

Mattawan Little League

Board of Directors Meeting

July 10, 2017 – Mattawan Little League fields

Members Present: Rob Sullivan, Angie First, Lisa Sylvester, Kelly Rowekamp, Tim First, Jon Sytsma, Shawn Klinger, Christi Grabowski, Ed Ruble, Scott Steeves

1. Meeting called to order by President Rob Sullivan at 7:10pm.
2. June 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed. Jon Sytsma made a motion to approve the June 2017 minutes as written. Shawn Klinger seconded the motion. The motion passed.
3. Report by Vice President of Baseball Lisa Sylvester
 - a. The Paw Paw tournament was a good experience and well run. We should budget for more tournament fees next year and plan on sending more teams.
 - b. 8-9-10 All star team practicing
 - c. All star tryouts, fun for all, etc. should be incorporated into the schedule distributed to coaches/players next season.
4. Report by Vice President of Softball Angie First
 - a. 7-8 team won their division of the Paw Paw tournament. They felt it was a well run tournament as well.
 - b. 8-9-10 All star team practicing
5. Report by Player Agent Jon Sytsma
 - a. Need to follow-up on player ratings. What coaches have not turned in ratings?
6. Report by Safety Director Shawn Klinger
 - a. Shawn will pull the AEDs from the buildings once practices are done. We may want to keep one in the field directors office if we do any fall programs.
 - b. Good job by coaches this year filling out injury reports.
 - c. Shawn will follow-up on requirements for new bat standard
7. Report by Concessions Director Christi Grabowski
 - a. Almost done with clean-up of concessions building
 - b. Christi will follow-upu with Sams' Club re: volunteer hours
 - c. New point of sale system was a success this year
8. Guest Jeff Johnson, President of Red Arrow Soccer addressed the board
 - a. Red Arrow would like to reconfigure the soccer field at the front of the facility to have three, smaller fields.
 - b. Red Arrow will continue to provide concession volunteers during post-season play. Christi indicated they did a good job staffing this season.
 - c. Red Arrow is looking for a longer commitment from MLL (3 years or so)
 - d. MLL to discuss and vote at a future meeting.
 - e. Note, Jeff is finishing his term as president. Hillary Hogarth will be taking over as president.
9. Report by Ed Ruble, A division director
 - a. Good season overall for the division.

- b. We need to improve on the end of season scheduling.
10. Group discussion on training
- a. Baseball will investigate a pitching clinic, possibly in fall.
 - b. Softball will hold a fall clinic.
11. Group discussion on T-ball
- a. Possibly have a mid season meeting for coaches next year. This will help reinforce teaching goals for program and address questions that coaches have once they get their feet wet.
 - b. Need to ensure only manager/coaches on the field during games.
12. Group discussion on budget
- a. Possible budget items for next season:
 - i. Coach shirt/hat for all stars paid by MLL
 - ii. Player uniform/hat for all stars paid by MLL
 - b. Consensus on paying for coaches. No consensus on player uniforms/hats. More discussion needed.
13. Old Business
- a. None
14. New Business
- a. Follow-up with Express League to see if we are can a “plays travel” checkbox for registration. This will help even up the teams at draft.
 - b. Need to set a Fall clean-up date. Rob Sullivan to follow-up with Bryce and Bill.
 - c. 5-year plan discussion. The following items were offered as facility improvements. Top five are identified by (#):
 - i. Sound System (1) – responsible person: Rob Sullivan
 - ii. Batting Cages (2) – responsible person: Jon Sytsma. Note some funds have already been approved for this improvement.
 - iii. Two skinned practice fields at the front of the complex (3) – responsible persons: Rob Sullivan/Jon Sytsma
 - iv. Field 5 outfield repair (4) – responsible person: Jon Sytsma
 - v. Safety net above walkways between fields 1, 2, 3, and 4 – responsible person: Shawn Klinger
 - vi. Update/replace sign on Front Street
 - vii. Indoor facility
 - viii. Field lights
 - ix. Additional site cameras
 - d. Need to contact MCS and block off gym time in March/early April for clinics/practices.
 - e. Look at adding a door to the scorer’s stand on fields 1, 2, 3, and 4.
 - f. Ed Ruble is missing from board email distribution list. Rob Sullivan to correct.
15. Motion by Ed Ruble to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by Shawn Klinger and passed.
16. Meeting adjourned by President Rob Sullivan at 9:26pm

Next board meeting – August 7, 2017 at 7pm at MLL concession stand.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rob Sullivan, President

