Metzger indicated that he has received a positive response to the forms used by prospective baseball committee members to identify prior service. He reviewed the proposed baseball committee members for the upcoming year and following a motion and second, the proposed committee members were approved.
7. Fields. Mr. Fjeldheim discussed the possibility of grass infields for all Woodland fields. Mr. Fjeldheim encouraged the Board to make final decisions on a revised schedule for the upcoming season to avoid field/weather issues and to extend the season.
8. Travel. Mr. Gold discussed the possibility of camp conflicts in connection with the “camp-friendly” schedule of the MSBL for the U9 and U10 teams. He will examine this option further and report back to the Board.
9. Freshman Field Improvement. A group of concerned parents brought a proposal to the Board to donate money toward installing a dirt infield at the recently re-graded freshman baseball field at DHS. The work on the field has already been done and based on a loan from an anonymous donor, the Booster Club has guaranteed payment of the additional \$18,000. By the end of September, there will be a need to repay the \$18,000 for the field, and ideally an additional \$12,000 for a temporary fence and signage. DHS Athletic Director Ruiz explained the background of the project, as well as how field scheduling works. Although it is likely that DYBA teams would get access to this improved field, Mr. Ruiz indicated there can be no formal commitment for such access and scheduling field space would be on the same basis as the fields are currently scheduled. The Board discussed whether such a donation would benefit DYBA’s constituency, rather than just the DHS freshman baseball players. The Board decided to schedule a special meeting to discuss a potential DYBA contribution towards the required amount. [Note - At the special meeting, the Board approved matching up to \$9,000 of fundraising (by the parent committee and/or Booster Club) towards the field, and matching up to \$6,000 of fundraising (by the parent committee and/or Booster Club) towards the fence/signage.]

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas B. Shapira  
Secretary