Rutland Baseball & Softball Board Meeting Agenda



- Date: April 12, 2018
- Time: 7:30 p.m.
- Location: Rutland Town Hall
- Attendance: Jonathan Miller, Jon Place, Jason Woodsmall, Bill Clark, Colin Burton, Adam Stockenberg, Brian Ferguson, Rich Mall, Jeremy Bujnowski, Kevin Briggs, Joellen Andrews, Jeremy Lucas
- Unable to Attend: Bob Renard, Chris Moynihan, Steven Scobie, Rich Mall

Agenda Items:

1. Last Month's Minutes – Motion to approve minutes. 2nd and carried.

2. President Update (Jonathan)

- a. What constitutes a game played (see bottom).
- b. New rule to enforce coaches playing all players for minimum time requirements. Head Coaches will be ejected and not allowed to coach.
- c. Met with Police Chief about Parade Day and traffic near fields. Police supporting efforts.

3. Uniform Update

a. Some ready; all ready by Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday; available at Marsh

4. Softball Update (Eric)

a. ASA is now USA Softball; needs to get assistance with updating site.

5. Baseball Update (Jeremy)

- a. Change Locks at fields
- b. JDP has to be done every year
- c. City of Worcester may open up Home Run Derby at Schwartz
- d. Discussion about possible Home Run Derby at Marsh
- e. Field Day
 - i. Big League basepaths need work
 - ii. Orange Fence?
 - iii. Stone dust on backorder

6. Big League Update

a. Babe Ruth:

- i. 16 names by end of March. Up to 30 so far. Hoping for 36
- ii. Barre, Quabbin will have a team
- iii. Brookfield only has 6; trying to combine with Rutland's 30
- iv. Spoke to Holden and waiting on update re: Interleague play
- b. **Sr. Babe Ruth** 12 players so far.

7. Coaching Clinics

- a. Wednesday Night 7-8:30p (Location TBD)
- 8. Sponsorship Update (Adam)
- 9. Parade Day Update May 12th
 - a. Adam locked in same props/activities as last year.

10. First Pitch (Jonathan)

a. Proposal for Randy & Tammy L. to come out and toss out pitch.

11. Committee Updates

a. Snack Shack (Joellen)

- i. Scott is working on the accounts/food
 - 1. New Pepsi Cooler/ice cream cooler
- ii. We have Square set up with our bank account info
- iii. Joellen is working on volunteers
 - 1. Volunteers: 13 kids. 3 adults
 - 2. BOARD MEMBERS must pick 2 nights this season (Friday/Saturday)
 - 3. Also looking to staff up Softball Snack Shack
- iv. We need to order iPad and station, will do next week, lead time is short to get the equipment
- v. We are looking at wifi options for shack
 - 1. hotspot is one option

- 2. the other is charter, they are doing a survey to see if they can hook up, they said it likely shouldn't be an issue or cost, pricing basically same cost as hotspot, but with no contract
- vi. Will create menu next week

b. Competition

- i. All-Stars
 - 1. Vote:
 - a. Goal: improve voting and team structure for fairness and consistency
 - b. Propose that vote occurs after 9th/10th game. By picture day 5/20.
 - i. Motion to move voting later in season. 2nd Motion carried.
 - c. Propose coaches vote weighted more than players (2x). Players remain 1x.
 - i. Motion to increase coaches weight to 2x. 2nd Motion carried.
 - ii. Motion to expand coaches voting from 10+ to exact 24 players. 2nd Motion
 - d. Propose coaches also rank Top A & B players to lock in Top 8 players. (agreed to keep as Top 10) → no change
 - 2. Coaches
 - a. Goal: To put best coach on the team.
 - b. Not limited to coaches connected to Top 10.
 - Motion to select All-Star Coach from parent of Top 10 player first; then open it to Top 13; then Top 18. 2nd – Motion carried.

c. Building (Brian)

- i. Marsh Dugout under construction, usable.
- ii. New Signs Motion to approve cost of signs 2nd and approved.
- iii. Cement Pads & new Sheds
 - 1. Cement going in this week
 - 2. Shed will hold until after the pad.
- iv. Fencing/Batting Cages starting next week. Slated for Monday (weather permitting).

12. Proposed Topic from last month: What constitutes Game Attendance for a player?

- a. Player must be in the field for 2 innings plus 1 at-bat
- b. Attendance must be 60% of games
- c. If player attends Middles School game, that counts toward LL attendance
- d. Medical exception must be approved by board and has doctor's note

Upcoming Meetings: All 7:30 p.m. at Library unless noted

Thursday, May 17, 2018