

**Vienna Babe Ruth
Board Meeting
January 10, 2007**

1. The meeting was called to order by Board President Clarke Gray at 8:00 p.m.

2. Board members present:

Clarke Gray, Mary Stickney, Bruce Gentile, Eric Chafetz, Steve Fox, Jim Ashley, Glen Cordell, Kevin Brown, Bill McGillicuddy, Bill Cervanak and Ray Zdancewicz were present.

3. President's Report

Clarke introduced Frank Werman, John Cantrell and John Madden, representatives from Oakton HS, made a short presentation to the Board about an opportunity for two Babe Ruth teams (13/14s) to participate in a fund raising tournament the weekend of April 14-15. There will be fourteen teams participating in the three-game guarantee tournament. The entrance fee is \$375 per team before March 20 and \$400 thereafter. The tournament is sanctioned by USSSA, so USSSA fees will need to be paid prior to participation in the tournament.

Games will be played at Nottaway, Madison HS, Waters and Oakton HS. Frank Werman will be the field coordinator for the games played at Waters. Clarke will seek a waiver from the Town to begin games before noon on Sunday, if it is necessary. Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved to sponsor the First Annual Cougar Clash Baseball Tournament.

Clarke reported that Madison HS Alumni Lacrosse Reunion committee has requested the use of Waters on April 21 or April 22, from 3:00 - 8:00 pm. Clarke reported that manager certification is required beginning in 2008. Certification costs \$19.95 and is good for three years; however, if the course is taken this year, the certification will be good for four years.

Clarke requested that email communication be limited to general announcements about meetings and games, and that all other communications should be made in person or by telephone. Email communications are often misunderstood and are very easily copied and forwarded more broadly than necessary.

4. VP Reports

American League

Kevin Brown reported that he has begun contacting last year's managers and that several are returning this year.

Prep League

Jim Ashley reported that he is reaching out to the Little League 12s. Mary Stickney will

provide the 12 year old email list to Jim so that he can contact them about the upcoming Babe Ruth registration.

National and Senior Leagues

No Reports

5. Player Agent Report

Ray Zdancewicz reported that walk-in registration will be held on January 20, at the Vienna Community Center between 10:00 and 2:00.

6. Treasurer's Report

Bruce Gentile presented the 2007 budget. The financial plan is comparable to last year's plan, and because of the concession stand profit last year, money is available to fund the plan.

7. Quartermaster Report

No Report

8. Old Business

Bill McGillicuddy suggested that a protocol be established for preparing the fields at Waters from season to season. For example, the football stripes should be removed and the bases prepared for baseball on a date certain following football season each year. Clarke will ask the Town for new, larger tarps. The tarps are fairly expensive, approximately \$1600 for mound and home plate and \$1200 for the corners. Clarke also reported that the net in right field needs to be put up before the season begins.

9. New Business

Clarke reported that he has been talking to representatives from the Commonwealth League about possible scrimmages in March.

Opening day is scheduled for April 14, however, it may need to be postponed until after the First Annual Cougar Clash Baseball Tournament.

VYI made a \$2500 donation resulting from the Wiffle Ball Tournament.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. by President Clarke Gray. The next meeting will be held on February 14, 2007.