

**Vienna Babe Ruth
Board Meeting
November 7, 2006**

1. The meeting was called to order by Board President Clarke Gray at 9:00 p.m.

2. Board members present:

Clarke Gray, Mary Stickney, Bruce Gentile, Eric Chafetz, Tom Beck, Carrie Kilgore, Steve Fox, Jim Ashley and Ray Zdancewicz were present.

3. President's Report

Waters field will be used only during day time hours during the winter, unless needed by VYI, the Town of Vienna or Babe Ruth. Lacrosse will begin practicing on the field in February. Several local high school teams have expressed interest in practicing at Waters, including Flint Hill, Falls Church, Paul IV, and O'Connell.

A 35 foot net will be installed in right field to protect the softball field. It will be up by opening day. Building of the dugouts will likely be delayed until the 2008 season.

Clarke will be setting up a meeting with other area Boards to discuss having inter-league wood bat tournaments on Sundays and other topics.

4. Registration for 2007

Walk-in registration will be held on January 20 and the registration rates will be the same as last year:

\$135 through January 20;

\$160 through mid-March;

\$75 for non-volunteer charge;

\$25 late registration fee.

Umpire rates will remain the same as last year. The League will buy a sign to hang over Maple Avenue; the cost will be about \$300.

5. Treasurer's Report

Bruce Gentile reported that the financial plan will be comparable to last year's plan, since the rates are all staying approximately the same. Insurance rates will go up, and they do annually. Bruce will apply to the County for subsidies that are available to the League.

6. Concessions

Clarke reported that VYI football is replacing all the electrical wiring in the concession stand and that it has updated and cleaned the restrooms.

7. Old Business

The following persons have filled the Babe Ruth Board vacancies:

Jim Ashley, Prep League VP

Tom Beck, National League VP

Kevin Brown, American League VP

Carrie Kilgore, Sponsorships

Ray Zdancewicz, Player Agent

We still need volunteers for several positions, including concessions.

Clarke encourages Board Members to solicit involvement from families in the community, especially the transition team families. The Mary Stickney will begin sending Babe Ruth Board meeting announcements via email to families with 12 year olds, to encourage participation and improve communication.

8. New Business

Clarke reported that planning has begun for the Oyster Bull Roast Benefit for Waters Field, which is scheduled to be held on December 10. The event is being held to benefit the Grater Vienna Babe Ruth League and is being sponsored by the Senators.

Clarke reported that the Clark Griffith League will have 10 teams this year. There will be no more games played at Waters than last year, but the number of teams is greater.

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