



**Falmouth Little League  
Minutes of February 11, 2008 Meeting  
Board of Directors**



**Present:** Mark Franco, Steve Carew, Steve Leibiger, John Murphy, Pete Holland, Dave Ciraulo, Bill Engelberger, Craig Aube, Rick Proctor, J.J. Rouhana, Rob Emple, Ron Lydick, Kevin Gee, Matt Rogers, Ricker Hamilton, Steve Conley, Ron MacDonald, Mike D'Agostino, John Lesniak, Mike Inlow, Julie Otte, Bill Welch, Steve Bazinet

**(1) Acceptance of Minutes of 1/7/2008 minutes**

Matt Rogers made a **MOTION** to accept the Minutes of the meeting, 1/7/2008. The **MOTION** was seconded by Kevin Gee. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

**(2) Treasurer's budget update:**

John Murphy presented the budget, which was little changed from last month. The only major payment was the annual charter, about \$4000. Funds are increasing due to registration influx.

**(3) Equipment purchase update**

Craig Aube presented the equipment status for baseball. He has completed inventory for all baseball except majors. He expressed some concern about the location of all the majors equipment. Rob Emple and Craig need to touch base on this. All bad helmets and bats have been discarded. New helmets (black) have been ordered. Balls (Bader Tourney Grade) have been ordered. Final uniform orders will be place mid-March.

No report about softball equipment. The need to finalize softball sponsor commitments soon was expressed.

The suggestion to buy anti-lice spray for all teams was made, but not resolved.

We resolved that no equipment will be handed out until there is a team parent. Kevin Gee was asked to provid a team parent process, which he did:

The system I have used over the past few years as worked well for me...

1. After team selection is completed I organize a team practice and a mandatory parent meeting.
2. At that meeting I explain in order to have a successful and fun season we need volunteers. Before the end of the meeting I assign jobs as follows.

- A. Umpires for plate and field depending on home or away games.
- B. Snack/Beverages parent for each game (Each parent has at least one game)
- C. I assign 4-6 volunteers for the snack shack and the exact dates will be notified soon.
- D. Coordinator for end of the season Pizza Party.
- E. Pass out uniforms, game and practice schedule.

3. Overall schedule is sent out the very next day for what the parents agreed to.

4. Weekly email reminders are sent out as well.

**(4) Registration Update**

Walk in registration night is complete. Attendance was sparse, and the value of walk-in registration should be evaluated for next year. The total on line and walk in registrations is 330, which is more than 10% behind last year's numbers at a comparable date. The final total for last year was 652, we are projecting about 600 for this year. On the bright side, there were more than \$500 in donations (in excess of registration fees) made to the league.

An email will be sent reminding all that late fees will be charged for registrations after 2/29.

The coaching registration has been poor, especially for AAA (baseball and softball) and AA (baseball and softball).

We are expecting to field the following number of teams:

	Softball	Baseball
Juniors	1	2
Majors	4	6
AAA	5	12
AA	5	10
Tee Ball		16

**(5) Status of Falmouth LL Website**

There was a motion (John Murphy), seconded by Rick Proctor, to establish a second web site. This site will be established and run by Flying Change Web and Graphics, and will cost no more than \$600. This web site will have content only and will be the main way of communication during the season. The other web site will continue to be used for registration and some other administrative tasks and will be linked to from the new web site. A committee consisting of Rob Emple, J.J. Rouhana, and Mark Franco was established to kick off and administer the new web project.

**(6) Clinics**

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.

John Keys will run a girl's softball clinic, cost \$10 per girl per session. The date is TBD.

We will have a combined baseball/softball coaching clinic run by Mike Coutts. This will be combined with the annual first aid clinic run by Dave Ciraulo. The date for this combo clinic is TBD.

**(7) Player Evaluation and Draft, March 11, 12, 13**

Craig will get the required equipment to the Middle School Gym. We will have the kids hit off tees this year rather than soft toss to them.

Desk coverage:    March 11: Mark Franco, Steve Leibiger, Bill Engelberger  
                          March 12: Julie Otte, Ricker Hamilton, Steve Conley  
                          March 13: Rob Emple, J.J. Rouhana, John Lesniak

First night is 9 year old boys only, second night is 10, 11, and 12 year old boys, and the third night is all girl's softball.

**(8) Legion Meeting**

No cash commitment to fix up the big Legion field, the Legion team seems to be quite short on cash. Not looking like we will work on that field this year. Comment was made to pay off the lights first.

**(9) Dugout roofs**

Dean Frost of the Lions club wants to complete the roofs by opening day, starting with Grubb Field.

**(10) District 6 meeting**

We are in line to host the 11 year old boys all start tournament, taking place the first two weeks in July. We need people to step forward if we really want to do this.

**(11) Calendar Fundraiser**

We need a proposal and timeline from the fund raising committee on the calendars!

**(12) New Business**

- Ron MacDonald resigned from the board, so we need a new scheduling coordinator. For now, Mark Franco will reserve all the gym slots.
- We need to apply for an FEF grant for helmets.
- Something about \$500 from Harvard Pilgrim, did not quite catch the details.
- We all agreed on using a continuous batting order with free defensive substitution (standard little league rules minus the batting requirement) at all levels in both regular season and the playoffs.

- We would like Tom Fortier to compile a list of local rules and ground rules and have them posted in all dugouts.
- We would like Ricker Hamilton to compose a field maintenance check list and post in all dugouts.

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, April 7, 2008**

**Monday, May 5, 2008**

*/s/ Steven Leibiger*

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Steven Leibiger, Board Secretary

March 5, 2008