



**Board Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2017
Minutes**

Present: Randy L'Heureux, Eric Charbonneau, Jonathan Miller, Scott Borges, Colin Burton, Scott Gilroy, Rich Mall, Jay Kumpey, Susan Novak, Steve Scobie, Jason Woodsmall, Dan Martelli, Neal Reardon, Ken Dubovick

1. Meeting opened at 7:21pm
2. Softball Update
 - a. Eric reported that there were 6 requests for 6 year olds to play instructional softball. A concern was raised that the age cutoff for softball differed from baseball which results in a gap between when girls age out of tee ball and are then allowed to play softball. After a discussion, it was agreed that 6 year old girls who had played at least one year of baseball would be allowed play softball. Those interested could reach out to Eric for approval. The registration form will be ammended to reflect the change.
3. Parade Day Update
 - a. Mike's Moonwalk is willing to donate the use of the equipment again this year in exchange for sponsorship.
4. Player Agent Update
 - a. To date we have 119 total registrations:
 - i. 18 Teeball, 29 AA, 23 AAA, 6 Babe Ruth, 20 Little League, 1 Senior Babe Ruth, 14 Instructional SB, 3 Junior SB, 3 Minor SB, 2 Senior Softball
5. Field Improvement Update
 - a. Randy gave an update on the field improvements. Fencing on the memorial dugouts, the irrigation system and the drainage at Naquag would all be completed in the spring. There was a discussion on replacing the infield at Naquag with infield mix. Dan Martelli agreed to bring pricing to the next meeting.
6. Competition Committee Recommendations
 - a. After discussion, the following rule changes have been unanimously approved for the 2017 season.
 - i. T-Ball: No Changes
 - ii. AA:
 1. Batters will receive no more than 10 pitches to put the ball in play. If after the 9 pitches, the batter has not made contact, the pitcher (coach) will announce that the batter is running on the next pitch regardless of the outcome.

2. Players should be assigned designated positions on the infield and only 1 player may occupy a given position at any time on the infield (including pitcher). Extra players should be distributed across the outfield. Unless there is a safety concern, every player on the team must play the infield during the game, and coaches should make every effort to have equal time for all players between the infield and outfield.
3. After the 1st inning, base runners should be removed from the base if the defense completes an out. Teams will continue to bat through the lineup each inning.
4. Unless coaches agree otherwise prior to the start of a game, beginning with the 5th game:
 - Teams bat around in the first inning regardless of the number of put outs. (Runners are NOT removed from the base when they are out per #3 above).
 - In the second inning and after, teams shall play 3 outs or one time through the lineup, whichever occurs first.

iii. AAA:

1. Teams will be limited to one successful steal of home per inning. A steal is considered any advancement (from 3rd base) on a passed ball, wild pitch or any delayed type of steal. This includes if the catcher throws to anyone other than the pitcher or the throw to the pitcher is not caught.

iv. LL: No Changes although there was a discussion about dropped 3rd strike change to help with consistency in Districts.

v. Babe Ruth: No Changes

vi. Softball: No Changes

7. Other Business

- a. Jeremy noted that we have a significant number of players who will be playing AAU baseball and softball during the upcoming season.

8. Important dates:

- a. Next Meeting: Thursday, February 16th – Selection of coaches
- b. Evaluations: Saturday, March 18, 2017
- c. Draft: Saturday, March 25, 2017

9. Adjournment – 8:47pm