



Brewster Regional
Little League
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Minutes BRL Board Meeting: 1/28/15

Present: Ken Taber, Rich Kochanowicz, Liz Blanchard, Ted Beer, Jen Hornberger, and Bruce Riley.

The meeting began at 5:00pm.

- Ken mentioned that Jon Rutko would attend the next (Feb) meeting. We will discuss all umpire issues at that time.
- All BOD members present filled out CORI forms and handed in copies of drivers licenses.
- Jen reported on sponsors to date. Thus far, committed team sponsors include Cranberry Landscaping, Baystate Financial, Kinlin Grover with Seamen's Bank a likely returning sponsor.
- Evaluations will be held at the Nauset High School Gymnasium on 2/28 from 9-12:00. 8 and 9 year olds from 9-10:30; 10-12 year olds from 10:30-12:00 noon.
 - Bruce will email Lou to double check times.
- Draft Rules and Procedures:
 - Minors: There was a great deal of discussion regarding perceived fairness issues mentioned by some parents, especially regarding the make-up of the Truro team. After a great deal of discussion, the BOD came to a consensus that:
 - first, especially at the Minors level, wins and losses should be a secondary consideration to player participation and development.
 - second, although the Truro team, by virtue of having local player assigned automatically, has had an overabundance of skilled players the past two years, it was concluded that this was a result of chance and individual player considerations, NOT team stacking.

- As a result, the Truro team will again be drafted according to player home town, not by regular draft rules. This means no change from prior three years.
 - Majors: Again, after a great deal of discussion, a significant rule change was voted on and passed unanimously. Rule change is as follows:
 - Any player new to the Majors who joins a team automatically by virtue of the fact that his/her parent has decided to become an assistant coach of that team will still automatically become a member of that team. However, the player must be evaluated, with scores to be used to determine where that player would have been slotted in the draft. The player would then count as the draft pick of the new team in that slot. For example, if the player were determined to be a first round pick, then he/she would be the automatic first round pick for the team. The team would not receive another first round pick.
 - If the player were to miss the evaluation or for some reason score curiously lower than expected, the draft list committee would be responsible for determining that player's draft slot.
- The BOD proposed and agreed that all teams should be strongly encouraged to practice at least 2 hours per week, even after the start of regular season. Major and Minor Executives will be responsible for informing coaches of this responsibility and periodically checking that teams are practicing.
- The group also agreed to allow teams to choose color of baseball pants, provided that all members on one team wear the same color.
- Jen informed the group about the League Dinner. It will be held on April 1st, from 4-8pm at the Red Barn in Eastham. A percentage of the proceeds from the evening will be donated to BRLL, and some raffles will be held to aid in raising funds.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - BRLL Clinics: 2/16, 17, 18, 19
 - Next BOD Meeting: 2/19 at 5:00pm
 - Player Draft: 3/19 6-7:00pm (Majors); 7-? (Minors)
 - League Dinner: 4/1 4-8:00pm at Red Barn
 - Opening Day Regular Season: 4/11 at 10:00am
 - Closing Ceremony/ End Regular Season: 6/20

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm. The next meeting will be held Thursday, 2/19 at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Riley

Bruce Riley, Information Officer