

BRICK AMERICAN BASEBALL LEAGUE

Minutes of the Board Meeting of 1/11/2009

Meeting called to order at 9:05 am

Absent Board Members

Treasurer Charlie Marvin

Fall Baseball Player Agent Ray Mannon

15 Board Members Present

Reports

Secretary Mike Hudak

- By a vote of 13-2 the Board voted to continue to schedule its meetings for the second Sunday of the month at 9:00 am.

Executive Vice President Chuck McGinnis

- Presented the Finance Report for Charlie Marvin.
- An anonymous donor has contributed \$5,000 to pay for upgrades to the cages and the purchase of a card system for the training center.
- Prepared and presented the 2009 budget, which included construction of the new T-Ball field. The High School has promised to donate the backstop. The estimated cost is \$10,000. John Hazelet made a motion to accept the 2009 budget. Seconded by Kevin case. The motion was accepted unanimously.
- A numbered cash receipts book will be acquired and used to track cash receipts. The Audit Committee will be investigating how cash is handled and accounted.

Sergeant-At-Arms Gene Carafa

- A minimum of 100 coaches are still needed to run the league.
- Discussed the \$15 membership fee. A report will be given at the General Membership Meeting detailing the use of the funds for scholarship, background checks and the Sunshine Fund.

Safety Officer Ed Rizzitello

- Discussed having clinics for the players. The focus would be on safety in using proper playing techniques.

Umpire-In-Chief Jack Oujo

- Youth umpires 16 and up will be used to do Jr. and Sr. League games. Cadet who will be working with SUA umpires will be paid \$30 per game. The umpires' pay for the first three games will be used to purchase their umpiring outfits. One youth umpire will be used for games at the 9-year-old level and will be paid \$20.

Executive Vice President Chuck McGinnis

- Presented the Capital Plan Budget. Discussed the installation of a card swipe system for the training center. Joe D'Amato made a motion to include the card swipe system in the Capital Plan Budget. Seconded by Mike Rytelowski. The motion was accepted unanimously.

General Notes

- Opening Day will be Saturday March 28th.
- Opening Day for the Challenger League will be Friday April 17th.
- Opening Ceremonies will be held on Saturday April 18th.
- Brick Day at the Blueclaws will be held on May 10th (Mothers' Day). This is a fundraising event. BABL will make \$3 per ticket sold.
- Discussion of the home run derby was tabled.
- The training center will open on January 17th. Discussed Coaches accountability when using the facility.

Player Agent Reports

Travel Baseball Player Agent John Hazelet

- Will be having a committee meeting on January 12th to the league format and choose a league. Current league choices are a South Jersey League and USABL.
- Discussed the retiring #3 at the BABL complex in honor of Babe Ruth and the Babe Ruth League

T-Ball Player Agent Ray Triano

- T-Ball has 94 players. Eight teams will be formed.

Rookie League Player Agent Tracy Horning

- There will be 10 teams of 13 players. There are still two openings available.
- Players will begin practicing in the training center on January 17th.
- Presented the coaches. A motion was made by Mike Hudak to conditionally accept the coaches pending the completion of all requirements. Seconded by John Hazelet. Motion accepted unanimously.

Class A Player Agent Joe D'Amato

- Tryouts were conducted for 22 8-year-old players. Of that number, 8 players were drafted to fill roster spots in the 9-year-old division.
- There will be 7 teams of 12 players.

Major League 46/60 Player Agent Frank Crisafi

- The league will have 9 teams with 12 to 13 players/team.
- The draft will be held on January 17th at 12 pm.
- Deferred presenting the coaches until the next board meeting.

Major League 50/70 Player Agent Mike Rytelowski

- The draft was held on January 6th.
- Discussed coaches' and managers' conduct.

Junior/Senior League Player Agent Kevin Case

- The league will have 7 teams with 13 players per team.
- Presented the list of coaches
- Discussed status of players who did not try out and whether they should be allowed to play.

Committee Reports

- Audit Committee – No report
- The Parents' Committee had their first meeting. The committee will present a report at either the Board or General Membership Meeting. The Committee still needs a representative from T-Ball and Senior League.
- Membership Handbook – No report.

Fundraising And Special Events Coordinator Debra Markoski

- Plans to again have soldier representation and recognition in the Memorial Day Parade.
- Plans to schedule the Home Run Derby to as a separate event. Discussion focused on including other divisional levels.
- Discussed Memorial Day festivities to include skill events and a Fun Day at the complex.

Old Business

- The League-wide batting order will not be used. The full roster batting order can be implemented by a particular level of play as a local option with Board approval.
- The Board will develop and vote on rules and guidelines for postings in the Forum.
- The fire suppression system will be upgraded at a cost of \$1,800.
- Mike Rytelewski made a motion to accept the Refund Policy. Seconded by John Hazelet. Motion accepted unanimously.
- The capital requests of the town were discussed. The town has not given any indication about assistance for the new T-Ball field. It is included in the Rec. Dept request for capital funds. The Council has not adopted a budget yet. Possible clearing of the land may occur in late summer or early fall of 2009 making the new field a possibility for the 2010 season.
- Correcting the drainage problems and installation of a security system will be implemented by BABL.

New Business

- BABL rejected hosting a Labor Day Tournament.
- BABL again will host a Columbus Day Tournament.
- League wide tryouts will be held for ages 10 and up.
- Kevin Case made a motion to purchase a message board to be placed in the hallway outside of the bathrooms to announce the tryout schedule. Seconded by John Hazelet. Motion accepted unanimously.
- Development of a player rating system was tabled.
- The town acknowledged receiving the letter from BABL regarding the land lease and field usage.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.