

Vienna Babe Ruth

Board Meeting

June 12, 2006

1. The meeting was called to order by Board President Clarke Gray at 8:30 p.m.
2. Board members present: Clarke Gray, Mary Stickney, Paul Boren, Bruce Gentile, Eric Chafetz, Debbie Ochs, Art Dungan, Mary Beck, and Kevin Brown,
3. 2006 Achievements.
Clarke provided a report on the 2006 Babe Ruth League achievements which included: the installation of the new field; the delivery of the new score board which will be put up this week; the very successful 159 game schedule which includes the wood bat tournament; and the completion of two Eagle Scout projects.
4. Snack Bar.
Debbie Ochs provided a report on the costs of the freezers and refrigerators, both of which are needed in the snack bar. She requested approval from the Board to spend approximately \$1,000 to purchase a refrigerator. She will continue to research additional units and provide a report at the next meeting. The Board approved Debbie's request to expend up to \$1,000 for a new refrigerator and agreed that a new freezer is still needed.

Debbie also reported that there is a poor volunteer rate from the Senior League families in the snack bar. The Board discussed the value of keeping the snack bar open for the Senior League games. It also discussed limiting the menu for the Senior League games. There is little monetary income received during the games, but it is a good community service. For the remainder of this season, the snack bar will remain open when it is adequately staffed, but closed at all other times. Consideration on scheduling the snack bar for Senior League next season will be discussed at a future meeting.
5. VP Reports.
Prep League.
Kevin Brown reported that the All-Star team has not yet been formed. He has polled the coaches for player recommendations.

American League.

The AL has two all star teams. The 14 year old team and the 13-15 year old team, commonly referred to as the 15 year old team. The selection process used for many years is: (1) the managers are asked if they are interested (2) if two or more are interested in the same job, they are asked to discuss it between themselves or share the job (manager/assistant coach) (3) if two or more are interested in the same job and cannot resolve the issue, then the job goes to the manager with the best season record. The final selection is approved by the Board. The nominee for the 14 year old is Kevin Callahan

of the Phillies. The nominee for the 15 year old is Chris Copans of the A's. However, Dick Whittington, Assistant Coach of the Phillies, may step in if Chris Copans needs knee surgery. The Board approved the nominees.

National League.

No report – Tom Beck was not present.

Senior League.

No report – Jim McLaughlin was not present.

Clarke suggested that each All-Star team should have a 15 player roster, if possible, to ensure an adequate number of players for all games – players can be replaced between levels if needed.

6. Treasurer Report.
Bruce Gentile reported that the League has adequate funds for its upcoming expenses.
7. Scott Rawson Sloan Memorial.
Nominees for the Scott Rawson Sloan award are being received by the Vice Presidents. Recommendations for award should be provided to the Board. The recommendations should include the players name, home address and Social Security Number. The recommendations will be endorsed by the Board. The award recipients receive a savings bond and a plaque.
8. Old Business.
Clarke reported that an All-Star Tournament Manager is needed for the Prep League. Kevin Brown agreed to do that.

Clarke also reported that we need a Fall Ball Commissioner to work with Northern Virginia Fall Ball League, gets players and conduct the draft. We also need a Transition Coordinator.

There will be 10 transition teams this fall – 2 from Falls Church, 5 from Vienna, and 3 from McLean.
9. New Business.
Clarke reported that the fund raising campaign is getting organized and will begin in the next few weeks. Frank Howard will be the Honorary Chairperson. Other celebrities participating include Ryan Zimmerman of the Washington Nationals and Mr. Crabtree, Vienna Little League. The goal of the campaign is to collect \$450, 000 for further field improvements, including sunken dugouts. Board members Carrie Kilgore and Ware Dunn are participating in the campaign.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. by President Clarke Gray. The next meeting

will be held the third week in July.

Approved by the Board on: _____