

## WHYBA Meeting Minutes 3/22/2023

**Board Attendees:** TJ Stevens, RJ Sherman, Misse Toth, Marcus Ranalli, Scott Bodenschatz, John Toth, Ryan Lance, Jamie Carzima, Mike Amorosi, Matt Olson

**Public Attendees:** Denise Boyer, Greg VanAuken, Justin Anuario, Mike Ruccio

**Officially Called To Order:** Meeting started at 7:34pm

### **Main Topics Discussed:**

#### **Public Comment:**

- **When Can Teams Start Practicing?** Coaches cannot practice with players until background check has been cleared and safety course has been completed—this is in the by laws of Little League and for insurance purposes; Absolutely no practicing at Meadow Breeze park until April 1st
- **How should practices be?** TJ recommends 1 hr for tball, 1.5 hrs is pushing it for rookies, longer for older kids is fine; recommend later start time during the week—closer to 6pm would be best for parents trying to get home from work

#### **TJ Steven President's Report:**

- Practice Schedules should be out tomorrow; no practices at Meadow Breeze until April 1st; talk to Mike Jones about practicing at the Middle School

#### **RJ Sherman Vice President's Report:**

- Emails about issues—coaches have been forwarding the links for the background checks—don't do this!
- List of who hasn't signed up for safety courses and background checks; will need to meet with John Lamberti to figure out who needs these; Rutgers Class is full—anyone that needs to still do their safety course will have to go through NAYS; NAYS will certify up to five years; our organization is not listed on their site so coaches can use Washington Borough Rec, use my organization is not listed, or use state of NJ

#### **Misse Toth Secretary's Report:**

- Coaches inquiring about what to do about Rutgers Safety Course being full
- Need updated Rosters to finish assigning raffle #'s to players and into envelopes to distribute to coaches
- Opening Day? Map layout to show order of teams in line up, get shirt colors from Jamie
- Slug Fest? Next meeting
- Email to coaches about NAYS and find out if any Majors/Minors coaches need keys to the boxes
- Flyer for opening Day

#### **Marcus Ranalli Treasurer's Report:**

- Sponsors up \$1600 + from last year, registration \$ is up
- Recommends increasing umpire fees, can go up to a \$15 (maybe more) increase depending on other local umpire pay; TJ is attending the District 20 meeting this weekend and will inquire about what other teams/groups are paying umps
- Who has the banners? Dan? D1 banners are in the garage @ Meadow Breeze; Dan and Matt will order banners, Scott will look into the banners, TJ will talk to Dan

#### **Scott Bodenschatz Equipment Manager's Report:**

- Spent \$1800 on baseballs, all new catchers gear for Rookies
- Will have extra baseballs for next year—little guys; may need more majors baseballs
- 6 practice balls in each bag
- Majors and Minors got new catchers gear last year from Rossi Chevrolet
- All but 5 coaches picked up their equipment bags; Didn't give out keys to the boxes—Misse to email Majors/Minors coaches to see who needs a key

**John Lamberti Safety Coordinator's Report:** *Not Present*

**Joey Matarazzo Umpire Coordinator's Report:** *Not Present*

- Waiting on game schedule

**Ryan Lance IT Report:**

- 230 registered, 22% down from last year
- Need a date for Picture Day
- Opening Day emails out; Misse to make flyer

**Coaches Coordinator's Report:** *\*Open Position\**

**Jamie Carzima Uniform Coordinator's Report:**

- Spiritwear Store now closed; will get items in time for opening day
- We can reopen the store April 14-28th; will hand out cards @opening day with link to the store
- Minors need to finish to order, hats all ordered, coaches fitted hats will order tomorrow
- Sponsors, all but a few have been placed with teams—still need to place Cousins, Junk RX, The Laughing Goat
- Majors on sleeve—some on sleeve, some chose name on back under #

**Mike Amorosi Player Agent's Report:**

- All teams are updated and uploaded to the website

**Matt Olson Fundraising and Sponsorship's Report:**

- Question about what to do for Anthony's Affordable Tree Care

**Additional Comments:**

**Calendar of Events:**

April—Set dates for tentative spring/summer league AND fall league (USABL District 20)

April 1st—Meadow Breeze Park Opens

April 19th—Next Board Meeting

April 22nd—Opening Day

June 3—Tentative Slug Fest Date