

ARARAT CAL RIPKEN BASEBALL LEAGUE

Board of Directors:
President, Tim O'Connor (Bowdoinham)
Vice President, Ronald Emmons (Richmond)
Secretary, David Matero (Harpwell)
Treasurer, Steve Cox (Bowdoinham)
Insurance Coordinator / Equip. Man., Stan D'Orio (Bowdoin)

Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 26, 2007

DATE OF MEETING: March 21, 2007

Present: Tim O'Connor Ron Emmons
Steve Cox David Matero
Stan D'Orio Bruce Jones
Liz Bouve Brook Cox
Mike LaChance Ed Swann

Minutes taken by David Matero

A. Meeting Called to Order

1. Meeting convened at 5:45pm at the Bowdoinham Town Office.
2. Baseball officials from each town were invited to be introduced to the newly formed board of directors. Draft copies of the charter, by-laws, and league policies were forwarded for review.

B. Reading of Previous Meeting Minutes

1. A motion was made to accept the minutes from the previous meeting; it was seconded and unanimously agreed.

C. Treasurer's Report

1. Steve Cox presented a draft town baseball budget based on historical data to the town baseball officials. It is hoped to have a cushion of \$100 to \$500 to account for unexpected and unbudgeted expenses.
2. The report included insurance payments supplied by the Babe Ruth league.
3. Once the budget is ready, one invoice will be forwarded to each town.
4. The towns requested baseball invoices by the second week in April to give them sufficient time for payment.

D. President's Report

1. Tim O'Connor outlined the formation and the responsibility of the board to the town baseball officials.
2. The board recommends that insurance through Babe Ruth continue for one more year. Babe Ruth insurance covers both accident and liability. Not all towns cover both, and these are requirements to participate in the league and tournaments.
 - i. Stan D'Orio will research what coverage each town has to compare to the Babe Ruth requirements. Each town baseball official will forward Stan D'Orio their coverage plan.

- ii. Ed Swann noted that the all inclusive Babe Ruth insurance is extremely helpful. It is also an all or nothing coverage; either the league purchases insurance from Babe Ruth or each town is required to purchase it separately.
 - iii. Babe Ruth insurance coverage does not include the Rookie league.
3. The board would like to budget one complete set of all-star uniforms this year, for a total of three good sets and one old (teal) set. Future yearly budgets would include a set amount to be billed to each town to purchase additional uniforms every few years as needed.
 - i. A sponsor for the all-star uniforms would be acceptable by the board.
4. Liz Bouve requested that an inclement weather (thunder/lightning) policy be implemented by the league.
5. It was agreed to allow town baseball officials to appoint a voting representative if a board member can not be present for a meeting.

E. Old Business

1. The by-laws will be ratified at the Annual Meeting.
2. The policies for each league were reviewed and discussed.
 - i. A motion was made to accept the major/minor policy; it was seconded and unanimously agreed.
 - ii. A motion was made to accept the rookie policy with one typographical change; it was seconded and unanimously agreed. It will be updated and forwarded to the board members for final review.
3. The league website has been updated with minutes, by-laws and charter. The website will likely not be able to show real-time game cancellations.

F. New Business

1. A discussion on pitch-count will be continued at the coaches meeting.
2. Last year the Cal Ripken rule books were handed out late, if at all. The board recommended to Stan D'Orio to look into purchasing rule books early.
3. David Matero will write a draft inclement weather policy.

G. By-Laws

1. David Matero will forward a revised final draft of the by-laws for member review.

H. Next Meeting

1. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 5 at 6pm at the Bowdoinham Town Office. The coaches meeting will follow at 6:30pm.

I. Meeting Adjournment

1. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Please contact me at dmatero@totalrecap.com if you have any questions regarding the above meeting minutes.

Sincerely, David Matero