

# Brunswick Girls Softball

## Minutes

10/09/13

06:30 PM

Brunswick Fire Company #1 Sycaway

<b>Meeting called by</b>	Board
<b>Type of meeting</b>	Board Meeting
<b>Facilitator</b>	Eric Buckley Vice President
<b>Note taker</b>	Dave Robilotto
<b>Timekeeper</b>	Eric Buckley
<b>Attendees</b>	Melissa Graber, Eric Buckley, Dan Laferriere, Scott DelSignore, Dave Robilotto, Colleen Bisceglia, Pat Ryan, Linda Dagostino, Stacy McClurg, Todd Catlin, Stephanie Ellis, Chuck DeCittise – Guest Patsy Collins, Jennifer Boehm, Mike Madigan (absent Joe Castiglione, Ed Thompson [excused])

## Agenda Topics

**6:30 – 8:30PM**

### OLD BUSINESS

<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Reading of old minutes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dome Use- (Dave and Colleen updated board on prices for dome. \$180 and hour for 3 hours each from Nov 1 thru Jan 1, 6 weeks on Wednesday nights)</li> <li>2. Committee Assignments – (Eric explained need volunteers to fill roles on activity's for upcoming year.)</li> <li>3. Nominations for Board Elections (Nominees read)</li> </ol>
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<b>Accepted</b>	Pat Ryan, Dave Robilotto
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**6:30 – 8:30PM**

### NEW BUSINESS

<b>Discussion</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Motion to add Todd Caitlin, Stacey McClurg and Mike Madigan to the Members at Large board – No Objections</li> <li>2. Todd talked about having the 10U using the Dome in January. Needs to hash out some details with the Mgmt. Todd will be in discussions with Dome Mgmt on getting his team some time there without the help of Brunswick Softball.</li> <li>3. Bill for the batting cages is in. Need to work with Town on tearing down the old one and putting the new one in it's place. Pat is going to work with the town and Phil Herrington to get this done.</li> <li>4. The uncontested positions for Executive Board were read: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><i>Melissa Graber, President</i></b></li> <li><b><i>Eric Buckley, Vice President</i></b></li> <li><b><i>Patrick Ryan, Vice President</i></b></li> <li><b><i>Dan Laferriere, Treasurer</i></b></li> <li><b><i>David Robilotto, Secretary</i></b></li> </ul> </li> <li>5. Nominees for Board of Directors read: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colleen Bisceglia</li> <li>Joe Castiglione</li> <li>Linda Dagostino</li> <li>Ed Thompson</li> </ul> </li> <li>6. Ballots handed out to all those who are eligible to vote</li> </ol>
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<b>Conclusions</b>	Todd will work on getting time for his travel team without league help. The new batting cages will be placed where the current one is. Should be done by end of November
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<b>Discussion</b>	Scott Delsignore talked about the struggle it has been to get people involved and took a lot of effort to right the ship and get the Town involved. That he is excited to see so many parents now volunteering their time and
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	continuing on with the effort. Scott presented a check of \$1,414 from the photographer for commissions on the pictures.
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<b>Conclusions</b>	There's still a lot of work in improving the league, need to keep recruiting more volunteers and the league needs to increase enrollment.
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<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Melissa Graber: counting of the ballots concludes. Eric Buckley reads off the election results for Board of Directors:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Colleen Bisceglia</i></b> <b><i>Linda D'Agostino</i></b> <b><i>Ed Thompson</i></b></p>
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<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Fall Ball Concerns: Mike Madigan noted that the fields need to be in better shape. There were games canceled days after the rain fell.</p> <p>Todd Caitlin mentioned that behind 2nd on field #1 there was standing ground water. Asked if anything could be done (Fixed, tarp, etc). Eric Buckley mentioned about taking the lip out. Scott Delsignore said that the water table is too high to use a tarp. Eric Buckley suggested that members from the board need to get with the Town at youth meeting in January to ask what needs to be done to remove the lip before opening day.</p> <p>Todd also mentioned that on Field #2 the mound is sunk in. It was said that every spring the mound needs to be redone.</p> <p>Eric Buckley asked if money is returned back for games lost. Dan Laferriere said that "No we don't". Scott Delsignore asked if we pay for umpires upfront. Eric Buckley said, "No" and mentioned that the fall ball program breaks about even with costs of balls, umpires and food. It was asked if possible to do Saturday and Sunday Fall Ball and Eric Buckley mentioned it's always been only on Sundays, for 5 weeks.</p> <p>Eric Buckley mentioned that there were two concerns with Fall Ball coaches. A Parent approached and did not like the philosophy and style of the coach. Asked to be switched to the other team. After discussion with that coach request was granted. Another concern from another parent about another coach but that coach did not return email about issue.</p> <p>Patsy says that the players did not understand the rules of Fall ball because they are different than Rec Ball. Patsy and Jen think that Rec Ball needs to incorporate more of the rules used in Fall Ball which provides more action and the girls love it. Scott Delsignore explained that the league does use ASA rules with some modifications due to that fact that the range of talent is much greater in the Rec Ball versus the Fall Ball. Colleen suggested gradually including some of the rules (stealing, drop ball, etc) over the course of the Rec Season. Chuck explained that it could actually confuse the girls more if games are played differently later in the year then they were in the beginning of the Rec Season. Colleen then suggested that 2 months from now go through the rules and amend any that the league feels should be included. Scott then suggested that is a pass ball really stealing what needs to be done is develop players for the 2 most important positions (Pitching &amp; Catching). Todd said that good part about the current rules is that when they do score it was earned. One rule that he liked was that if the pitcher got 2 strikes and the coach came in they kept the strike count. Eric ask and listened to the girls if they liked the Rec Ball better than Fall Ball. They like the Fall Ball Rules much better. What is helping the league is that the pitching and catching is being developed at the younger levels which seems to be improving the play in the league. That we need the right people coaching and developing the girls' skills and who aren't just worried about winning. Patsy explained that the girls loved the game with the Fall Ball rules. One thing that needs to be looked at is getting the enrollment up between 6 -12 yrs old. So that the girls are playing against other girls more their age and talent. Colleen suggest changing to the ASA rules at a much earlier age to get them up to speed and be able to compete. Eric Buckley commented that the Board will advocate to add some of the ASA rules to Rec Ball to hopefully bring a better experience to the girls and get them ready to compete in the higher levels. Need to have more qualified volunteers to help with coaching at all levels. Dan suggested that there should be a disclosure that the Fall Ball is to get ready for the Travel Program and that the competition and going to be at a higher level and will be traveling. Scott mentioned that in other leagues their travel team stays together for 365 days of the year starting in August.</p>
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<b>Conclusions</b>	Fields need fixing in the Spring, have more competitive ASA rules in the Rec Ball, get enrollment up so that the girls can play against others at same age in Rec Ball & keep improving from year to year.
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<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Picture Day and Opening Day Dates: Due to the Easter Holiday opening day will start a week later than normal. Discussed that the season should be extended and the exams only affect the majors and younger girls can fill in the times that the majors would have taken.</p> <p>Picture Day: Friday April 25th          Opening Day: Saturday April 26th          Closing Day Ceremonies: Saturday June 28th</p>
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<b>Conclusion</b>	Start later in April and finish later in June, to allow for more games.
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<b>Motion</b>	Picture Day: Friday April 25th By Eric Buckley
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<b>Accepted</b>	Scott Delsignore, Dan Laferriere
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<b>Motion</b>	Opening Day: Saturday April 26th By Eric Buckley
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<b>Accepted</b>	Pat Ryan, Dan Laferriere
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<b>Motion</b>	Closing Day Ceremonies: Saturday June 28th  By Eric Buckley
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<b>Accepted</b>	Pat Ryan, Dave Robilotto
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**6:30 – 8:30PM VP REPORT**

<b>Discussion</b>	Field Cleanup, Fall Ball equipment return & taking down of signs.
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<b>Motion</b>	Field Cleanup Day: Saturday October 26th @ 11am  By Eric Buckley
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<b>Accepted</b>	Pat Ryan, Dave Robilotto
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<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Committee assignments: Everyone received document about their assignment. Eric Buckley went over the entire document with everyone present. There were two openings one for pictures and the other for winter clinics. Todd asked to help out with recruitment in Berlin &amp; Poestenkill. Chuck asked if there were restrictions where we could recruit players.</p> <p>Jenn Boehm and Patsy Collins volunteered to run picture night.          Limited number of people are allowed to use the quad to prevent damage to it.</p>
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	<p>Scott Delsignore mentioned the field needs to be rolled at the end of march and should get rid of the lip behind 2nd base position.</p> <p>Todd Catlin volunteered to help with field maintenance.</p> <p>Allow 2 schedule changes night of the draft</p> <p>Asked for two people to volunteer running the winter clinics</p> <p>Colleen volunteered, Chuck DeCitise volunteered</p> <p>Colleen will be there on Sundays for pitching</p> <p>Put in for 3 hours one night a week with the school, split up by age group. First 1-1/2 hours for younger levels, 2nd 1-1/2 hours for older levels</p> <p>Pitching will still be on Sundays</p> <p>Colleen was asked to call the school to book the day and times, then report back to the board</p> <p>Both Colleen Bisceglia and Chuck Decitise will be there for duration of the clinics. If they need help members of the board will show up to help.</p> <p>Colleen Bisceglia also asked to come up with a list of equipment she feels they will need to run the clinics and provide that list at the next meeting.</p> <p>The softie balls, hitting sticks &amp; tees and a big net were requested at the time. Was mentions that the school does provide a big net.</p> <p>Scott Delsignore said to request the multipurpose gym and ask to speak to Rose.</p> <p>Eric Buckley said that after Colleen Bisceglia speaks to Rose she will send the league a bill and ask for Certificate of Insurance. Eric or Dan will send the Certificate of Insurance.</p> <p>Colleen Bisceglia asked what the time was generally on Sundays for clincs. Scott responded with 10-12 Weeknights will be from 6-9 and start the following full week after New Year's.</p> <p>Next Year we will talk about ASA Rules</p>
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<b>Conclusion</b>	
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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

<b>Discussion</b>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Concession:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2,961.88</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">House:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2,520.11</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Umpire:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$25.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">10 U Travel:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$265.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(Catlin)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">12 U Travel:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$309.25</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(Castiglione)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">17 U Travel:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$9.75</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(Madigan)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Total:</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">\$6,090.99</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Concession:	\$2,961.88		House:	\$2,520.11		Umpire:	\$25.00		10 U Travel:	\$265.00	(Catlin)	12 U Travel:	\$309.25	(Castiglione)	17 U Travel:	\$9.75	(Madigan)	Total:	\$6,090.99	
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<b>Conclusion</b>	Best numbers in recent years!!! Also, we were able to purchase much needed equipment for the girls.
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<b>Accepted</b>	Melissa Graber, Linda Dagostino
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**OPEN DISCUSSION**

<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Chuck Decitise brought up as to why there was no 50/50 during Fall ball or Rec Ball. Concensus was we should being doing it and someone needs to be in charge of it.</p> <p>Linda Dagostino: the apparel website will be up soon and have name on apparel they will send league a check and items will be mailed directly to buyer. Linda marked up the prices 22%.</p> <p>Will be able to see what type of action we are getting . Cal will embroider items if you get it from somewhere else. Such as the back pack bat bags.</p>
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Linda Dagostino volunteered to help with managing the preparation of the food in the concession stand. Evaluate healthier options in the concession stand at a later time and new coffee machine.

Stacy McClurg had a question about flyers. Eric Buckley said that Melissa Graber will send it out to the committee electronically and those volunteers have copies made. Submit receipts back to the league to be reimbursed.

Dan Laferriere advised that Scott Delsignore needs to stop by Pioneer take name of checks and Melissa Graber needs to stop by to put her name on.

Scott Thanked everyone to keep it rolling.

<b>Motion</b>	Close Meeting By Eric Buckley
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<b>Accepted</b>	Melissa Graber, Dave Robilotto
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