

Rye Little League Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 5, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: B. Monahan, D. Richard, J. Sexton, D. Crisp, P. Taylor, J. Ritzo, T. Mardin, M. Shepcaro, S. King, C. Reaney

February 5, 2008 minutes were approved.

Double Goal Positive Coaching Program – It was clarified that this is a mandatory program for any manager and coach at the levels of Major League, National League, and American League. There will be a coaches meeting scheduled in April to meet with everyone in this group. The certificates from completing the program will be turned in at this meeting.

Background Checks – Anyone who is going to be coaching or volunteering and working with the children will need to have a background check. Bob will be taking care of this.

Evaluation Day – Scheduled for this Saturday, March 8. John has the evaluators in place. There will be four out of town evaluators for the Major League, as is done each year to keep the scoring impartial. The doors will be closed at 12:30 to begin the instruction and question / answer time before the evaluations begin at 1:00. The players are to be signed in prior to that time. It was agreed that the sign-up sheet would be broken into hour long increments so if families want to leave and come back vs. sitting around for a couple of hours waiting for their child's turn, with the understanding that they would have to be back a half hour prior to the assigned time. Dianne will provide a list of the players for the respective leagues to John Sexton for evaluation day, including the email addresses, and phone numbers.

Special Evaluation Group for Nationals – This year we have a conflict with a group of players for Nationals. There is about 10 kids that have a church commitment at the same time as the evaluations for National League. It is agreed that this amount of players only will be allowed to be evaluated first thing in the a.m., before the American League at 9:00. The players attending this group must respond to an RSVP that Dianne will send out.

Call Back Monday Night – This was discussed and understood that it is in no way a guarantee to take place. If the scores for the Major League line up so there is no need for a call back night, then there will not be one. This will not be known until after the scores are looked at on Saturday afternoon. Under no circumstances, should this possible night be considered a chance for a "make-up" day for people who are out of town.

Major League Draft Night – After the scores are final for the Major League, the managers and Chief Umpire and President will meet to go over the draft of the players onto the teams. The Player Agent and Vice-President and / or designee will be responsible to call the players who do not make the cut for the major league. Out of respect for the disappointment that is understood and anticipated, these players are to be called first. The Managers of the respective teams will call the players who do make the cut to the major league. It is expected that the Draft will be held on Wednesday, March 12. This may be subject to change.

Major League players not signed up yet – There are a couple of players from the major league teams last year that have not confirmed that they will or will not be playing this season. Dianne will call them to confirm their registration so we know if we are holding a spot for them on the team openings.

League Ages – The league ages were discussed in regard to players who may have a strong talent of baseball skills but are not at the appropriate age level for play in the higher league. The league ages will be followed as determined by Little League International.

Pre-Optional Workout – Due to the error in communication and scheduling of this event, arrangements have been made to hold this night on Thursday, March 6 at the RJH at 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. An email with apologies for any inconvenience will be sent out by Dianne.

Opening Day – May 10th will be Opening Day. Bob will take care of scheduling the antique fire truck for the graduating 12 yr olds to ride in to the field.

Managers for Majors – The Major League managers will be Pirates – Steve King, Cardinals – Tim Mardin, Dodgers – Dan Richards, Braves – Steve Turner.

Next meeting , expected 3/18/08 RJH 7:00 p.m.
Another meeting is planned for April for coaches.

Meeting adjourned.