

WHYBA Meeting Minutes **8/23/2023**

Board Attendees: TJ Stevens, RJ Sherman, Misse Toth, Scott Bodenschatz, John Toth, John Lamberti, Jamie Carzima

Public Attendees:

Officially Called To Order: Meeting started at 7:35pm

Main Topics Discussed: Fall Ball, Open Board Positions

Public Comment:

TJ Steven President's Report:

- Low #'s for fall ball; only Juniors level has enough players to have a team; money will be refunded for all other levels
- Open Board Positions for the 2024 Season:
 - Vice President
 - Equipment Manager
 - Safety Coordinator
 - Umpire Coordinator
 - Coaches Coordinator
 - Player Agent
 - Fundraising and Sponsorship
- Use of Boro Park for next season; would like to get a group of board members to attend a Boro Meeting to see what we can do, help with so that we can play ~2 days a wk during the season (Juniors, travel, etc.)
- Would like to get a local travel league back to WHYB; travel and rec combined and then to All Stars; costs to participate are higher; start announcing this Nov/Dec.; 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U w/high school; LL age is different than USABL age; USABL dictates where travel games are played

RJ Sherman Vice President's Report:

- Will get all slides for a Junior Umpire course; we should offer a local course to the community

Misse Toth Secretary's Report:

- Nothing new to report
- Will work on write up for the summer Sandlot League
- Print Calendar

Marcus Ranalli Treasurer's Report: *Not Present*

Scott Bodenschatz Equipment Manager's Report:

- Still need equipment bags from VanAuken (Juniors), Anico (Tball), Garcia (Majors), TJ (needs for Fall Ball) , John (had for summer Sandlot)
- Biggest complaint from coaches this year was catchers gloves; will need both left and right NEW gloves for next season; Will search around for best price
- Winter Batting Cages; get a coach willing to hold practice at each level; \$35 an hr for each cage; will have to register with facility and fill out their insurance form

John Toth Field Manager's Report:

- Has sponsorship banners; will make a list of all the banners we have and then store in Mansfield Snack Shack
- Ask Ferry if they need our help to fix the Meadow Breeze fields
 - Meadow Breeze is going through Fema

John Lamberti Safety Coordinator's Report:

- FYI Umpires need a background check; Make a flyer or an FYI Checklist of what Safety Needs will need to be fulfilled as a heads up to all coaches/prospective coaches/umpires/volunteers/board members/etc
- Due to safety data privacy—coaches have to upload information EACH year

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

Ryan Lance IT Report: *Not Present*

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

Jamie Carzima Uniform Coordinator's Report:

- Needs to send sizes for shirts; TJ to reach out to Ryan to send Jamie size once registration closes

Mike Amorosi Player Agent's Report: *Not Present*

Matt Olson Fundraising and Sponsorship's Report: *Not Present*

Additional Comments:

- **Improvements for Next Year:**
 - **Add to Online Registration**
 - Coach shirt and hat sizes
 - Kids hat sizes and # preferences for Majors and Juniors
 - Add Dug Out Helper on the volunteer option
 - Add option for anyone who NEEDS to be on a team with another player (i.e. transportation purposes, etc.) - this is not a guarantee, but can help aid when making teams
 - **Online Sponsorship Form instead of paper**
- **Black Friday—Jan 1st Early Bird Discount**

Upcoming Dates:

September 20th—September Board Meeting—Nominees for Board Positions

October Board Meeting—Voting on Board Positions