



Board Meeting
Thursday, October 19, 2017
Agenda

Attendees: Jonathan Miller, Jeremy Lucas, Eric Charbonneau, Scott Borges, Jonathan Place, Bob Renard, Bill Clark, Colin Burton, Adam Stockenberg, Rich Mall, Mike Maceiko, Jeremy Bujnowski, Chris Moynihan, Joellen Andrews, Steve Scobie, Jason Woodsmall

Unable to Attend: Brian Ferguson, Kevin Briggs

1. Welcome

2. Bat changes for 2018

- a. We discussed urgency to police bat compliance at every practice, game and event.
 - i. All illegal bats must be removed from field and put outside the fence during play.
- b. League could be held responsible for an injury caused by illegal bats
- c. Recommendation: Ensure a Board member is present for all practices and games at the beginning of the season.
- d. Information:
 - i. Add notice on Website and include picture of USA approved sticker
 - ii. Facebook posts to include notice and picture of sticker
 - iii. Email blasts weekly until season begins
- e. Recommendation: Bat Demo Night
- f. Future discussion: which bats will league put in team bags?

3. Snack Shack

- a. One of our sponsors has stepped forward with a potential interest in running the snack shack.
- b. Question: Who is going to cook? Do we need burgers?
- c. Recommendation: Use Square or some POS app for ringing up and tracking purchases
- d. Recommendation: Sign-up for parental coverage of Snack Shack; however, mentioned that may add a challenge to consistency and expectations.
- e. Recommendation: Form Snack Shack Sub-Committee

4. Fundraising

- a. Adam starting to organize documents and prepare business plan.
- b. Move away from direct mail; move more to online presence, electronic option
- c. Get sponsorship requests out to existing sponsors first.
- d. ETA: sending out first requests by end of October.

5. Constitution Discussion

- a. Need to add a line in there to call out updated name of Rutland Baseball & Softball, but for now it remains Rutland Little League (officially)
- b. JP will send out revised version for final sign off from Board.
- c. Correction: update majority voting to 75%
- d. Update Bank
- e. **Motion Carried** to add Player Agent to Executive Committee to make it 7 people.

6. Registration Fees for 2018 Season

- a. Recommendation to keep fees the same for 2018 as fees were increased in 2017.
- b. Eric mentioned that he may not know Softball fees until January, but Jonathan stated we could cover the additional costs for 1 year and then reassess next year.
- c. ETA: Open Registration by November 1st.
- d. Recommendation to get notices out to each of schools that Registration period will be open.
- e. Keep registration period November 1st – January 31st (Late Fees start in February)
 - i. Name initial period as “Early Bird Special”

7. Evaluations

- a. Evals from previous coach
- b. Scott prepping evaluation information to coaches. Sent emails out to AAA today.
- c. Evals typically weekend of St. Patrick’s Day. May need to move up 1 week (3/10/18)
- d. Draft typically scheduled the week after. May need to move to week after (3/24/18)

8. Offseason activities for our players

- a. Approach Holden for time at hit-center
- b. Possibly get 1-2 nights per week to allow kids to develop during the winter.
- c. Cost: \$75/hour?
- d. Rich volunteering to reach out.

9. Fall Field Day updates

- a. Most things taken care of during Columbus Day weekend
- b. Still need to remove bases at Memorial
- c. Need to find fence company to put in permanent posts for cages.

10. Field Improvement Update

- a. Memorial Irrigation
 - i. Half way complete. Jonathan to follow up with Randy on ETA for completion
- b. Naquag Drainage
- c. Permanent batting cages for Naquag and Central Tree
- d. Additional items
 - i. Softball Wishlist: How to make the experience better for Softball?
 - 1. Lights at the 2 fields have been turned down
 - 2. Electricity for a Scoreboard
 - 3. Storage for concessions
 - 4. Batting cage
 - 5. At a practice field (we’d need help from town)
 - ii. Softball teams cannot play on baseball field due to outside issues and pending lawsuits around state.

11. Roles and Responsibilities

- a. We went around the group and most people have caught up with previous director to understand roles.
- b. Recommendation: Get everyone on Google Drive Account as main repository for general documents.
 - i. Need to change password and communicate to only current members of Board
 - ii. Need to secure Personal Information.
 - 1. Treasurer documents and Medical Information should be kept in secure folders with limited access.
- c. Fundraising → question on how many sponsors we may need.
 - i. We had 42 teams in 2017. Figure at least 40 to start.

12. Committees

- a. Strategic Plan → 3 year plan to determine what our focus should be.
- b. Recommendation to get people to volunteer for specific committees in advance for next meeting.
- c. Suggested Committees to add: Competition “Rules” Committee and Snack Shack Committee

13. Big League

- a. Scott looking to work with Holden to get more interleague games.

14. Softball Update

- a. Eric's update was covered in the Field Improvements section.
- b. Question on a sweatshirt check not being cashed.

15. Junior Little League

- a. Discussion to change name of AAA to Junior Little League
 - i. Rules do not change.
- b. Benefit of moving to Junior Little League allows for players to play in double-headers. (rescheduled games only)
- c. **Motion carried** to change name from AAA to Junior Majors Little League

16. Recommendation: Board Presence at baseball fields during Friday & Saturday nights

- a. Purchase hats for Board members.

17. For Next Meeting; think about Committees you may want to be on

18. 1st Base Dugout at Marsh needs to be replaced before next season.

Upcoming Meetings:

November 16, 2017 @ 7:30pm

December 14, 2017 @ 7:30pm