

Rye Little League Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 24, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: B. Monahan, D. Richard, J. Sexton, D. Crisp, C. Keebler, P. Taylor, J. Ritzo, T. Mardin, M. Shepcaro, S. King, G. Carr, C. Reaney, R. King, T. Sanborn, R. Hindle, C. Guerin, C. Corradi, S. Turner, D. Wilson, R. Neitz, B. Sheesley, D. Doskocil

March 5, minutes were not presented for approval.

Team Assignment Process – John Sexton reviewed the team assignment process, from the evaluations and try-outs held on Saturday March 8th. As he does each year, he explained how the process works from the evaluation through the draft. Everyone was given an opportunity to ask questions and offer suggestions of how to improve the process.

12 year old rule – Little League International added a new rule this year that any 12 year old in the registration would be placed in the Major League. There was much discussion concerning this process and how it affected the draft process. There were two players this season that fell into this ruling. Both players were evaluated on March 8th and have been placed on a Major League team. The ruling of Little League International #5 was discussed at great length to make sure that everyone present understood the wording. The Board is very concerned about the safety risk of one of the players on the major league roster for 2008, regarding liability issues in the case of an injury. It was discussed that the wording of Rule #5 is governed by Little League International and the Rye Little League is following the guidelines set by them. A motion was made and accepted to let the issue be evaluated by the manager / coaches to decide if there is an issue, if deemed so that this group would speak to the parents, and then to Bristol, CT.

Scoring Process for ages – It was discussed that there is a scoring weight that is added to the score after the raw score. This provides the players with older ages to be scored higher for placement in the higher levels of the league.

Competitiveness of Rye Little League Program – Much discussion was held on this issue. The question raised was regarding at what level does the developmental / instructional change to competitive. What is the goal of the levels of each league? It was agreed that the coaches at all levels need to be consistent with how things are done, realizing that each person has a different personality and style of coaching. The consensus was that the children need to be provided an opportunity at all levels to be respected and to nurture the love of the game as they grow as young people. The Positive Coaching Alliance program reinforces this and is mandatory for all coaches and managers.

Parent Meetings – It was advised that all teams have a parent / coach meeting at the beginning of practices to the families can ask any questions of the coaching staff for the teams, and the coaching staff can explain their expectations of how things will flow, from schedules to communication to expected behaviors on and off the field by players and parents.

Next meeting not scheduled.

April 12 is the expected date for the coaches meeting.

Meeting adjourned.