



**Falmouth Little League
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
4/7/08 7:00 pm
Falmouth High School Library**

Present: Steve Leibiger, Ricker Hamilton, Mike D'Agostino, Bill Engelberger, John Lesniak, Rick Proctor, Kevin Gee, Matt Rogers, John Murphy, Julie Otte, Mark Franco, Rob Emple, Terri Collins, Mike Inlow, Phil Dobson, Ron Lydick, Steve Bazinet, J.J. Rouhana, Steve Carew, Craig Aube, Steve Conley, Grace Libby-Tucci,

1. Acceptance of 3/10/08 meeting minutes

Motion: Julie Otte, Second: Phil Dobson ,All were in favor

2. Player registration update

Bill presented update on registration. A total of 603 players are active at this time, down 7.5% from last year. All league VPs are in agreement on the enrolment numbers. On line registration will remain active until opening day. Photographer has all emails and has sent out information to all players. All photos will be ordered on line, on the photographer's web site (Sportography). There will be a link to this site on the Falmouth league web site. The player will have to print a ticket and bring it to the photo session.

3. Coach registration update

No additional coaches are needed. Coach clinics have been scheduled and information has been sent to the coaches.

3/27 Summary - Total Coach Registrations: 130

League	Estimated # of Teams	Head Coach Count	Assistant Coach Count
Tee-Ball	16	15	25
AA Baseball	10	9	12
AAA Baseball	12	13	23
Majors Baseball	6	8	18
Junior Baseball	2	2	3
AA Softball	4	4	4
AAA Softball	4	4	5
Majors Softball	3	3	9
Junior Softball	1	1	2

4. Treasurer's budget update

John Murphy presented the budget status. Registration budget is as expected. Uniforms and equipment were slightly under budget. As was always the case, the key to the whole budget this season is the calendar sales. If we clear more than \$15K, we will be solidly in the black.

5. Equipment update: Baseball

Everything is here, except lice spray which we can not get. Medical kits will be handed out with the uniforms.

6. Equipment update: Softball

Game balls needed, everything else is here.

7. Field preparation

Field day will be held the on Sunday April 27th. Fields should be relatively dry and in good general condition by then. .

8. Opening day

Opening day is scheduled for Saturday May 3rd at 10:00 am. Rob Emple and Mark Franco will get together to discuss and organize Opening Day ceremonies.

9. League schedule

The schedule was completed by Steve Conley, and distributed. We are planning to “pull in” the majors boys schedule so that we will have the season done a week earlier. This will be done by playing some of the games on Sundays.

10. Calendar fundraiser

Packets were completed and given to each league VP. The kids will have until May 7th to sell their calendars. This is the most important fundraiser for the league.

11. Banner Sales

No report.

12. New website

Everyone is quite pleased.

13. Clinics

All are complete

14. Home run derby

Nothing new to report. Rob Emple will organize.

15. New Business

We held a lengthy discussion about the boys majors evaluation and draft procedure. This was a difficult year due to the many returning players and the large number of players trying out.

Only 4 ten year olds were selected. There were several issues raised:

- Since there were so many kids this year, should we have considered making more teams? We did not really consider

this. We could have gone to 7 teams or perhaps 8. This would have put 12 or 24 more kids into majors. On the other hand, this would have really diluted AAA.

- Should we have considered the kids school grade as well as their little league age? We only considered little league age, and for example tried to take equally talented 11 year olds before 10 year olds. But should we have taken older (6th grade) 11 year olds before younger (5th grade) ones?
- Should we have agreed on the pool of players (72 for 6 teams) before we did any drafting? There was some feeling that the best 72 kids did not get selected. Based on the ratings we gave the kids, there were perhaps a handful of kids in AAA that were higher rated than some of those drafted, so this seems like a good idea.

