



**Deerfield Youth Baseball and Softball Association  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
January 13, 2015**

**Directors in Attendance:** Jeff Fjeldheim, Greg Geren, Beth Kraemer, Kevin McKinney, Lew Bricker, Jamie Izaks, Dan McGrath, Tom Siciliano, Gregg Orloff, Mike Danielewicz, Chris Nickel, Megan Kaplan, and Paul Chanan.

**Guests in Attendance:** None.

**Meeting called to order:** The Commissioner called the meeting to order.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the December meeting were approved.

**Insurance:** The Commissioner reported that DYBA is up to date on insurance matters.

**Registration:** Baseball and softball registration reports were given. On behalf of baseball, Mr. Orloff reported that registration is well underway. The registration numbers for baseball were not accessible, so the Commissioner agreed to update the Directors on these via email. Mr. McKinney reported on behalf of softball that softball registration was underway, and he would email a detailed report to the Directors soon. Mr. Fjeldheim and Ms. Kaplan will be working to get DYBA registration signage to the Directors so they can be placed on lawns around the community.

**House Baseball:** Mr. Orloff reported that he plans to keep baseball registration open until approximately 3/22. Player evaluations for leagues that will have them will begin right after spring break. Drafts are being planned for on or about week of April 12. Then there will be a spring training kickoff, and various clinics following. Teams will begin practices in April, with games starting in May.

**Travel Softball:** Mr. Geren reported that indoor practices have started, and clinics are underway. Uniforms have been selected, samples will be in soon, and sizing dates are forthcoming. Uniforms will be built into fees.

**Travel Baseball:** Ms. Kraemer reported that winter workouts are underway, and that internal field scheduling will be happening soon. Almost all assistant coaching spots are set, and those that remain are in the process of being filled.

**Closed Session:** The Board went to closed session and one assistant travel coach was approved (pending background check) following a Motion and passing vote. The Board then went back to open session.

**Equipment:** Ms. Kaplan reported that the shed security installation will be on 1/16. Ms. Kaplan also requested that expected registration figures be provided to her by 2/1 for uniform planning purposes.

**Fields:** Mr. McGrath reported that he will be representing DYBA at a PD meeting on 2/19, and will be reporting on fields issues at that meeting.

**Umpires:** Mr. Siciliano reported that he will head up umpire orientation meetings set for 1/20 and 1/25.

**Technology:** Mr. McKinney reported that he is available to train Directors on using their webpages. Further, he expects to have registration comparison data from last season to current to the Directors soon.

**Treasurer Report:** The Commissioner, on behalf of the Treasurer, reported that budget approvals are in process, and can be done via email if necessary.

**Publicity:** Mr. Izaks reported on various publicity initiatives, including DF Review ads in both print and digital, as well as on Facebook.

**Fundraising:** Mr. Nickel is working on sponsorships, and reported that the format will be similar to that of last season. He reported further on some instances last year where some sponsors did not receive their plaques, and indicated he will work to ensure that not occurring in 2015. There was a Motion to charge Single, Double, and Triple tiered sponsors \$100 for sponsoring each additional team. Motion passed. Mr. Nickel will update the website to reflect same.

**New Business:** The Commissioner called for new business. Mr. Bricker reported that work is underway pertaining to the 2015 DYBA scholarships, with details to follow.

**Next Meeting:** It was confirmed that the next Board meeting will be on 2/2 at 7:30 at Jewett.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion passed.

Respectfully,

Paul H. Chanan  
Secretary