

March 16, 2023 at 7:45PM

Members in Attendance:

Andy Ruggles (President)
Tim Richard (Vice President)
Erica Ruggles (Treasurer)
Steve Webber (Director of Operations)
Mindy Costello (Secretary)
Amanda LeFort (Member)

Call to Order (Andy)

Board Positions

Mindy Costello elected Secretary (6-0)

Start Date (All)

Weather still unpredictable in April
With the younger/newer players it may be uncomfortable in the cold
There were struggles with game attendance the weekends surrounding April vacation last season
Looking at Saturday May 6 for first game - can have practice before then, inside if need be

Fisher Cats Kickoff Event (Tim)

Litchfield Baseball special event scheduled for Mid-April (Tim later confirmed to be 4/16 1:35)
Free tickets for all registered players
Players can sell tickets to family members through link that will be provided
Tim will draft a communication and send to Andy for distribution

Equipment Needs (Andy, Tim, Steve)

\$1k typically allotted
Need practice balls more than anything - Tim indicated Minors has a full bucket, Andy to check inventory this weekend

Uniforms (All)

Looking at using 2022 Travel Team logo for Minors and Majors, while Instructional and Rookies may use cartoon character from tournament t-shirt
Voted to retire existing logo as part of the dedication of the season to Kurt Schaefer (5-1)
Kurt will be memorialized in a patch with old logo on the opposite sleeve from the American flag
- Steve to consult with Kurt's family on design (name/dates, etc.)
Uniforms should be ordered ASAP after registration officially closes - at least 4 weeks ahead of season start, or sooner based on last year's production delays
Will continue to use Mint Printworks

Field Dedication (All)

Recreation Commission has voted to change the name of Corning Field to honor Kurt Schaefer
Standard Rec sign will be required at field, however, we can put up an additional sign next to it
for dedication, with logo, poem/verse and dates

Marie Schaefer's colleagues at SNHU have chosen to dedicate their allotted volunteer hours to
cleaning up Corning. Ivan is also ready to do a lot of work in honor of his father

May want to frame a jersey with dedication patch to gift to Marie and Ivan

Registrations (Andy, Tim, Steve)

97 registrants (updated 3/18/23)

27 Rookies

24 Minors

18 Majors - yikes, tough number

21 Instructional

7 Learn to Play

Currently 10 coaches have volunteered

Erica to follow up with Minuteman to get flyers and get them distributed through the school

ASAP - hoping to increase registration through this effort

Administrative/System/Books (Steve and Erica)

With new system, prior emails can be integrated -must extract from old system and import into
new system

Steve is working through the process of getting system/emails up and running - it has just finally
been setup with Softball and is in the works for Baseball - pending review/response from
different parties in the process

Erica closed the books for last year - just need to get notarized and will send to the State
Steve to take care of verification through Federal Government that LBA was under \$50k

Meetings (All)

A coaches meeting covering expectations and best practices was suggested by Tim (similar to
what is done with LRBL). Would be beneficial in avoiding experience from 2022 season

Planning to meet as a Board the 4th Sunday of each month

Next meeting scheduled for Sunday 3/26 at 7pm