

Rye Little League Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 6, 2007, 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Attendance: M. Shepcaro, J. Sexton, D. Crisp, P. Taylor, B. Monahan, Dan R., Scott M., Del R.
The April meeting minutes were reviewed and approved for posting on the website. It was noted that there will be a Lacrosse Tournament at the Rye Rec fields this coming weekend, so the parking lot has the potential to be very full for the ball games.

League Picnic – will begin at 11:30. There may be a second game that morning, depending on the outcome of the first game. Dianne noted that because Outback Steakhouse doesn't donate their cookout services on the weekends any longer, and no other vendor was willing to donate their services, it is recommended by Patty Berube, Nancy Gardella, and Dianne that we plan pizza and the snack shack along with families bringing salads and desserts, like it was done in years past. Various members noted that they have tables they can bring for the food to be set on for serving. Dianne said she would make a schedule for the desserts and salads.

Equipment Retrieval, Inventory, Cleaning, and Storage – It was discussed and agreed that all the equipment needs to be collected, accounted for, cleaned, and prepared for proper storage. This is to be done at the end of the season to avoid having it put away in various locations and conditions. It will also allow us to be properly prepared at the start of next season. Each coach will be responsible for collecting the shirts from Nationals and Majors at the last game. It was recommended for the players / parents to be advised to bring another shirt to change into after the last game. That way the shirts can be accounted for immediately. The shirts will be washed and stored for next year. The coaches will be responsible for turning in all the equipment bags at the end of the season. The equipment will be examined for safety conditions next year.

Post Season Committee – Peter, John, Bob, and Del agreed to be responsible for overseeing the post-season. Volunteers are needed to help during the home games, including: Snack Shack, Field Prep, Announcers, Scorer's Booth, Official Scorer. Peter will go to the District meetings and requested that the Managers / Coaches go also, as there is a lot of information given out at those meetings. Information about each game needs to be written and reported to the press.

Review Upcoming Schedule – The days remaining in the season vs. rain days were discussed. June 4th and 5th games and any others rained out will not be rescheduled. June 8th is already scheduled for a make-up game for rain. June 15th is already scheduled for make-up for RJH Graduation.

Rescheduling Games – There was much discussion concerning what events the games should be rescheduled for vs. making a schedule and moving forward with it as is. There have been a lot of forfeits this season. The Managers are not responsible to discuss rescheduling games for other events vs. having to forfeit a game. The League makes a schedule for the season, as does every other sport organization. The League does not say that baseball is more important than events at school or for families. One suggestion was to develop a policy that would allow the managers to submit a written request to reschedule the game in conflict, with no less than two weeks notice, and stating for what reason. The Board would discuss it and vote whether or not to allow the game to be rescheduled. This will be discussed further and voted on at the September meeting.

Cardinals vs. Braves game 6/6/07 – Discussion was required concerning the outcome of this game. At the bottom of the 4th inning, the game was called by the Chief Umpire due to the Little League Baseball rule stating that a game cannot be played without 9 players on the team. The rule book says it is not an automatic forfeit, therefore requiring the Board to decide on a ruling. The game started on time. The score at the bottom of the 4th was Braves 10, Cardinals 1. Due to a RES Band Concert, each team needed to let players leave early. As a result, the Braves had 8 remaining players and the Cardinals had 9 remaining players. The Board will need to revisit this issue when more members are present at the meeting on 6/19.

All-Star Team Letter of Commitment / Voting / Results – The Managers will distribute the commitment letter to their players on Saturday, June 9th. It must be returned to the Manager no later than Wednesday, June 13th. The

Managers are responsible to get the letters to Bob Monahan by 8:00 p.m. 6/13/07. Bob will make the ballots. The Managers will proof-read their respective teams and Peter, John, and Dianne will proof-read to make sure each name matches a commitment letter. The voting will occur between the two Major League games on Saturday, June 16th and the teams will be announced on Saturday, June 23rd. Practice begins Sunday, June 24th and likely will require two practices / day.

Current Standings – Based on the percentage of wins vs. losses. Each Manager will submit their standings from their records, to John Sexton. They will be verified for accuracy of the records and posted on the website.

Regular Season – Saturday, June 16th is the last regular season game for the Major League teams. In the event of a tie, head to head results shall apply, and if required, the teams will come back to the field at 6:00 p.m. for a playoff game. The winner of the regular season will be announced, trophies will be given to the players. The winning manager receives a plaque. It was suggested and approved that the winning team name be engraved on a new trophy that will be kept in the scorer's booth.

Tournament Schedule – Monday, June 18th – Saturday, June 23rd. The Major League team that finished in first place during the regular season shall be seeded first and play the fourth place team. In the event of rain, the tournament may be shortened to single elimination. If it is raining on Saturday, June 23rd, and the teams are unable to play, the final games will not be rescheduled. There will be no decisions made at the field concerning this. The Board will meet.

Flash Jenness Award – The nomination form was reviewed and revised to state that only the Board Members can nominate a player for the award. The forms will be made available to the Board Members on Saturday, June 9th must be turned in to John Sexton by Saturday, June 16th. So family members are aware of the process and what the award represents, it was agreed to post the information sheet and nomination form on the website.

Field Day to end the season – It was agreed to schedule a field day after the All-Star games are completed. It was suggested to make an event of the day by ordering pizza and possibly having a softball game. The signs on the outfield fence need to be taken down and stored properly for next year. The field needs to be cleaned up. A date is yet to be determined.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19th.