

Johnsburg Boys Baseball League

General Meeting - Minutes

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

Johnsburg Library

The meeting was called to order by Bill Molidor, at 7:05 p.m. Those in attendance were; Jeff Straulin, Greg Sobiesk, Jim Balfanz, Mary Slivka, Janice Ricci, Jeff Jayko, Julie Molidor, Liz Koeshall, Eric Crowe, Tim Burnopp, M. McKenna, Rick Sompel, Ken Elliott, Julie Calhoun, Bill Molidor, Mike Koeshall and Joe Kilbride.

Treasurer's Report: Total expenses were \$17,667.79 and total deposits were \$2,871.52. The treasurer's report was approved by Jeff Jayko and seconded by Jim Balfanz.

Minutes: The minutes were read by Bill Molidor. The minutes were approved by Jeff Straulin and seconded by Eric Crowe.

Old Business: Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) was voted on and approved at the last meeting. Four sessions for PCA need to be scheduled. There needs to be at least one clinic scheduled before the parents meeting. This way the parents feedback will ensure that the coaches are doing what they are taught at the clinics.

As of April 5th. all drafts are complete. The Pony uniforms are done. All other uniforms, except T-Ball, have been ordered and should be delivered by April 14, 2009. T-Ball uniforms will be ordered as soon as Jim Balfanz gets all necessary information to Bill Molidor.

New Business:

Field day will be April 11, 2009. Ken Elliott requested 20 yards of mulch and 10 yards of field mix be purchased for all 3 fields at the Jr. High. Bill Molidor already ordered the field mix, and he will look into purchasing the mulch.

Now that drafts are complete, it is up to the division coordinator(s) to accept new players. Pony, Bronco and Mustang schedules have been submitted. Mustang's have 14 scheduled games, and then a double elimination tournament. Bronco's have 20 or 21 games scheduled. Pony's have 30+ games scheduled. Pinto and Mustang will end their seasons with the championship games being played at the picnic. Jeff Straulin will complete the Pinto schedule, and Jim Balfanz will complete the T-Ball schedule. They will both be e-mailed to Bill Molidor as soon as they are done. The Pony schedule is on the Nippersink website. It will be on our website as soon as Jack Tinsley is back in town.

The league is down \$5,000.00 in sponsor fees this year. Due to economic issues, we

will accept a discounted rate of \$150.00 for sponsors.

Rick Somple asked about a capital budget for JBBL. Mike Koeshall said it wasn't possible to complete one this early in the season. Bill Molidor suggested we raise funds for a particular purpose; for example, covers for the dugout. Bill also suggested we do raffles at picnic day instead of an actual fundraiser. This way we could have funds prior to the next season, and possibly budget what our expenses would be. Bill asked that everyone start to think of possible items to be donated for the raffle, i.e. cougars tickets, autographed jersey's, MLB tickets, etc.

Jeff Straulin proposed postponing the tournament managers meeting from tonight's meeting to May's meeting. Ken Elliott stated that the letters of intent to manage a tournament team were to be submitted in April and voted upon in May. Ken submitted his letter of intent to manage the 10 year old tournament team. Ken did not want to postpone the issue because many of the tournaments are filling up. Jeff Jayko and Greg Sobiesk expressed interest in coaching the 9 year old tournament team. However, they need to find out the tournament dates before they can commit. Mike Koeshall asked them to research tournaments, and bring the dates to next months meeting.

Due to evening games, the meetings in May, June and July will be moved back to 8:00 p.m.

Janice Ricci confirmed that Johnsbury Boys Baseball League should appear on team pictures. Janice has all the necessary information to schedule all teams for picture day. The Pony teams will go first as they have noon games on opening day. Janice volunteered to coordinate a flag ceremony on opening day. Mike Koeshall has the flag for Janice to use. The flag ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. The MPR at the Jr. High has been reserved incase of bad weather on picture day.

Bill Molidor told the division coordinators that they must have their managers and / or coaches attend the general meetings.

Background checks need to be done each year for all coaches. Mike Koeshall is going to check with the police department to find out if social security numbers are necessary for background checks.

See Jim Balfanz with any equipment issues you may have. Bill Molidor also asked that coaches encourage those players moving up divisions to donate their old equipment to JBBL.

Motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. by Jim Straulin and seconded by Jim Balfanz.