

BRICK AMERICAN BASEBALL LEAGUE

Minutes of the Board Meeting of 2/8/2009

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am

Absent Board Members

Executive Vice President Chuck McGinnis

Trustee Duke Anderson

15 Board Members Present

Reports

Secretary Mike Hudak

- The reading of the minutes for the General Membership Meeting of 1/18/09 was waived.

Treasurer Charlie Marvin

- Presented the Finance Report. Motion to accept by John Hazelet. Seconded by Joe D'Amato. Motion accepted unanimously.

Sergeant-At-Arms Gene Carafa

- There are currently 180 coaches in the league, 40 less than the 2008 season. Approximately 22 more are needed.

Safety Officer Ed Rizzitello

- Proposed a youth service project for collecting used equipment.
- Youth volunteers are working one day per week cleaning the complex.

Umpire-In-Chief Jack Oujo

- A four-session umpiring clinic will be held for new coaches. The dates are 2/23, 2/27, 3/2 and 3/5. All sessions will be from 5:30 to 7:45 pm. A clinic for existing coaches will be held on 3/1 from 9:00 to 11:30 am. The field training session will be held on 3/22. All Classes will be taped. Umpires will work pre-season games to gain experience. There is no fee for attendance at the clinic.
- Umpires will be required to dress properly. BABL and Jack Oujo will offset the cost of equipment.

General Notes

President Tom Nerney

- The new T-Ball field will not be built for the 2009 season. The field is not in the town's budget.
- Brick American is hosting the Babe Ruth/Call Ripkin State Tournament for the 12-year-old division. We need volunteers to make this a success.

Player Agent Reports

Travel Baseball Player Agent John Hazelet

- More players are needed to fill the teams. A flyer will be going out to solicit players.
- Jack Oujo made a motion to reserve the fields for Travel Baseball on Sundays from 9:00 am to 1 pm. Seconded by Ray Triano. Motion accepted 13-2. (Rytelewski and Rizzatello opposed)

- Discussed pitching limitations for players in both the Brick regular season and Travel League.

T-Ball Player Agent Ray Triano

- The pre-season meeting with the coaches was held.
- There will be 14 players per team. Some of the rosters will be rearranged because of siblings.
- There will not be a playoff at the end of the season. A skills contest is being considered as an alternative.

Rookie League Player Agent Tracy Horning

- A coaches clinic was conducted
- Discussed All Star eligibility for players who were moved up to the 9-year-old level. Tryouts for All Stars will be age specific.
- Presented the Rookie League local options and a list of coaches for approval. Kevin Case made a motion to conditionally accept the coaches pending the completion of all requirements and to accept the local options. Seconded by Mike Rytelewski. Motion accepted unanimously.

Class A Player Agent Joe D'Amato

- Presented the Class A local options and a list of coaches for approval. Traci Horning made a motion to conditionally accept the coaches pending the completion of all requirements and to accept the local options. Seconded by Frank Crisafi. Motion accepted unanimously.

Major League 46/60 Player Agent Frank Crisafi

- Major League 46/60 will have a 16-18 game schedule. BABL may be inter-leaguig with BNBL and Waretown.
- Practices will be held at Vet's after the start of the season.
- Discussed the feasibility of using youth umpires at games. A motion to use the youth umpires at the games was tabled.
- Presented the Major League 46/60 local options and a list of coaches for approval. Joe D'Amato made a motion to conditionally accept the coaches pending the completion of all requirements and to accept the local options. Seconded by John Hazelet. Motion accepted unanimously.

Major League 50/70 Player Agent Mike Rytelewski

- Discussed the eligibility of non-roster coaches to substitute on the field. Mike Hudak made a motion to allow any approved, active, certified coach in the BABL to substitute at any level. Seconded by Jack Oujo. Motion accepted unanimously.
- Presented a list of coaches for the Major League 50/70 division. Mike Hudak made a motion to conditionally accept the coaches pending the completion of all requirements. Seconded by Frank Crisafi. Motion accepted unanimously.
- Discussed bunting rules. Mike Hudak made a motion to ban the slash bunt. Seconded by Frank Crisafi. Motion accepted 13-0 (Abstain – Triano and Rytelewski).
- Schedules from the player agents will be posted on the Web.
- Rosters are needed from the player agents.

Junior/Senior League Player Agent Kevin Case

- Presented a list of coaches and local options for the Junior/Senior League. Traci Horning made a motion to conditionally accept the coaches pending the

completion of all requirements and to accept the local options. Seconded by Gene Carafa. Motion accepted unanimously.

Senior League Player Agent Chuck McGinnis

- Kevin Case presented the list of coaches and local options for Senior League in Chuck McGinnis's absence. Traci Horning made a motion to conditionally accept the coaches pending the completion of all requirements and to accept the local options. Seconded by Gene Carafa. Motion accepted unanimously.

Committee Reports

- Audit Committee – No report
- The Parents' Committee – No report
- Membership Handbook – Met on Thursday February 5th. The first four pages of the handbook have been revised.

Fundraising And Special Events Coordinator Debra Markoski

- Discussed the Aquafina Pitch, Hit, and Run Competition. The competition at BABL must be completed before Memorial Day. Traci will make a presentation at the General Membership Meeting and on the Web before a decision is made to enter the event.
- Opening day ceremonies will be held on April 18th. The rain date is April 19th. A mandatory meeting will be scheduled to discuss organization of events, team posters, goodie bags, distribution of flyers, and promotion of the event.
- Discussed Memorial Day festivities. Players will march in the parade and represent local soldiers.
- Discussed developing a yearbook pamphlet for the players.
- Proposed investigating sponsor signs. Sponsorships would cost \$1,000 a year for three years.

Old Business

- Postings on the Forum – Mike Rytelowski reported that the policy regarding the Forum is still being researched and investigated.
- Mandatory tryouts - Tabled
- Charlie Marvin reported that the card swipe system is operational. Proposed an agreement form for the coaches and managers to sign. A separate form plus a \$30 deposit will be needed for the High School coaches. There will be a \$10 fee to replace lost cards. Frank Crisafi made a motion to accept the coaches' agreement form for the training center. Seconded by Ray Triano. Motion accepted unanimously.
- Charlie Marvin reported that the current alarm system costs \$840 a year to rent. There is an additional annual testing fee of \$200. The Heim Alarm Company can replace the current equipment for \$2,000 and monitor the system for \$28 per month. The installation cost will rise to \$4,000 if new wiring is needed. Mike Rytelowski made a motion to obtain additional estimates for a replacement alarm system in the training center and the clubhouse. Seconded by Mike Hudak. Motion accepted unanimously.

New Business

- Ray Mannon reported that there is a need to escort the snack stand women to their cars after closing.
- Charlie Marvin reported that there is an increasing amount of broken and missing equipment in the training center.
- Charlie Marvin discussed the creation of a yearly schedule for league operations.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.