

Brunswick Girls Softball

Minutes

12/10/13

06:30 PM

Brunswick Community Center

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

Agenda Topics

6:30 – 8:30PM

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion	<p>Reading of old minutes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Colleen and Chuck gave status on the winter clinics and problems securing gym time. 2. Dave and Melissa secured thee photographer for April's Picture Day. 3. Pat Ryan received the new batting cages had old ones torn down and working with town to install the new ones 4. Clean up day went smoothly – Joe picked up the soda that was salvageable 5. Linda Dagostino gave update on apparel website 4. The uncontested positions for Executive Board were read: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Melissa Graber, President</i> <i>Eric Buckley, Vice President</i> <i>Patrick Ryan, Vice President</i> <i>Dan Laferriere, Treasurer</i> <i>David Robilotto, Secretary</i>
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Accepted	Melissa Graber, Pat Ryan
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NEW BUSINESS

Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President's Report: Nobody's ever going to make every meeting and never be a perfect time to have a meeting. In response to skipping the November meeting. Want participation on the board and communicate. 2. League insurance Dan got a notice last week from Bollinger and price has not gone up. Put in for 16 teams without the 3 travel teams and right now are billing for 17 teams. All girls are covered under travel as long the team is fielded by all house players otherwise need to add the team to the insurance. 3. There's no batting practice at Tamarac because there were holes in the bleachers. Rose hasn't given Colleen the schedule yet. Talk to the Dome to try to supplement some of the batting time and maybe have parents for it. 4. Rose is asking for the binder certificate and it doesn't go into effect until Jan 1st. 5. Winter Flyers for Colleen's Clinics. Needs to be sent to everyone in our league for free. But if they weren't with us they need to pay before they go to clinics, liability reasons. Melissa Graber will send out the flyer. 6. Patsy asked when does a child have to register to play on a travel team. Eric replied must register to play in the house league.
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Conclusions	If you cannot make it to a meeting do not worry about as the league needs to stay on a schedule. Insurance should be the same as last year. Colleen will work on securing time for Winter Clinics. In order to participate in the Winter Clinics and Travel Program player must sign up and play in the house league
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Discussion	Online Registration: 88 people signed up early in 2013 for the \$10 discount with a past deadline \$20 late charge. Rates for T-ball was \$45/\$55 & mini's and minors was \$85/\$95 & majors was \$85/\$95 with 14 games. . Maximum Family rate of \$160. Ump fees going up with guy from Grafton. Ump fees for majors was \$57per ump, per game and \$37 per ump for minors, sometimes you may have two ump.
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Motion	Keep the rates the same as 2013. By Eric Buckley
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Accepted	Melissa Graber, Dave Robilotto
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Discussion	Melissa suggested bumping the number of players per team to 8-9 players.
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Conclusions	T-Ball will have 8-9 players per team for 2014.
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VP REPORT

Discussion	If all sponsor's come back should have a profit of \$8,000. Signs cost \$100 each. Melissa is looking to invite Ida Griner to opening day. Ida started the league. She would like to put a sign on the concession stand "Ida's Place" on a plaque. Brunswick now has 501-C form for the businesses that want to write off the sponsorships. Dan will crosscheck the database the Eric gives him and then send it to Eric. Edelweiss will be sponsoring for free 2014 because Brunswick forgot to put up a sign for him. This check and balance should prevent this from happening again. Eric will email each of the board members sponsorship forms. Dave will put sponsorships on the website as ads. Sponser of a Team is first come, first serve basis.
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Motion	Plaque for "Ida Place" By Eric Buckley
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Accepted	Colleen Bisceglia, Dave Robilotto
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Discussion	Equipment: Lockrow has not returned the equipment from house league. Eric would like to buy 2 new catchers gear, \$70-\$80 each. Chuck and Colleen said really need small sizes. Eric is going to get a mini and minor set. Joe suggested that Brunswick get a few more bats for the girls. Chuck suggested a gently used Equipment Day to help with supply of bats. If none become available the League will purchase some. Todd suggested the infielders wear a face mask but this is something that cannot be mandated by the league.
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Conclusion	Teams need to be supplied with some more basic equipment.
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Discussion	Ratings: Rate pitchers and catchers as P1, P2 & C1, C2 at the current level they played at. In February the will be a discussion about rule changes. Chuck ask about using a Star system for the players (5 best and 1 worst) what position they played. Eric asked Chuck to develop the system for rating the players. Must know who the pitchers and catchers are and if they are P1, P2 and C1, C2. Also, get the kids ages so a team does not have more younger kids than other teams.
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Parent Comments on the online registration needs to be regulated to only hardship situations where there are requests for certain coaches.
 If there are more coaches applying to coach than teams then the board will need to form a committee to determine who will coach.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Discussion	Concession:	\$2,675.93
	House:	\$1,879.73
	Umpire:	\$9.75
	10 U Travel:	\$265.00 (Catlin)
	12 U Travel:	\$309.25 (Castiglione)
	18 U Travel:	\$1,211.00 (Madigan)
	Total:	\$6,350.66

Conclusion No coverage if car is hit inside the fence line. Handed a check by Pat Ryan from the town for \$1,775 for the batting cages. Joe will be returning \$160 for food returned to Guiseppes that was good.

Accepted Dave Robilotto, Melissa Graber

Motion Chuck Decitise to be on the board
 By Eric Buckley

Accepted No Objections

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OPEN DISCUSSION

Discussion

Patsy submitted a spreadsheet of rules from other leagues in the area for the 10U division as a guide for discussion at the February meeting.

Pat Ryan old cage down and pretty sure the new cage will not be up in 13 but guaranteed that it will be up in the spring.

Eric wish list with the town. Field raised, gates need to be fixed, roofs on dugouts or GET NEW DUGOUTS, fence needs to be fixed.

Pat asked about starting tourneys right after rec is over for white and blue divisions.

Todd also mentioned that Frozen Ropes will do a Coach the Coaches night for the league for free at their facility.

Eric talked about dealing with an unruly parent in that if there is a situation asked the parent to discuss this the next day. Helps disarm the parent and let things cool down a little.

Motion Close Meeting
 By Eric Buckley

Accepted Melissa Graber, Dave Robilotto