

LEBANON YOUTH BASEBALL

BOARD MEETING

April 8, 2009

Members Present: Jay Simms, Calvin Ells, Tawnia Boutin, Steve Girdwood, Bruce Adams, Tim Servant, Keith Estes, David Kopecky, Caren Whaley

Also present: Alison Sanborn

Jay Simms called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m. at the office of Tyler Simms.

- I. Meeting began with discussion concerning tryouts and placement of players for benefit of parents. Alison Sanborn invited to speak regarding concerns about player in 6th grade not making the cut for A-ball. Board discussed getting further coach input prior to draft process to help evaluate candidates for moving up to B-Ball and A-ball. Board discussed ability to be flexible at draft and not being too strict on cutting players from contention in draft. A number of parents have indicated that if their children don't move up a level this year, then they won't play. Board will work on continuing improvements to draft process.**

Motion to maintain the draft as completed without modifications based on the quality initiatives instituted by Board for 2009 season. Caren. 2nd Bruce Vote - unanimous.

- II. Motion to approve minutes for 3/11 and 3/25. Caren. 2nd Tawnia (3/11) approved Tim. 2nd Caren (3/25) approved
Amendment note to 3/25 minutes that actually only 8 lowest scores 2nd grade scores pushed back to T-ball, as opposed to the 9 listed in original motion for 5 B-ball teams.**

- III. Board addressed drop-out registrations and need to fill slots on B-ball teams. Players assigned to fill empty B-ball slots. Bruce/Jay to contact players offered a B-ball slot to confirm interest. Jay to follow up with drop-out parents to confirm, and Dave to follow up with coaches.**

- IV. Refund policy. This year no clear indication in published material about refund policy so this year refunds will be given for drop out registrants and next year Board agreed to institute no refund policy if player attends tryouts. Moved Caren. 2nd Tim. Vote - unanimous**

- V. Field Day – Tim coordinator to handle Logan (Orioles, Astros, Mets, Reds, A's) Keith coordinator @ Smith (Rays, Red Sox, Pirates, Blue Jays, Woodstock) Dave to notify coaches of assignments. Sat. 25th @ 9:00 a.m. Keith to have Pete S. look over fields and get report on what is needed for jock sand.**

- VI. Sponsors – Steve has provided updated forms to Doug and Richard, but no recent update on status other than a couple of sign renewals and one new sign sponsor. Steve to send updated forms to Cal for website. Price chopper sign is needed for Logan bleachers.**
- VII. Woodstock update – coordinator there not back in town until next week but Jay will follow up on registrations and fees by Tuesday. They also need informed of fundraising obligations. Need to evaluate if they are an A-ball or B-ball team. Keith to email and introduce himself as scheduler.**
- VIII. Scheduling – Keith, Motion to Switch A-ball to M/W and B-ball to T/R with both leagues playing Saturdays. Discussion ensued. Motion failed. Caren made motion that A-ball play T/R/Sat and B-ball M/W/Sat with Friday used for extra games and rain outs. Cal 2nd. Keith to have schedule by Saturday.**
- IX. Uniforms – There is a uniform shortage this year. Ordered 7 b-ball and 3 a-ball uniform sets. Need to affirm what uniforms still need to be ordered. Approved to order two new A-ball sets. Need team sponsors right away. Rookie uniforms (25-30 shirts, 40 hats) will be split between three colors.**
- X. Thetford update – Jay to contact Pete to get registrations and fees. It has been determined that the league can get VT approval to claim Thetford as part of our region. That entitles Thetford players to play in district/regional tournaments.**
- XI. Background checks – LL used to provide free service and in past Eric Bates provided background checks. Jay is recommending Eric do it again this year. Board approved Jay following up with Eric.**
- XII. Equipment – Dave gave a report on equipment inventory. Equipment needs list was provided by Dave. Needs list was approved except for bats and bases for T-ball, and adding additional 10 dozen cal ripken balls, no shovels needed, 1 wheelbarrow @ each field. Board approved Dave to work with Bruce on discussed and additional equipment needs. Tim to review access issues at Logan Concession. Board authorized Greg O. to make grant request for new shed at Logan.**
- XIII. Rules Discussion – Tim gave report on rules
6 innings/wk pitching
Board unanimously approved continuous batting rotation for Lebanon league play.**
- XIV. Caren and Cal will coordinate roster registration with Cal Ripken.**

XV. Motion to adjourn – Caren. 2nd Cal

Adjourned @ 9:52 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Girdwood, Acting Secretary**