Deerfield Youth Baseball and Softball Association
February 4, 2013

Directors in Attendance: Lew Bricker, Karen Chanan, Paul Chanan, Mike Danielewicz, Jeff Fjeldheim, Greg Geren, Adam Gold, Greg Marvy, Jason Orleans, Jeff Shamberg, Tom Shapira, Harry Steindler, Steve Symonanis, Michelle Wasserstrom, and David Yanow.

Others in attendance: Keenan Bigg and Jay Sachs.

The Commissioner called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the meeting of prior meeting were unanimously approved.

Picture Day. Mr. Shapira discussed the contract with DPS 109 for use of the gym for Picture Day. The Board approved entering into the agreement.

Insurance. Mr. Bricker told the Board that we are awaiting a bid for workers’ compensation coverage and it looks as if our insurance premiums for the year will be substantially reduced from last year. He indicated that DYBA will need to draft/adopt a sexual molestation policy requiring that at least two adults be present at every event. He noted that the major medical policy requires a claim to be filed within 90 days. That information is available on the website.

Positive Coaching Alliance. Mr. Bigg discussed the national organization, founded in 1998, to change the culture of youth sports. He indicated that PCA stresses the goals of (i) winning and (ii) life lessons through sports. He reported that statistics show that seventy percent (70%) of children drop out of organized athletics by age 13. Following a discussion with the Board, PCA indicated that it can customize workshops to each organization and encourages workshops for both coaches and parents. The Board will have further discussions regarding sponsoring a PCA event.

Publicity. Mr. Symonanis distributed a list of schools that had been contacted and notified the Board of the various emails that were sent.

Travel Softball. Mr. Marvy discussed that the 10U white team is in need of a coach. He has approached a former Deerfield coach Steve Jones and his daughter, the coach at Graysake High School to be the new coaches. This proposal was approved by the Board. Mr. Marvy also indicated that the softball tournament already has 14 teams at the 14U level, and eight teams at of the 12U and 10U levels.

Travel Baseball. Mr. Gold indicated there will not be paid coaches at the 10U level and that the registration fees will be adjusted accordingly. He also indicated that 10U tryouts went well.

Fundraising. Ms. Chanan discussed a sponsorship proposal for two significant, potential “exclusive” sponsors. The Board debated what should be included in the sponsorship amounts, and approved Camp Ojibwa as a “Hall of Fame” sponsor.

House Baseball. Mr. Steindler indicated there has been good sign up for the clinics. He noted baseball registration is still low, but expects the clinics to help increase that number. He discussed the scheduling plans for each league, using designated nights, and no Thillens games for the Mustang league. The Board discussed potential rule changes for each league.

House Softball. Clinics are upcoming and registration has been solid.

Financial. Mr. Shamberg reported the amounts in the money market and checking accounts, but noted that we are still awaiting many anticipated expenses.

Technology Update. Mr. Geren indicated that he wants to hire an assistant, which proposal was approved by the Board. He indicated he is establishing training sessions to set up travel team pages.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas B. Shapira
Secretary