

Rye Little League Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 9, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: B. Monahan, D. Richard, P. Berube, P. Taylor, D. Crisp, C. Keebler, C. Reaney, J. Fox, R. King, P. Kendall, S. Turner, S. Turner, W. Graham, P. Kane, J. Ritzo, D. Wilson, R. Neitz, T. Mardin

Sept 13, 2007 minutes were approved.

Registration – Scheduled for Wednesday 2/20 and Thursday 2/21 at 6:00 – 7:30 in the RJH Cafeteria. Late registrations were discussed, based on last year's experience. The date picked last year allowed too much time to get the registration information turned in. This year the registration date was decided to be the following Monday after the registration nights. Anything after this will require a \$25.00 late fee. The registration packages will be distributed early February to give the families plenty of time to prepare their information. Dianne said she would also distribute the registration packages to the Rye Country Day School to make sure the families with 5 year olds get the information also.

Evaluations / Try-outs – Scheduled for Saturday March 8 at the RJH gym. The doors open at 8:30 a.m. The American League Evaluations begin at 9:00 a.m. The National League Evaluations begins at 10:30 a.m. The Major League Try-outs begin at 1:00 p.m. Call-backs are scheduled for Monday March 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the RJH gym.

New Officers – The February meeting will include election of officers for the 2008 season. Due to the nature of the position, Christin Keebler was voted in tonight for the Treasurer position. Managers need to be selected before the March 8th Evaluation Day. The community has a vote in the election of officers, as stated in the by-laws of the Little League Organization.

Player Roster – There was discussion concerning the smaller number of players on the roster last year. Dianne suggested handing out packages to the preschools in the area to help those families be aware of the program, since the T-Ball League had very few players on the roster. Another suggestion was to be more flexible with the various schedules that overlap each other, such as Lacrosse, so the children don't have to choose between sports they want to experience and enjoy playing.

Positive Alliance Coaching Program – More information will be discussed as to how to access the website with this program. Some in the group have taken this course, and it is possible the website has changed. A motion was made and accepted to require all coaches and managers to take this course. Background checks are also required for the coaches and managers.

Baseball Workshop – Peter said he would contact Dave Adam about doing a baseball workshop for the players.

Snack Shack – Shari Turner and Beth Kendall will take over the responsibility of the Snack Shack.

Field Condition – The field has been thoroughly prepared by Jeff Carroll and his crew. The dugouts have been painted by a few volunteers. The people responsible for the improvements that have taken place so far deserve a huge thank you for their hard work.

Batting Cage – The condition of the batting cage was discussed. More information is required as to the current status of the approval process through the Town of Rye, the Rye Recreation Board, and the Rye Little League. The desired plan is to have a wire cage as in Laconia, NH. Follow-up is required.

Next meeting date set for Tuesday, February 5, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned.