



**Deerfield Youth Baseball and Softball Association
Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 9, 2015**

Directors in Attendance: Greg Geren, Beth Kraemer, Kevin McKinney, Bryan Segal, Jim Conzemius, David Arenberg, Jamie Izaks, Dan McGrath, Tom Siciliano, Gregg Orloff, Mike Danielewicz, Chris Nickel, Megan Kaplan, and Paul Chanan.

Guests in Attendance: None.

Meeting called to order: The Commissioner called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Technology: Mr. McKinney reported that he is working with Mr. Siciliano to retrieve various information pertaining to umpire groups. Mr. Siciliano will report to the Board when he is in receipt of everything he needs.

House Baseball: Mr. Orloff and Mr. Segal reported that clinics will again be free to registered players, and will be \$15/session to non-registered players. Mr. Segal presented a proposal regarding clinic logistics and details. Some key details were the late February/early March anticipated start, 90-minute sessions, approximately 20-25 players per session, Deerfield Travel coaches running them, and the expected locations of various school gyms in Deerfield, as well as Player's Edge in Mundelein. Motion to approve the Clinic Proposal. Motion passed. Mr. Orloff reported that the new Pony league was still in the recruitment stage, and that there will be an informational meeting in the near future for interested persons. Mr. Orloff plans to spearhead the continued marketing of the Pony league, and will report on the status of Pony at the next Board meeting.

Fundraising: Mr. Nickel reported that he is hard at work creating new fundraising opportunities, as well as touching base with current sponsors. He is looking for new ideas for adding even more value for our loyal sponsors.

House Softball: Mr. Conzemius reported that Caruso will house softball clinics in March, April, and June. Lincolnshire players are registering for DYBA, and Date-Night planning is underway.

Travel Softball: The Commissioner, on behalf of Mr. Geren, reported that a supplemental tryout took place for all ages, and that 10-12 players came out. Mr. Geren will report on the effect of this tryout at the next meeting, but for now, it appears that the 10U and 14U teams will be fully rostered, with the 12U age-group undetermined as of now.

Equipment: Ms. Kaplan reported that March 6 is the final date for her to get in our uniform order, and that to date partial orders have been placed. She reported that upon placing partial orders, she was informed of some backordered items. Also, the 14 year-old gifts will be settled on and ordered soon. Yard signs were distributed, and February 22 was chosen as a date for the Board to assist in an inventory of the catchers' gear in the shed. Finally, the security system has been installed on the shed.

Fields: Mr. McGrath reported that he will be representing DYBA at a PD meeting on 2/19, and will be reporting on fields issues at that meeting. Also, the private whiffle ball event will be at Wilmot on 5/17 from 9-5.

Umpires: Mr. Siciliano reported that umpire clinics took place, and about 30 prospective umpires attended. More have since contacted him as well. He has scheduled spring clinics for 4/11-12, and he has arranged for instructors for said clinics for training purposes.

Treasurer: Mr. Arenberg gave a financial report in which he discussed enrollment scenarios and impact. W-9s are needed for all paid coaches for whom he does not have that from last year, as well as addresses for sending checks.

Travel Baseball: Ms. Kraemer reported that winter workouts are underway and going well. Demand for the postseason opportunities is to be determined. Fees are due 3/1. Tournaments are registered for. MSBL scheduling meetings will take place Feb and Mar, and the internal scheduling meetings went well. 8U tryouts are at the end of Feb.

Closed Session: The Board went to closed session and one assistant travel coach was approved (pending background check) following a Motion and passing vote. The Board then went back to open session.

Publicity: Mr. Izaks informally proposed some marketing ideas, and after discussions, they were tabled pending further research. He has placed ads and social media posts, as well as email blasts for registration and publicity purposes.

New Business: The Commissioner called for new business, for which there was none.

Next Meeting: It was confirmed that the next Board meeting will be on 3/2 at 7:30 at Jewett.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion passed.

Respectfully,

Paul H. Chanan
Secretary

