

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: May 15, 2007

DATE OF MEETING: May 6, 2007

Present: Tim O'Connor Ron Emmons
Steve Cox David Matero
Stan D'Orio

Minutes taken by David Matero

A. Meeting Called to Order

1. Meeting convened at 3:05 pm at the Bowdoinham Town Office.
2. All board members were present.

B. Reading of Previous Meeting Minutes

1. Ron Emmons read the notes from the previous meeting minutes, they were as follows:
 - i. In attendance were Steve Cox, Stan D'Orio, Tim O'Connor, and Ron Emmons
 - ii. The inclement weather policy was described. A motion was made to accept, it was seconded, and unanimously approved.
 - iii. Tim O'Connor discussed the board organization to the league coaches in attendance.
 - iv. Ron Emmons outlined the new league website.
 - v. The Cal Ripken roster was discussed.
 - vi. Coaching certification was discussed.
 - vii. A pitch count, in lieu of number of innings, was discussed.
 - viii. Stan D'Orio discussed the rule books, scorebook, and jerseys.
 - ix. The major/minor rules were discussed.
 - x. The rookie rules were discussed.
 - xi. Steve Cox reviewed the budget.
 - xii. The meeting adjourned at 9:08pm

C. Treasurer's Report

1. Steve Cox presented the treasurer's report indicating three credits from the towns of Bowdoinham, Richmond, and Harpswell and one debit to the Babe Ruth League.
2. Stan will remind Bowdoin that their payment is due (\$436.50).

D. Committee Report

1. Stan described the all-star uniforms on order from Play it Again sports.
2. The wrong patches were sent. They have been reordered.
3. Stan's company has sponsored the uniforms.

E. President's Report

1. Tim O'Connor was asked by Chad Pine to write a letter allowing 12-year old players playing both Cal Ripken baseball and Babe Ruth baseball.
 - i. A motion was made to allow 12-year old players to play both Cal Ripken baseball and Babe Ruth baseball. It was seconded and unanimously approved.
 - ii. David Matero will forward letterhead in word file to Tim. Tim will write the letter.
2. The all-star policy written by Tim O'Connor was forwarded and reviewed.
 - i. A motion was made to accept the all-star policy, it was seconded and unanimously approved.
 - ii. Ron Emmons will post the policy on the website.
3. The roster numbers for the four age groups were reviewed and discussed.
4. A motion was made to field four all-star teams in age groups 9, 10, 11, and 12. It was seconded and unanimously approved.

F. Old Business

1. Ron Emmons has contacted Wiscasset and Topsham because they have not reported their scores on the website.

G. New Business

1. David Matero asked if the league was interested in asking Wiscasset to join the Ararat league. It was noted that if Wiscasset joined the league they would be part of the all-star selection. By maintaining an interlocking schedule, Wiscasset and Ararat can play against each other and maintain separate all-star teams.
2. A discussion on speeding up games was discussed. One recommendation was to allow fewer warm-up pitches between innings and no infield warm-up between innings.
3. Tim O'Connor will email league coaches notifying them that the league is accepting all-star coaching applications for the four teams. Applications are due May 18.
4. A board meeting was scheduled for Sunday May 20 at 8am to review the all-star coaching applications.
5. A coaches meeting was scheduled for Sunday June 3 at 3pm to review all-star tryout selections.
6. Ron Emmons asked to amend the rookie policy to indicate that the pitching rubber to be placed at 40', and no closer than 35'.
 - i. A motion was made to amend the rookie policy to indicate that the pitching rubber shall be placed at 40', and no closer than 3', it was seconded and unanimously approved.
 - ii. David Matero will revise the policy and forward to Ron to upload to the website.
7. Stan D'Orio asked for a list of people willing to umpire games from different towns.

H. By-Laws

1. No revisions or discussion.

I. Upcoming Meetings

1. The next board meeting was scheduled for Sunday May 20 at 8am at the Bowdoinham Town Office to review the all-star manager applications and make selections.
2. A coaches meeting for all-star tryout selection was scheduled for Sunday June 3 at 3pm at the Bowdoinham Town Office.

I. Meeting Adjournment

1. Meeting adjourned at 5:53pm.

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

Sincerely, David Matero

