



**Board Meeting
Thursday, October 27, 2016
Minutes**

Present: Randy L'Heureux, Jonathan Miller, Tammy Griffin-Kumpey, Colin Burton, Jon Divito, Mike Gillet, Scott Gilroy, Jay Kumpey, Susan Novak, Neal Reardon, Jason Woodsmall, Kevin Briggs, Ken Dubovick, Dan Martelli

1. Welcome :7:07pm
2. Annual Meeting feedback and discussion
 - a. Jonathan raised some feedback he had heard from the annual meeting in which voting members expressed concerns that their voices were pushed aside. They questioned why they were even asked to participate.
 - b. It was also noted that people came to the meeting and voted, but were not on the CORI list. It was agreed that we needed to ensure our assistant coaches were CORI checked.
3. Approval of Minutes from AM and Meeting
 - a. **A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the minutes from the Annual Meeting and Board Meeting both held on September 25, 2016.**
4. Name Change to Rutland Baseball and Softball (dba)
 - a. It was proposed that we consider changing the name of our organization to better match the needs of the community. It was suggested that we consider changing the name to Rutland Youth Baseball and Softball.
 - i. After some discussion on the chance to make things equal between baseball and softball, and the things we should also consider changing, **a motion was made and unanimously passed to change the name to Rutland Youth Baseball and Softball.**
5. Quick Update on Big League
 - a. Tammy gave an update on the elimination of Big League and the goal to move forward with Senior Babe Ruth. Discussions are on going.
6. Communication Initiatives
 - a. In an effort to better keep families informed of activity within the league, Tammy will begin publishing an email newsletter.
7. Softball Update
 - a. Eric spoke to Andy about getting stone dust at Central Tree field.
 - b. Two softball teams participated in the Leominster Fall Ball season.
8. Parade Day Budget
 - a. A motion was made and unanimously approved to allot \$300 for purchases related to Field Day.

9. Summer Clinics for next year's AAA.

- a. Jonathan gave a quick update on the Summer Clinics held on Friday nights over the summer. He noted that over 40 players participated at least once. He also noted that the clinics were a large success because of the time that coaches contributed. Specifically, the clinics could not have run without the help of Steve Scobie, Ken Dubovick, Rich Mall and Jon Santimore.

10. Fundraising

- a. Sponsorship for the Calendar Raffle
 - i. Jon Divito proposed adding a sponsor to the Calendar Raffle this year. After a brief discussion, **a motion was made and unanimously approved to sell a sponsorship for the calendar raffle for \$1000, the cost to print the raffle tickets.**
- b. Foul Poll Sponsors
 - i. A discussion was had related to selling sponsorships for the foul poles at Marsh. There were concerns that this would create a "commercialized" atmosphere at Marsh.
- c. Other Sponsorship opportunities
 - i. Jon was empowered to explore other sponsorship opportunities. Others noted that we should make sure not to upset those sponsors who contributed time and materials to the building of our structures.

11. Constitution

- a. Requests to discuss: Removing Someone from the board, board limit
 - i. After a a brief discussion, **a motion was made and unanimously passed to add a paragraph to the constitution to be able to remove a board member with the approval of 75% of the board.**
 - ii. **A motion was made and unanimously passed to accept the constitution with the above addition.**

12. Registration Fees for 2017 Season

- a. **A motion was made and unanimously passed to set the following rates for registration for 2017 pending approval from Andy Meier and Scott Borges**
 - i. T-Ball, AA, Instructional Softball and Minor Softball :\$80
 - ii. AAA and Little League Baseball and Junior and Senior Softball: \$100.
 - iii. Babe Ruth and Senior Babe Ruth: \$160.

13. Evaluations

- a. Fall Evals
- b. Evals from previous coaches
 - i. Tammy agreed to distribute the evaluations she has used in the past to the board. It was agreed that Scott Borges would be responsible for distributing the last year's managers.

14. Field Improvement Update

- a. Memorial Dugouts – In progress, would be completed within the next couple of weeks.
- b. Memorial Irrigation –Nearly completed.
- c. Naquag Drainage – waiting for dates to comple
- d. Fall Field Day – Mike would confer and publish a date for Fall Field Day.

15. Roles and Responsibilities – Tabled to the next meeting.

16. Committees – Jonathan raised the idea of creating committees for the year. While we will discuss in January, Jonathan proposed a Competition Committee and a Nominating Committee.
17. Adjournment: 8:50pm.