

Rye Little League Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 8, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: P. Mackey, C. Mackey, N. Gardella, J. Ritzo, G. Carr, P. Berube, T. Durkin, J. Fox, T. Sanborn, B. Brown, M. Shepcaro, D. Dosckocil, P. Kendall, R. Neitz, C. Corradi, P. Taylor, D. Crisp, S. King, R. King.

Peter Taylor led the meeting. The January minutes were accepted.

The January minutes had changes made.

1. The Members at Large will be voted on at the March meeting. Patty Berube and Tim Durkin have taken other positions on the Board and are not Members at Large this year. There are three vacancies to fill.
2. The voting members were clarified as follows: President, Vice-President, National League Vice-President, American League Vice-President, T-ball League Vice-President, Chief Umpire, Player Agent, Equipment and Safety Officer, Field Maintenance Officer, Treasurer, Secretary/Information Officer, and 4 Managers.

The sign on Lang Road, "Home of the Rye Little League 2003 State Champions" was discussed. It was mentioned that there had been vandalized. Bob Brown said he would look into getting it cleaned and report back to Peter.

There was discussion concerning who is to make the calls to the players who do not make the draft for the Majors. Previous documents from last year state that the Player Agent is to make the calls. The discussion referred to dispersing the calls to be made among the Board Members to get the calls done quickly vs. ensuring consistency of information among the calls made by one person, the Player Agent. The issue will be discussed at the March meeting.

Dianne reviewed the registration night. Many volunteered to help out at the different tables. The tables will be set up in a manner that leads the families through a systematic process from start to finish. This was set up last year by Judy Esposito, and it worked quite well. The first table is for those who don't have their forms filled out yet to be able to sit and get ready without holding up the line. The second table will be to verify the League Age, that the registration form is complete, and the birth certificate. Because of Judy's organization last year, we have all of the birth certificate copies for those who registered last year. The third table will be the uniform samples for families to write on the registration form the size needed for their child. The fourth table is the payment table and the registration forms / copies of birth certificate will be left here. The fifth table is the sign-ups for evaluation levels, coaching volunteers. The sixth table is for additional raffle ticket sales and sweatshirt sales.

The choosing of the Major League Managers are almost completed. Application forms were reviewed and accepted by Tim Durkin and Patty Berube. Pirates – Steve King. Dodgers – Dan Richards. Cardinals – Dave Doskosil. Braves – the application needs to be completed and accepted as of yet. This was voted on and approved.

Peter announced that John Rickert informed him that he cannot take the position of Equipment and Safety Officer this year. We will need a volunteer. This position is responsible for issues related to safety of the players, relating to the equipment and any injuries.

The new pitch rule was discussed. Peter said he will review the rule and report back to the group at the March meeting. It concerns the strict enforcement of how many pitches can be made per the age of the player.

National League Managers and American League Managers will be asked to sign up at Registration Night. There was discussion concerning finding people to take on the job, not knowing which group their child will be in until after the evaluations and the draft. This only pertains to those who are trying out for a higher level that where they have been. Some families know they will be in a certain level because of their child's skill level.

For any registrations that come in by mail, Patty will receive them from the P.O Box, process them, and email the families a confirmation of receipt and also inform them of the time to be at the gym for evaluations.

A suggestion was made for the Major League schedule to be made more public outside the families who are playing. The thought is that some people in town would like to watch a good ball game and just don't know when the games are played. Suggestions made were: fridge magnets, the town newsletter, Webster residents might want to come to a game, or to laminate the schedule on cards. Christina Mackey said she would help Dianne with this project.

The date for the March meeting will be sent to people after we find when the library is available.