



## **Pyramid Baseball Board Meeting Minutes Nov 11, 2007**

### **A. Meeting Come to Order**

1. John Hurlburt called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

### **B. Attendance**

#### **1. Board Members Roll Call**

- i. John Hurlburt - Director (**Present**)
- ii. Fred Ferrone - Treasure (**Not Present**)
- iii. Rich Schramko - Senior League Coordinator (**Not Present**)
- iv. Woody Halsey – Scheduler (**Not Present**)
- v. Bernie Simone - Junior League Coordinator/Secretary (**Present**)
- vi. Mike Curto – Public Relations/Website Coordinator (**Present**)
- vii. Walt Fitzsimmons - Bridgewater (**Present**)

### **C. State Meetings**

1. There will be an AABC State Meeting on Sunday December 2nd in North Jersey
  - i. John H. is planning on attending it.
  - ii. Plan to discuss having Pyramid Baseball Host 2008 Connie Mack Tournament. Would be played in Bridgewater
  - iii. John is also planning on discussing the state funding for hosting the tournament. It is currently \$1,500. Walt F. estimates that it would cost \$5,000 to run the tournament correctly. Another option would be to add a tournament fee to Pyramid Baseball Team Registration.
2. There will be an American Legion State Meeting on Sunday December 2nd in Seaside.
  - i. Either Woody or Bernie will attend this meeting.

### **D. League Constitution Revision**

1. John H. has a marked up copy of the constitution that contains the updates that need to be included in the new revision of the constitution.
2. John H. will forward Bernie the marked up copy so that he can the changes into a MSWord softcopy.
3. Plan to review updated version at next meeting.

### **E. Board Organization**

1. Mike C. has proposed the following restructuring of the board position. Will discuss in December Meeting.
  - i. Board of Directors
    1. President:

2. Vice President:
3. Secretary:
4. Treasurer:
- ii. Standing Committees
  1. Senior League Chairperson:
  2. Veterans League Chairperson:
  3. Patriot League Chairperson
  4. Schedule Coordinator Chairperson:
  5. Umpire Coordinator Chairperson:
  6. High School Coach's Representative Chairperson:
  7. Public Relations Chairperson

## **F. League Organization**

1. Mike C. will contact Hackettstown to get an update on their interest in joining Pyramid Baseball.
2. John H. is currently looking into seeing if it's feasible for Pyramid Baseball to enter teams into the Stan Musial League. This is an AABC unlimited league.
3. Discussion on having Patriot (15U) and Veteran (17U) Leagues cut-off date to be born on or after May 1st. This would enable the divisions to focus on the following age groups:
  - i. Patriot: 13/14 yr olds, 7th and 8th grade Middle School Players
  - ii. Veteran: 15/16 yr olds/ 9th and 10th grade, Freshman and JV Players
  - iii. Senior: 17/18 yr olds/ 11th and 12th grade, JV and Varsity Players.
4. Bernie S. will contact Ron Armellino to discuss having 15U teams play in the Patriot League.
5. Review of the guidelines on managing new teams in the league.

## **G. 2007 Season Postmortem**

1. Things that went well.
  - i. Umpire quality and scheduling.
  - ii. New Game scheduling went well.
  - iii. League was run more professionally
  - iv. Public Relations and news paper coverage
  - v. Completion with in the league was good.
  - vi. End of year play-offs and tournament
  - vii. All-Star Game.
2. Things to improve on.
  - i. League Constitution
  - ii. Communication of League Budget
  - iii. League Meeting Structure
  - iv. Empowerment of Board Members
  - v. Clarification of suspended game rules.
  - vi. Better discipline on e-mail distribution.
3. Mike C. will work on a questionnaire to get feedback from team coaches.

## **H. Topics For Next Meeting**

1. Board Organization
2. League Constitution/Rules
3. Junior Legion Organization
4. League Expansion

**I. Scheduling of Next Meeting**

1. Next Senior Legion Meeting is scheduled for Sunday December 8th, at 9:00am

**J. Meeting adjournment**

1. John Hurlburt adjourned the meeting to order at 11:10 .m.