

BRICK AMERICAN BASEBALL LEAGUE

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of 2/15/09
Meeting Called to order at 7:30 pm

Absent Board Members

T-Ball Player Agent Ray Triano
Junior/Senior League Player Agent Kevin Case
Fall Baseball Player Agent Ray Mannon
Trustee Duke Anderson

13 Board Members Present

REPORTS

Secretary Mike Hudak

- Read the minutes of the General Membership Meeting of 1/18/09. Motion to accept by Ed Weldon. Seconded by Gary LaRosa. Motion accepted unanimously.
- Read the minutes of the Board Meeting of 2/8/09. Motion to accept by Bill Smith. Seconded by Tom Rae. Motion accepted unanimously.
- Read a Thank You card sent to the League from the Denley Family.

Treasurer Charlie Marvin

- Presented the financial report. Motion to accept by John Monaghan. Seconded by Barry Cottrell. Motion accepted unanimously.
- Swipe cards will be issued on 2/19 in the clubhouse kitchen from 5-7 pm.
- Thanked the Board for the flowers that were sent and the members who attended his mother-in-law's wake.

President Tom Nerney

- The High School has donated Baseballs to the League.
- New T-shirts have been ordered.
- T-Ball will be practicing on Colorado Field.
- The Rookie League will be practicing on Colorado Field after the season begins.
- Volunteers are needed to do work and make repairs on the complex.

Executive Vice President Chuck McGinnis

- No report on Township business.

Sergeant-At-Arms Gene Carafa

- There is currently 185-190 member coaches signed up in the league, 20 less than 2008. There are 25 members who are deficient in their coaching requirements and need to pay dues, complete a background check, or complete the safety clinic.

Safety Officer Ed Rizzitello

- Reminded coaches that players are not allowed to swing bats outside of the batting cages. Bats must be carried below the waist.
- Parents, coaches, and managers must not block traffic around the training center and use the proper "Drop Off" and "Pick Up" locations.
- Announced that the League is collecting donations of used and unused equipment. The collection bin will be placed in the Training Center. Jack Oujo suggested that Thank You certificates from the League be issued for donations.

Umpire-In-Chief Jack Oujo

- Clinics will be held for the Youth Umpires on February 23rd and 26th, March 2nd and 5th. Rule interpretations and field mechanics will be covered.
- Youth umpires will be paid \$20/game at the lower levels of play.
- Junior/Senior League Umpires will be paid \$40/game.
- Youth umpires need to file working papers.

T-Ball Player Agent Ray Triano

- There will be a T-ball meeting. More signups are anticipated.
- Due to roster problems, some teams will be reorganized.
- More coaches are needed.

Rookie League Player Traci Horning

- Held the initial meeting for coaches and managers of the Rookie League.
- The schedule is posted on line.
- Time slots are posted in the Training Center.
- The season will start on March 28th.

Class A Player Agent Joe D'Amato

- The division schedule is posted on the web site.

Major League 46/60 Player Agent Frank Crisafi

- There will be a meeting with Brick National to discuss inter-league play.

Major League 50/70 Player Agent Mike Rytelowski

- The Local Options are posted on the web site under "Handouts".
- The schedule has not been completed. The inter-league schedule is still being worked out.
- The work party is being planned and will probably be held on a Sunday.
- Reminded the managers and coaches that the fields are not ready to be used. Players must be kept off of the infield.
- Bill Smith has joined the Parents' Committee as the T-Ball Representative.
- There is one roster position open in the Senior League.
- Tournament volunteers are needed.
- Discussed the difference between a member and an approved coach. Non-roster coaches who are substituting must notify the player agent. Only approved coaches may substitute.
- Applications for the Columbus Day Tournament are available at the 10, 11, and 17-year-old level. The 17-year-old level is a wood bat tournament. Volunteers are needed.

Junior/Senior League Player Agent Kevin Case

- No report.

Coordinator of Fund Raising and Special Events Debra Markoski

- The Hit/Pitch/Run Competition will be held April 18th at Opening Day.
- Fun Day will be held at the complex after the Memorial Day Parade.
- Discussed sponsorships from local businesses.
- A signup list for volunteers in the Hit/Pitch/Run Competition will be posted in the clubhouse.

Travel Baseball Player Agent John Hazelet

- There are still open roster positions available for Travel Baseball.

Fall Baseball Player Agent Ray Mannon

- No report.

Motion to adjourn by Mike DeBari
Seconded by Barry Cottrell.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.