**Hershey Little League**

**Board of Directors**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date: August 11, 2013**

**Meeting Location: MHS Elementary School**

**Members Present:** George Blackall, Myron McCurdy, Pat Meister, David Myers, Vince Pasquini, Stan Sullivan

**Members Absent:** Dana Best, Chris DeFlitch Jeff Hahn, Jen Garver-Hynes, Jim Larkin, David Mysel, Terry Singer, Matt Wildasin

Guests: Dave Holt- Oriole Advocates

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Myron McCurdy at 6:38 PM.

**President’s Report**: Myron McCurdy- thanks to everyone for the past year. Year 2 agenda will be busy. After elections we will proceed with these items.

Proxie votes were given to Myron from Jim Larkin and Dana Best. As a result, we had a quorum.

David Holt- Board member of Oriole Assist- a nonprofit organization that assists the Baltimore Orioloes with service activities. They have75 members. They are independet of the Baltimore Orioles but take direction from them.

Cardboard to Leather Program- provides baseball equipment to youth in developing countries. They have an international focus because the Orioles have domestic programs and they do not want the programs to conflict.

Request to HLL- Oriole Assist would like to partner with HLL to get our support. They take just about anything baseball related- equip, clothing. Will also accept other sporting equipment. They will come pick it up and also provide collection boxes. Stan offered to loan one of his trucks to transport. HLL will discuss further and consider tying this to opening day.

Last year Oriole Assist sent 15,000 pieces of equipment to developing countries and one Indian reservation.

**Vice President’s Report:** Chris DeFlitch- absent.

Presented by George Blackall:

**15 U teeners**: Chris DeFlitch will coach. He has enough players for one team. They will play in the Hampden League. Final cost is to be determined. Two of the players are from another town- Myron will check to make sure this does not violate our leases. No Hershey players were turned away.

Myron McCurdy presented:

**18U Teener team**- Chris DeFlitch has spoken to Coach Ruhl and Ken Kremer about putting together an 18U fall ball team. Myron supports a fall ball program for older players. We also want to continue to find ways for Hershey players to continue to play with Hershey kids. The initial proposal was for Ken Kremer and Coach Ruhl to have an 18 U Hershey team play in the fall Central Penn Legion program. They asked Chris if they could house the program under the HLL umbrella so they could get sponsorship support (in order to get sponsors they needed to be part of 501C organization) and have access to fields- Pebble Beach, Memorial.

Doug Ruhl in email conversations with Myron reported that he will not be running the program or coaching- he was a conduit to invite some players to be on the team. Ken Kremer is going to coach the team.

Coach Ruhl and Ken Kremer were invited to this meeting, but neither were in attendance.

Coach Ruhl told Myron that he essentially has nothing to do with this and we should communicate directly with Ken Kremer.

Concerns expressed during the meeting:

1. While HLL is interested in fall ball for older players in the future, it was not on this year’s agenda.
2. The program was organized and then HLL was invited to be part of it.
3. It appears that the process for obtaining players was not open or transparent.
4. Coach Ruhl is not involved in the operation of the team.

Vince Pasquini expressed concern that because the process of obtaining players was selective and not inclusive, this is is not consistent with HLL’s procedures.

One of the concerns was if there would be the repercussions for those players who did to play on this team?

Motion presented on allowing Mr Kremer’s 18 U fall ball team to be part of HLL and utilize the resources of HLL. Motion made by Pat Meister, 2nd by Vince Pasquini.

Discussion- Mr Kremer is welcome to come to the Board for a planning discussion.

Vote: In favor: 0 Against: 8 Motion does not pass.

**Fall Ball Update**- Pat Meister-

32 players for inhouse team. Another team coming from Palmyra-44 total

Pre-minors- 10 players

Instructional- 11

Cut-off date Aug 28th.

Uniforms- goal is to order them by next Monday. Pat will handle ordering uniforms,

Pat is still securing coaches.

**Secretary’s Report:** George Blackall:

Sought approval of the Minutes from July 14, 2013.

Motion to accept the minutes from July 14, 2013 by Vince Pasquini- Second by Dave Myers. Motion passed unanimously.

Thus far, only 1 person has expressed interest in the 6 open HLL Board positions. We need to engage people who would be good Board members in the coming days.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Pat Meister: Financial statements as of Aug 3, 2013 attached.

**New Business:**

None

**Old Business:**

None

Motion to adjourn by Vince Pasquini; second by Stan Sullivan. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

**Next Meeting**: September 8, 2013; 6:30 PM at the MHS Elementary School.

Minutes submitted by George F. Blackall, Secretary, Hershey Little League

Date: 8/12/13