

**LEBANON YOUTH BASEBALL
BOARD MEETING**

February 25, 2009

Present: Jay Simms, Bruce Adams, Tawnia Boutin, David Kopecky, Steve Girdwood, Tim Servant, Doug Adams, Calvin Ells.

I. The meeting was called to order by Jay Simms at 7:30 p.m at the offices of Tyler Simms & St. Sauveur.

II. New Board Member approved.

Tawnia Boutin was approved and welcomed as a new Board member.

III. Minutes.

Bruce Adams moved to have the minutes of the February 11, 2009 meeting approved, Second by Calvin Ells. Approved by unanimous vote.

IV. Registration Update.

Email notices and school flyers have been sent. Cal will check on placing an ad in the Valley News for a Tryout Announcement. The Board discussed logistics surrounding petitions for players to move up a level. Cal indicated he would draft a simple petition form for parents to fill out. Bruce volunteered to prepare a form for scholarship applications. Cal also volunteered to work on new letterhead for league correspondence and forms.

V. Treasurer's Report.

An amended budget was submitted based on prior Board recommendations by Bruce Adams, Treasurer, for approval. Motion made and seconded, and the budget was unanimously approved as amended.

Bruce and Jay further acknowledged that they will work to submit the tax exemption application for Smith Field to the City by the deadline.

The City's annual grant to the league of \$1,900 has been received.

VI. Coaches Certification.

Richard emailed in a good report for the online coaches certification program. The Board affirmed its commitment to improve coaching and approved the following coaching requirements:

A-Ball Coaches: At least one (1) coach per team shall be required to complete the coaching certification program.

B-Ball Coaches: B-Ball Coaches are strongly encouraged by the Board to complete the coaching certification program.

T-Ball/Rookie Coaches: T-Ball and Rookie coaches are encouraged to complete the coaching certification program as well.

Deadline for completion of the certification program shall be by the 1st Game of the 2009 season.

VII. 501(c)(3) status.

Jay Simms will review the 501(c)(3) status of the league now that we are part of the Cal Ripken program.

VIII. Umpires.

Doug Adams proposed a draft agenda for an umpire clinic proposed for March 28, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. The agenda was submitted to the Board for review and comment. An additional clinic will likely be held once the season has started.

The Board approved the following fees for umpires in the 2009 season:

Plate Umpires: \$30/game for umpires attending the clinic
 \$25/game for umpires who have not attended clinic

Field Umpires: \$15/game whether or not they have attended a clinic

IX. Cal Ripken Rules.

The Board tabled discussion of the new Cal Ripken rules until the next meeting.

X. Committee Updates.

- A. Field and Equipment – Dave Kopecky will inventory equipment and report to the Board on equipment needs. The Board discussed field day needs.
- B. Tryouts – The Board discussed and approved an alternate tryout date for players who are unable to attend the regular date. Suggested dates are Tuesday 3/17 or Wednesday 3/18 with a location to be determined.
- C. Tournaments – Discussion tabled.
- D. Fundraising – Discussion tabled.
- E. Concession – Greg, Karen and Gretchen appear willing to work on concessions again this year.
- F. Sponsorships – Steve prepared a sponsor list for himself, Dave and Richard to work on.

XI. Clinics.

The Board discussed possible clinic option for players prior to the season start. Further discussion and planning is necessary.

XII. 2008 Strategic Planning Review.

Jay provided a review of the 2008 Strategic Planning Goals of the board and raised the following areas of continued concern:

- A. Board continuity
- B. Field improvement

XIII. Meeting Schedule.

Next meeting Wednesday, March 4th @ 7:00 p.m. (NOTE TIME CHANGE)
Following meeting Wed., March 11th @ 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Calvin Ells. Second by Bruce Adams.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Stephen P. Girdwood, Co-Secretary