



## Brewster Regional Little League

### Minutes BRL Board Meeting: 10/15/2014

Present: Ken Taber, Joe Forgione, Dave Whitney, Ted Beer, Liz Blanchard, Jen Hornberger, and Bruce Riley.

The meeting began at 5:00 pm.

- **iCORI:** Jen discussed progress with iCORI. She will finalize whether we will be exempt from any cost due to our 503-C status. She is now officially the CORI administrator for BRL.
- **Equipment:** Liz decided to put off her report on lime machines and other equipment issues until next meeting.
- **Registration:** The Board decided to keep registration fees at \$110 per player, with additional family members at ½ price. Liz and Jen will look into making up signs to be strategically placed to make folks more aware of registration and evaluations at the appropriate time.
- **Sponsorship:** The Board also agree to keep sponsorship fees the same as in 2014: \$450 for team sponsors, \$250 for banner sponsors. Details regarding each package will go out to sponsors in letters.
- **Photography:** Bruce proposed the idea of not having photos done on a League-wide basis on Opening Day, as it has been a logistically difficult operation in past years, and digital

photography seemingly has made this irrelevant. Still, there was some sentiment for keeping some sort of organized photography. Dave suggested that perhaps Rachel Alger might be interested in doing something along these lines, and Jen mentioned another contact she had. Jen and Dave will see what their folks say.

- **Continuous Batting Order:** Bruce proposed implementing a continuous batting order in the Majors, the rationale being that teams now only have 11 players, and we bat 10 as it is. One more batter will not make a major change in player at bats, but it will allow for free substitution, simplifying things for coaches and adding a great deal of flexibility. There was some heated discussion; it was decided to put this off until next meeting when more members are present.
  
- **Other Business:**
  - Apparently Lani Hall of Sports Authority claims that SA has paid BRLI for sponsorship, but BRLI is not showing any payment. Jen will get back to Lani to get it cleared up.
  - Liz spoke to Mr. Foster from Breakaway. He is already booked on our Opening Day, but he is available to do the cookout at Closing Ceremonies. Liz will confirm. Ken will get Brewster Board of health certificate for this event.
  - In order to streamline payment of umpires, all coaches must email Joe or Ted the umpire and score for each game. Joe and/or Ted can then update the scoreboard website with this info, which will be accessible by Ken.
  - Jen asked about who is typically responsible for banners. It falls within her responsibilities, but Liz will help out as well.
  - Finally, the Board discussed the possibility of the League financially supporting post-season teams, such as tournament teams and possibly a Cooperstown/Aberdeen team coached by BRLI coach Rick Sawyer. There seemed to be consensus that money could be allocated for these teams on an annual basis, obviously depending on the financial situation each season.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm. Next Meeting 11/19 at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Bruce Riley**

