

Rye Little League Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday February 5, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: B. Monahan, D. Richard, P. Taylor, J. Sexton, D. Crisp, C. Keebler, J. Fox, R. King, P. Kendall, S. Turner, W. Graham, P. Kane, J. Ritzo, D. Wilson, R. Neitz, T. Mardin, G. Carr, M. Luneau, C. Guerin, M. Shepcaro, S. King, C. Mackey, P. Mackey, C. Corradi, D. Adams,

January 9, 2008 minutes were approved.

Thank You – Janet Stevens, representing the Rye Recreation Commission, thanked the Rye Little League for the donation of \$5000.00 toward the planned playground at the Rye Recreation Field. She asked for our continued support of this project as its purpose is to provide a safe place for the children to play, away from the pond and the traffic on the road. This is an item on the Rye Town Ballot Warrant Article 13.

New Officers – Peter Taylor explained the responsibilities of each of the Little League Board positions that are open. He asked for nominations and had previously accepted offers from those who are interested in being voted onto the Board. He explained that the Managers for the Major League teams need to apply for the position each year. There is a committee, within the Board, that reviews the applications and presents them to the President. The President makes the selection for the Major League Managers from this information. The application for Major League Managers is posted on line. Discussion concerning some positions took place. The compiled list was voted and accepted. The new officers for 2008 Little League Season are:

President	Bob Monahan
Vice-President	Peter Taylor
National League VP	Ron King
American League VP	Marc Shepcaro
T-Ball League VP	Rick Neitz
Chief Umpire	John Sexton
Player Agent	TBD
Treasurer	Christin Keebler
Secretary / Information Officer	Dianne Crisp
Safety / Equipment Officer	Bob Monahan
Field Maintenance Officer	Jeff Carroll
Braves Manager	TBD
Cardinals Manager	TBD
Dodgers Manager	TBD
Pirates Manager	TBD
Member-at-Large	Joe Ritzo
Member-at-Large	Tim Sanborn
Member-at-Large	Glenn Carr
Member-at-Large	TBD
Capital Improvement Chairperson	Peter Taylor

Finances – It was discussed that the Little League is not supposed to carry a large balance. The money is to be used for replacing old / damaged equipment, enhancing / improving the field, etc. It was discussed that Dan Richards and Del Record have started a Power Point Presentation regarding this issue. They will report at a future date.

Shirt sizes for uniforms – Dianne will have a paper at Evaluations for players to write down their shirt size so when we order uniforms, we can be close on size.

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Evaluation Process – John Sexton reviewed the evaluation process. There are 13 openings for the Majors.

Optional Pre-evaluation Work-out – Scheduled for March 7 RJH, 7 – 8 p.m.

Major League Teams – A question was raised to add another team to the Major League. It was discussed that it is not as easy as it sounds. It has been tried in the past and has resulted in problems that were difficult to fix. There aren't enough fields for the teams to practice on, the volume of players from year to year fluctuates and results in not enough players to fill the teams that are at that level of play.

Positive Coaching Alliance – It will be required for the 2008 Season that the coaches for American, National, and Majors will be taking this course.

Background Checks – Each year the coaches and managers are required to have a background check.

Umpires for the National League – A suggestion was made to have a committee or pool of people who are willing to be an umpire. If each coach / manager had a copy of this list, it would be easier for the home team manager to schedule an umpire prior to the game.

Policy for ages allowed in the Snack Shack – The policy for the Snack Shack says that no one under the age of 12 is allowed in the building due to safety issues. It also says that only one of the two families working can hire a teenager to work for them, meaning one adult is in the snack shack always. A question was raised to clarify what the Board requires. What happens should match what the policy says. Shari Turner and Beth Kendall are in charge of overseeing the Snack Shack this year, they will discuss this at their planning meeting and report back.

Change in Presidential leadership – Peter Taylor is stepping down this year as our President after 6 years. John Sexton expressed sincere gratitude for Peter's dedication and commitment to the Rye Little League. The membership present agreed and expressed their thanks also. Thank you Peter.

Next meeting – 3/5/08 RJH 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting adjourned.