



## Falmouth Little League Minutes of January 7, 2008 Meeting Board of Directors

**Present:** Mark Franco, John Murphy, Steve Leibiger, Pete Holland, Bill Engelberger, Craig Aube, Terri Collins, Rick Proctor, J.J. Rouhana, Grace Tucci-Libby, Kevin Gee, Matt Rogers, Ricker Hamilton, Steve Conley, Mike D'Agostino, John Lesniak, Bill Welch, Rob Emple, Steve Bazinet,

(1) **Acceptance of Minutes of September 10 and October 9, 2007 Meetings:**

Steve Bazinet made a **MOTION** to accept the Minutes of the meeting, 1/7/2008. The **MOTION** was seconded. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

(2) **Treasurer Report:**

Treasurer John Murphy presented a draft budget for 2008. He is currently projecting positive cash flow of about \$11,000 for the coming year. The key to achieving this is the fundraising for the year, with the calendar sales by far the most important. The snack shack is also important, but due to all the staffing difficulties last year, John has reduced the projected income for 2008. Other important items include other fundraising (Patti's, 50/50 raffles, photography, and Sox ticket raffles), Softball sponsorship, banners, donations, and light rentals. John has done a good job putting together a conservative budget, and there is a good chance that we can do better than his projections. The proposed budget spreadsheet is attached at the end of the minutes.

(3) **Equipment purchase Update:**

Craig Aube talked about the status of the equipment purchases. Consensus is that we need to buy better quality hats and ball than last year. At this point, we do not have a uniform purchase "shopping list" because detailed inventory is not complete. Craig hopes to have the list by the February meeting. It was also suggested that the T-ball teams assume MLB team names, rather than the various color Sox names we have been using.

(4) **2008 Registration update**

The walk in registration will be held on February 5<sup>th</sup>, and the on-line registration for both players and coaches is operational. Preliminary player and coaching numbers will be presented at the February meeting.

(5) **Web site**

Bill Welch reported that the web site is up and running for player and coach registration. Also the tax free donation solicitation has been added to the sign-up forms.

There was a question about whether coaches background check information needed to be added to the registration. Bill will investigate.

**(6) 2008 Pitch Count Rules:**

The NYSCA clinics, which are required for new coaches early, will be on April 2 at 6 PM for baseball, April 9 at 6 PM for softball, and April 16 at 6 PM for T-ball. Matt Gilbert will compile lists of coaches who do not need to attend. These coaches will still have to come to the town hall to sign renewal forms.

**(7) Clinics for players and coaches:**

One of the goals for the year is to increase the amount of instruction our players and coaches receive. Last year we had a coaching clinic by Mike Coutts of Frozen Ropes, which was a good start. We will repeat this, but would like to add player clinics as well. Mark will lead further discussion in future meetings on how to balance playing games with practice and instruction.

Also, we need to set a date for the first aid clinic. Each team needs to send one coach to the first aid clinic.

**(8) Big Legion renovation:**

We are considering renovating the Big Legion field, which will cost \$5200. It is not clear if Little League, Babe Ruth, or American Legion will pick up the cost. Mark Franco plans to attend the January American Legion meeting and report on this topic at the February Little League meeting.

**(9) Schedule for 2008:**

Steve Conley reported important schedule dates for the coming season: Field Day April 27, Opening Day April 28, Opening Day Ceremonies May 3, end of regular season June 21.

There was some discussion about whether this schedule allows enough time between the end of the majors playoffs and the start of all-stars. Need further discussion.

**(10) New Business:**

Several new issues were raised, but not resolved:

- Rick Proctor raised the issue of poor conduct by several coaches in the past and the need for the board to deal with this problem
- We need to resolve the issue of batting order in majors baseball, both regular season and in the playoffs. Note: last season was split between 9 man and continuous batting order. 9 man order was used in playoffs.
- A suggestion was made to use 11 man rosters in majors to increase playing time (not sure by whom), need further discussion.
- A suggestion was made to post ground rules at the fields.
- Several people pointed out that field maintenance was spotty last season, with some teams dragging the field and cleaning up after games, and some not.

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:00 p.m. A vote was taken, and it **PASSED** unanimously.

**The remaining meetings of the Falmouth Little League Board through May 5, 2008 will take place at the Falmouth High School library from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on the following dates:**

**Monday, February 11, 2008**

**Monday, March 10, 2008**

**Monday, April 7, 2008**

**Monday, May 5, 2008**

Dated at Portland, Maine this 6th day of February 2008.

*/s/ Steven Leibiger*

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Steven Leibiger, Secretary

## 2008 Falmouth Little League Draft Budget

	2006	2007	Est 2008
<b>Registrations:</b>			
Basic	\$39,167	\$39,742	\$39,000
Late Fees	\$0	\$1,829	\$1,500
Refunds	-\$800	-\$60	\$0
Summer League	\$840	\$473	\$750
Online Costs	-\$400	-\$1,723	-\$1,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$38,807</b>	<b>\$40,261</b>	<b>\$39,450</b>
<b>Concessions:</b>			
Revenue	\$6,790	\$10,481	\$8,750
Cost	-\$4,458	-\$5,549	-\$4,375
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$2,332</b>	<b>\$4,932</b>	<b>\$4,375</b>
<b>Fundraising:</b>			
Calendars	\$0	\$11,400	\$12,000
50/50	\$0	\$407	\$500
Red Sox Tix	\$0	\$294	\$500
Pattis	\$0	\$750	\$500
Photography	\$0	\$970	\$900
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$13,821</b>	<b>\$14,400</b>
Donations:	\$250	\$782	\$1,000
Banners -- Net:	\$1,300	\$350	\$1,000
Softball Sponsors:	\$8,750	\$8,200	\$8,000
Lights Rental:	\$0	\$600	\$600
 Total Revenue:	 \$51,439	 \$68,946	 \$68,825
<b>Expenses</b>			
Charter and Ins.	\$3,959	\$3,775	\$3,775
Fees	\$1,246	\$1,270	\$1,300
Equipment	\$5,501	\$3,774	\$5,000
Electricity	\$5,617	\$3,338	\$4,000
Uniforms	\$19,910	\$12,462	\$18,000
Field Lining	\$1,860	\$1,886	\$1,900
Field Repairs	\$2,429	\$6,565	\$2,000
Field Mix	\$1,055	\$0	\$0
First Aid Kits	\$0	\$482	\$0
Loan Payments	\$7,596	\$28,389	\$18,000
NYSCA	\$2,020	\$1,200	\$1,200
Umpire Fees	\$406	\$634	\$600
Trash	\$347	\$319	\$350
Storage Shed	\$825	\$675	\$825
Miscellaneous	\$1,700	\$750	\$1,000
 Total Expenses	 \$54,471	 \$65,518	 \$57,950
 Net Income	 -\$3,032	 \$3,428	 \$10,875