

NYBA Board Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2015

Board Members Present: Roger Thompson, Rich Cahoon, Chris Grauptman, Mark Pagel, Art Monaghan, Sean Stanchina, Kathy Glampe, Mike Glampe (via phone), Steve Pahs (via phone)

Not Present: Doug Stanga, Dave Young, Heidi Kram

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Will move board meetings to Monday evenings. Next Board meeting is April 6th. (March 19th—quick board meeting after tryouts to finalize coaching assignments.)

Marketing: **Kathy** will check with Emily to see if she can start marketing the NYBA—facebook, Twitter, etc. **Sean** will get an ad in the paper asap.

Concession Stand: **Rich and Doug** will meet with Ruth to figure out plan for this summer. Consensus was to try to work out a deal so that NYBA gets more revenue from the concession stand, but that Ruth continues to run it for this year. Mark suggested that NYBA purchase all the beverages and gets the revenue for those sales. It was also suggested that we include candy. Kathy suggested that Doug be included in the meeting to resolve some tax questions. Rich will proceed and will include Doug in the meeting.

Sponsors-**Mark** needs to provide Sponsor List by **April 1** to Rich so that the jerseys can be ordered so they arrive in time. **Sean** will send Mark the letter he sent out last year and Mark will send out as an e-mail asap. Sean will send the form to Mike and Roger so they can create a website in which sponsors can upload their information.

CAC—Registration information is not being sent to Kim Thompson. Will need to be worked out again. Payments are being received from CAC to that is a step in the right direction.

IN HOUSE REPORT:

Rich was approached by a local league (New Market, St. Benedict, Vesali, etc.) about the possibility of Northfield in-house playing with their league. Consensus is that this is a good opportunity for the Majors League (6-8) to have some different competition. Roger suggested that perhaps that could play games in the league on Monday evenings and Northfield teams on Thursdays. **Rich** will look into this opportunity at greater length.

Medals: yes—kids like them. Sean suggested the little bats that are “trophies”

Photos—yes for little kids for in-house. Probably not for majors and traveling teams. Will need to take a group photo of majors teams and travel teams ourselves for sponsors.

Level Coordinators: Looking for new level coordinators. Look for someone that knows the kids and try to balance the teams.

Roger is interested in having someone help him schedule the games. Art said the schedule comes together early April. Art would like the schedule as soon as possible.

Rich will get big banners made up and figure out how to get it put up somewhere around town.

Volunteer situation at the fields: Rich knows of someone interested. Art asked **Rich** to ask him what he makes for hockey. They also need to be more identifiable—special shirt, location at the park.

Sean will go out with Rich to figure out what we have in the storage shed so we can use up what we have for uniforms. Art said that Rich/Sean should get the key. Additional uniforms need to be ordered by **Rich** from Larson's printing by April 1.

We should get something out at the preschools, middle school. **Kathy** e-mailed Emily to see if she could make the fliers, brochures.

Skill Development Sessions—Went very well. Have already covered the cost of the gym space. One more date is this Sunday. **Sean** is considering changing to only one hour/age group. 39 are signed up. Mike said we could extend the time, but made it late so doesn't conflict with basketball. Mike re-opened the registration.

TRAVEL REPORT:

1) Current Registration Numbers:

12u: 14

13U: 17

14U: 20

15U: 14

2) Mike suspects we'll have more this week. Hoping we have enough for 2 teams at each age level. Art needs to register with MBL by Monday, March 16. Mike will send one more reminder about the tryouts and registration deadline.

3) Sending E-mails: Mike said that all have administration rights to the website. If you go to members tab. We have about 700 members. That is the way to send out e-mails to the members.

4) Tryout Location: Art, Chris, Sean and Mike went to Carleton yesterday. Chris said the facility is great. 4 stations: fielding; fly balls/throwing accuracy; 2 cages for hitting—one will be evaluator cage (need to pitching machines—one for fly balls and one for hitting), Sean and Steve will go on

Thursday afternoon to get the machines, t-work & soft toss; running & velocity at last station. Chris needs at least 8 volunteers + 2 desk volunteers in addition to the 7-9 evaluators. Art suggested that Mike contact the volunteers asap. Mike will get out the request to evaluators tomorrow. Chris asked about the payment for the evaluators. Sean suggested that 14 & 15U coaches could evaluate as part of their “coaching” responsibilities. We can start that going forward, but we already committed to giving them a stipend this year. \$60/day or \$200 for all three days. Sean asked if we wanted the coaches to be there. Mike suggested at the minimum they could be invited to be at the tryouts. Sean will invite the coaches. Not likely to get HS baseball players that week as they have tryouts that week. Chris suggested that the kids could catch in their groups as a last resort. Equipment—tee, 2 pitching machines, 2 baseballs and helmets, 2 catching gears, throw down bases. Steve and Sean will look for bases and gather equipment. Evaluators there at 5:45. ALL board members should be there at 5:00 at least the first day (Kathy will be out of town and not able to attend.) Sean will bring 2 extension cords. Numbers will be on their hands. Need a washable marker and a list of names by Sunday night or Monday morning. Roger needs to know the lists ASAP so he can go in and “cancel” their travel registration if they don’t make a team. Need the front desk workers to add numbers into the excel spreadsheet. Roger and Mike will sit at the registration table and enter scores into the excel spreadsheet after each session so they can be added up so we know “bubble” kids right away. Mike will send out an e-mail that rosters will be available.

- 5) Uniforms—Sean provided an update. kids will get to select a number, vote on a color of the jersey. Younger kids will use the old jerseys. 12u-15u will get personalized jerseys.
- 6) Coaches—Sean is working on finalizing coaches. Selecting parents for 12U and 13U is trickier as we don’t know who will be on the team. **There will be a quick board meeting after tryouts on Thursday, March 19th to determine coaches.**
- 7) Metro scheduling meeting—Art gathering all the information so we know about scheduling for the April 11 meeting. Art, Sean, Mike and Mark will go to that to get teams scheduled for games. If Jake, Jerry (coaches) can attend that would be perfect. Sean will invite them.
- 8) Sean asked about the MS field. Chris reported the district is working to fix up that field. All 9th grade games will be there.
- 9) Art update on Travel Director meeting—2 big areas. USA baseball: May 1 is cut off date. May change it to Jan. 1 for next year. We will find that out in September 2015. Club teams are changing the dynamics of “city leagues”. Poaching of great players, field space, playing on both city and club teams, etc. They suggested we have a rule that you can’t play both club and city ball. Can’t play AAA club and AA city. We have very minimal overlap with summer baseball.
- 10) Sean approached by 2 families with kids younger than 10 who want to try out for tournament teams. Could we open it up if we need players or allow them to tryout like any other kid? If we

did this, we would only allow this at 10U as we don't have a younger option than 10U. Chris brought up the fact that it would be terrible if we have 10 nine year olds that try out, then we would have to "cut" 9 year olds if we only need 2 kids. Chris felt there could be some very significant fall out if we try this. If we did this, we would have to very carefully think it through. Art suggests we monitor the 10u numbers and review registration numbers and make a decision at a later date. April 1st would have to be the date at which we would need to send it out to the 9 year olds.