

Brunswick Girls Softball

Minutes

02/12/14

06:30 PM

Brunswick Fire Company #1 Sycaway

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

Agenda Topics

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OLD BUSINESS

Discussion	Reading of old minutes 1. Dan set up League Signup 2. Dave set up the new website 3. Moved clinics from Tamarac to the Dome 4. Kristin was recruited to replace Kara as pitching coach at the Dome
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Accepted	Melissa Graber, Colleen Bisceglia
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NEW BUSINESS

Discussion	1. Stacy candy fund-raising on hold til March for discussion. Price Chopper has a Raffle that every dollar raised goes back to the league. Raffle tickets are \$5 each top selling team gets a pizza party, top selling player gets \$250 gift card. Other leagues are in play not just our league. 2. New Facebook page has been created and trying to get people off of the personal page. The like page will notify people of updates and more than one person can administer it.
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Conclusions	Chair Fund-raising until March then decide whether to do candy or Big League Raffle.
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Discussion	Flyers have gone out for recruitment. Youth meeting: asked for everything on the list and probably get most of it except PA system or Lights. We need to do some kind of Fund-raising to get the lights. Maybe NIMO could donate some used telephone poles. Everything together could cost about \$15,000. Todd will talk to some people and see if we could get some volunteers to help. Need to get money benchmark so that we could carry it over \$25,000 limit. Going to have a field day with town to address some of the issues. #1 priority is to have a net put up between the Babe Ruth field and Field #1 to protect spectators from being hit by foul balls. They are going to install batting cages, fix fences & lip in the fields. They appreciate that we keep them in the loop as to what is going on in the league. Whereas the other leagues do not. Official use of the fields is limited to Brunswick Girls Softball, Dan Casale said signs will be installed and if others not affiliated with the league should be reported to the Town.
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VP REPORT

Discussion	<p>Clinics Update, much better experience able to set up stations like they wanted. Getting about mid-20's for attendance. Could use a few more volunteers to help out. One complaint which was because a girl had church.</p>
	<p>Sports Signup 74 players registered which is down from last year. Some girls who are twelve need to play up and there was a slight issue with the site that was pushing girls up a level when it shouldn't have. On the site it should say according to ASA Rules your daughter will be assigned to a division at the age she was on 12/31 but if player has the ability could be moved up.</p>
	<p>Report card ratings, Eric just started sending them out. Make sure Pitchers and Catchers get drafted first to keep teams balanced. Cahill's sports apparel website.... Eric personally went down and talked to him... said it will get done. Sponsorship update, \$2,000 come in 4-5 new sponsors. There's a check from Giuseppe's on Rte 2 for the league.</p>
	<p>Hudson Mohawk meeting, rates for umpires are going up. Going to be \$4 increase for each umpire. For majors game going to cost \$88 and at the minors \$60 per game. Might have to cut back a couple of games per team since, it was not budgeted for the increase. Mentioned that coaches could ump games for mini-minors but was decided not to do that. Instead find a volunteer that will do it for the price Jimmy charges at \$30. Chair the amount of games until March. BGSL has to pay \$100 to get back into travel and each team has to pay \$25 and make sure teams do rosters and insurance. Colleen got a volunteer to ump mini-minor games.</p>
	<p>Registration for girls, were told have to play house in order to play travel and they play on the H.S. team. Not possible to play all three. Melissa research that other leagues have the girls register but pay a lesser fee to get them on the insurance. For now only the Majors division. Melissa want the vote to be brought in front of the entire board. Question if they have to prove they are on the H.S. team. Vote was only for girls who are on a H.S. team and Travel team.</p>

Motion	<p>1 year trial only for the 16U team, allow girls who are on the H.S. team and travel team to only pay \$55 to be part of the league but who do not have to participate in rec season.</p> <p>By Melissa Graber</p>
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Accepted	Joe Castiglione, Pat Ryan
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Result	Passed, only Eric and Ed opposed
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Discussion	Concession: _____	N/A	
	House: _____	N/A	
	Umpire: _____	N/A	
	10 U Travel: _____	N/A	(Catlin)
	12 U Travel: _____	N/A	(Castiglione)
	18 U Travel: _____	N/A	(Madigan)
	Total: _____	\$0.00	

Conclusion	Dan was absent from the meeting.
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Accepted	
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RULES DISCUSSION

Discussion	Chuck put on a presentation about the experiences that occurred at the 10U travel level and that because of the way the rules are set up on the Mini-Minor level the girls are not playing at the same level. But the main reason for the disparity is because BGSL does not have an 8U division. Presentation included rules that other leagues in the area use at the 10U level. Mostly everyone was on board with modifying the rules to make Mini-Minors more competitive without hurting the less experience girls. The conclusion that board came out with during this discussion. was the league needs to develop more pitchers and the Managers should be trying to help develop pitching.
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Motion Mini-Minor Rules	infield fly rule – NO , dropped 3rd strike – NO , Bunting – YES , walk on 4 balls – YES , ELIMINATED COACH PITCHING, Up to batter to take base if HBP – YES , Leading(Ball Crosses Plate) – YES , Stealing – YES (1 base per pitch, ball dead on passed balls, No stealing any base after 3rd run is scored in any inning), Stealing HOME – NO , 5 run limit per inning, Pitching (Ages 7-8, 30 Feet Ages 9-10, 35 feet Age is identified as League Age, the age the player was as of 12/31), Keep 4 innings per game (Unless playoffs unlimited)- YES All rules are subject to a 1 year trial period and will be revisited for review prior to the 2015 season.
Minor Rules	No Stealing HOME but if a defensive play is made at any base the runner on 3rd has the option to go home. If the play is thrown to pitcher, stealing HOME is not allowed. - YES
Major Rules	Pitcher may only pitch any combination of 8 innings in 2 consecutive games – YES

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OPEN DISCUSSION

Discussion	N/A – replaced by rules discussion
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Motion	Jen Boehm to be on the Board By Eric Buckley
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Accepted	No Objections
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Motion	Stefanie Ellis to be on the Board By Eric Buckley
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Accepted	No Objections
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Motion	Close Meeting By Eric Buckley
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Accepted	Ed Thompson, Chuck Decitise
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Next Month's Meeting March 12