



Meeting Minutes February 19, 2006

1. Meeting Come to Order

- a. John Hurlburt called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

2. Attendance

- a. Board Members Attendance
 - i. John Hurlburt - President
 - ii. Bernie Simone - Jr Legion U17/Mickey Mantle U16/Bob Feller U15
 - iii. Mike Curto - Information Officer
- b. Team Representatives in Attendance
 - i. Bob Glassman Ridge
 - ii. Peter Mueler Montgomery
 - iii. Gregg Snyder Somerville
 - iv. Gary Frankosky Bridgewater
 - v. Walt Fitzsimmons Bridgewater U15
 - vi. Bill Puch Alpha
 - vii. Mike Moreland Clinton
 - viii. Steve Farsiou Readington U15/Flemington U19
 - ix. Martion Smyth Flemington
 - x. Walt Walker Flemington
 - xi. Dan Battista North Plainfield
 - xii. Larry Welles Belvidare
 - xiii. Jim Schwalse Hillsborough
 - xiv. Mike Hansford Hillsborough
 - xv. Mike Homza Bernards
 - xvi. Jed Yaney Bridgewater/Raritan
 - xvii. Bernie Simone Immaculata
 - xviii. Mike Curto Warren Hills
- c. Guests
 - i. Alex Skandalis GSUA Umpire Assigner
 - ii. Steve Leonardo GSUA Umpire Assigner

3. Reading of Previous Months Minutes

- a. No minutes were available for the previous league meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. John reported that we about \$3,000 in the league account.

5. Presidents Report

- a. Review of League Constitution
 - i. John reported that the league is currently reviewing its constitution.
 - ii. The Constitution has been converted into a MS Word Document and once voted on will be posted on website.
 - iii. Bernie is currently doing an initial review and will sent it out to the coaches before the march meeting.
- b. League Expansion
 - i. John reported that he has approached Wachung Hills, Hackettstown, Blairstown/North Warren, Bernards, and Franklin.
 - ii. Bernards was the only team interested in joining league. Other teams indicated that they would be geographically on the fringe of the league and would not be interested.
 - iii. This would increase the number of teams in the senior program to 12 and would increase the number of tournament entries for the league.
 - iv. Mike Hamza will represent Berards.
 - v.
- c. Umpire Assigner
 - i. John reported that league is interested in having on Umpire Assigner for the entire league.
 - ii. Alex Skandalis and Steve Leonardo were invited to the meeting to present their program and answer questions.
- d. Senior Legion Schedule
 - i. John reported that the league is concerning have two divisions in the senior program.
 - ii. Teams would play teams in their division 3 times and the teams in the other division 1 time.
 - iii. Only games within a team's own division would count to select tournament entries.
 - iv. Teams would start and finish their season with 3 games against the other division. All games in between would be in their own division.
 - v. Coaches express concern over this type of schedule so this discussion was tabled until the March Meeting.
- e. John reported the Legion is indicating that Junior Legion program will need to be consistent with Senior Legion. Only one team for each base school.
- f. League Fees
 - i. National Fee \$20
 - ii. State \$60
 - iii. Umpire \$60
 - iv. Forfeits \$120 New Teams / \$10 for existing teams
 - v. Discussion on if the league should include a tournament fee. Currently no plans to host a tournament this year. Bridgewater would still like to sponsor a tournament. Tabled the discussion until March meeting.

6. American Legion State Meeting Report

- a. State meeting was occurring at the same time as our meeting. No report was available.

7. Junior Legion Report

- a. Bernie reported that he has contacted a number of Junior Legion, Mickey Mantle, Sandy Koufax coaches that participated in the program next year.
- b. Bernie reported that the league would like to have a dedicated U15 Bob Feller League, but may not have enough teams.
- c. Bernie handed out a preliminary document that showed how teams could be organized for a Junior Legion League and Bob Feller League.
- d. Bernie reported that we will planned to meet with the coaches to discuss how teams should be organized.

8. Umpire Scheduler Presentation

- a. Alex Skandalis and Steve Leonardo presented how their Greater Somerset Umpire Association (GSUA) was organized and how they could help the league with scheduling umpires.
- b. Recommended fees
 - i. Senior - \$60 per game
 - ii. Junior - \$55 per game
 - iii. On time \$60 fee for scheduling.
 - iv. \$20 travel fee any time umpires show up and game is not played.
- c. Multiple coaches indicated that they had worked with Alex in the past and spoke positively about the program.
- d. Dan Battista expressed concerns over increase in cost for the service and the use of umpires that he has used in the past. Cost will increase by \$165 (\$5/game plus \$60 for scheduling service) for a 21 game schedule. Alex indicated that Dan could submit up to 3 of his own umpires to be included in on their umpire list.
- e. A discussion on what criteria GSUA uses to select there umpires and what is the process to re-schedule umpires after rainouts.
- f. Alex provided handouts to the coaches (posted on website) that outlined their program.
- g. A league vote was taken on using GSUA Umpire Scheduler Service for the 2006 Senior Season. 9 teams voted Yes. 3 teams voted No. As a result, the Senior League will use GSUA to schedule its Umpires this year.

9. Website Report

- a. Mike Curto reported that online team registrations forms are now available on the website. Teams need to complete them and submit them by March 1st so that a coaches contact sheet can be generated for the March Meeting.
- b. Mike Curto reported that team invoices will be e-mailed out once team registration has been submitted.
- c. Mike Curto Reported that American Legion has indicated that players 14 years and old can have there names listed on the league website. The league has recommended that teams include team rosters this year.

10. Old Business

- a. Review of updates made to the Constitution.
- b. Senior League Divisional organization and scheduling.
- c. Junior League divisional organization and scheduling.
- d. Tournament Fee.

11. New Business

- a. Teams need to purchase team insurance.

12. Scheduling of next meeting

- a. The next coach's meeting is scheduled for Sunday March 26, 3:00pm at Health Quest.

13. Meeting adjournment by President

- a. John H. adjourned the meeting at 5:07pm.