## Members in Attendance

Andy Ruggles (President)
Tim Richard (Vice President)
Erica Ruggles (Treasurer)
Mindy Costello (Secretary)

## Call to Order (Andy)

## League Funds (Erica)

There is $\$ 34,116$ in the Operating Account
\$200 in Concessions Account
\$2,000 in Emergency Funds Account
Total Account Balance: \$36,316
Comedy Night raised \$9,641 :\$4,820 to LBA
Based on current registration counts for Rookie(28)/Minors(25)/Majors(28), a request was made to move $\$ 3,600$ from Operating Account to cover concession start-up and refunds for volunteers
Transfer of funds approved by 4-0 vote with those in attendance and one absentee vote (yes) by Steve Webber via email

Suggestion was made for helmet and bat racks for dugouts as well as possibly shade structures to make players more comfortable
Could we possibly use some of the funds to give back to the players in a special way (jackets with names and a family fun day were two examples given)

## Uniforms (Tim)

Suggestion of possible silhouette on patch, based on image from Kurt's funeral card Confirmed that mint can handle the design, or we can give them our ideas and they can run with it Need to finalize the plan for patch and uniforms within the next week Tim will reach out to Mint to confirm availability - need uniforms by 5/1 Tim to touch base with Steve to see if he has discussed with Marie and Ivan Andy is meeting with Marie and Ivan on dedication so can touch base on the patch then as well

## Email Update (Steve - via text)

Email should be up and running by the end of the week

## Field Maintenance (Andy)

Jeff Lane still has a lot of snow, could be at least 2 weeks before we can get over there - the good news is that it is in pretty good shape
Corning Field cleanup day $=4 / 8$
Jeff Lane cleanup day $=4 / 15$
Marie and team can focus on Corning - they do their volunteer work during the week. If they can't get in there before the Corning Field cleanup day, that's OK - they have a lot of "above and beyond" work planned like cleaning up/painting the snack shack
The 4wheeler started right up, but consider stabilizing for winter next year to extend life
The grill that caught on fire last year needs to be replaced. Andy to look into sponsorships, Craigs List, or simply asking Home Depot to replace their faulty grill

## League Numbers (All)

Majors = 19 (two teams, J. Smith Division Director)
Note: Merrimack can't play Saturday games so may be just Litchfield vs. Litchfield on Saturdays With small teams, the intent is to have a list of Minors who could play up, but not at the cost of taking them away from a Minors game
Minors = 25 (two teams, T. Richard Division Director)
Rookies = 28 (hopefully 3 teams, A. Ruggles Division Director)
Instructional = 21 (C. Weixler Division Director)
Learn to Play = 9
A discussion was had regarding division counts and playing players up vs. down. How can we meet the needs of players while not opening LBA up to an expectation from parents that requests will always be granted based on past decisions.

## Coaches Meeting and Team Planning (Andy and Tim)

Initial kickoff meeting suggested to lay out expectations/conduct
Andy to schedule once teams are established
Potential for ongoing meetings by level
There will be a draft for Rookie/Minors/Majors
Majors will have tryouts/evaluations
Would love to keep teams together as they move up but with age brackets and small participation this becomes difficult
Potential for 10U tournament team discussed - we would not host again. Tournaments also do not need to be Cal Ripken
Regardless of tournament team status, the goal is to keep the pick-up games going through the summer and close the gap between Spring and Fall ball

## Ball Updates (Andy and Tim)

Rookies are out of balls
Need around 12 dozen smoosh balls
Need around 10 dozen regular balls for Majors/Minors
Practice balls are OK - could probably use two more buckets
Request was made for $\$ 1500$ in startup costs for balls, score books, pitch counters (2) vote = YES (4-0)

## Additional Items (Andy and Tim)

Andy will put together a communication to update families on what is next (coaches will reach out, opening weekend, Fisher Cats reminder, etc.)
Towards the end of season, it would be great to have a banquet to recognize players
Kelly Perry is a graphic designer and has offered to do any signs that we might need. We agreed to put up a sign for her Etsy shop if she'd like to make one

