

**Vienna Babe Ruth
Board Meeting
September 21, 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, Debbie Ochs, Tom Beck, Glen Cordell, Roy Copans, Paul Boren, and Carrie Kilgore were present. Others attending: Alice Williamson and Thu Minnick.

3. Annual Report

Clarke provided a report on the 2006 season. He reported that the fall transition league has 10 teams. Three from Vienna, four from McLean, 2 from Chantilly and one from Annandale.

The Spring 2006 season was extremely successful. There were over 300 games play at Waters with only four rain outs, and they were due to lightning. The wooden bat games Sundays and the wooden bat tournament were well received, as was the Memorial Day Tournament, in which there were 55 games played.

The 2006 All Star Program was successful. The Senior League All Star team went to the State Tournament.

Clarke also reported that Pulte Homes has committed \$750,000 to the County for synthetic surface fields and that \$250,000 has been earmarked for a Little League field at Nottaway. Madison may also install a synthetic surface field, and if they do, several other practice fields in the area will be freed up for other teams.

3. VP Reports

No reports.

4. Player Agent's Report

No report.

5. Treasurer's Report

Bruce Gentile reported that the financial plan is about \$2,000 ahead this year, primarily due to the snack bar operations this year. Bruce anticipated field maintenance will reduce in the future with the synthetic turf at Waters, but reported that insurance rates continue to increase annually.

6. Concessions

Debbie Ochs thanked the key assistants she had this year in the Snack Bar, including, Alice Williamson, Carrie and Katie Kilgore, Jayne McLaughlin and Eileen O'Leary. She

also recognized the many sons and daughters for the Babe Ruth League who helped keep the Snack Bar open during the Clark Griffith League games. Debbie noted that if we could bring in more volunteers, proceeds would be higher, however, the teens were terrific helpers, enabling the Snack Bar to remain open. Debbie is stepping down from her position on the Board and recommended that two persons run the Snack Bar between March and July, because it is a very long time frame for one person.

The Board expressed its appreciation to Debbie for the tremendous job she has done during her tenure as the Snack Bar manager, especially in light of the fact that she didn't even have a son playing in Babe Ruth last year.

Quartermaster

The Board expressed its appreciation to Glenn Cordell for his assistance with equipment and uniforms for the year and during Fall ball.

7. Old Business

There are several Board Positions open for the 2007 season. They include:

Prep League VP

National League VP

American League VP

Concessions

Clarke encourages Board Members to solicit involvement from families in the community, especially the transition team families.

Babe Ruth needs to reach out to players. Several advertising approaches should be used. i.e., banner across Maple Ave., mail outs, notices in high school papers, and phone calls.

8. New Business

None

Topics for Discussion for the October 2006 meeting:

- Election of Board Members
- Inter-league Play
- Systems
- Clark Griffith League Clinics
- Registration

9. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. by President Clarke Gray. The next meeting will be held the third week in October 2006.