

WHYBA Meeting Minutes
1/08/25

Board Attendees: John Lamberti, Damian Latourette, Misse Toth, Marcus Ranalli, Ryan Lance, Mike Ruccio, Stefana Niemo

Public Attendees:

Officially Called To Order: 7:31pm

Main Topics Discussed: Upcoming events, changing Eval dates

Public Comment:

John Lamberti President's Report:

- John asked Jamie to send him the sponsorship documents—looking at all past donators; will go door to door next week soliciting businesses for sponsorships
- Going to reach out to TJ to talk to Mike Jones about using the gym for evaluations

Damian Latourette Vice President's Report (& Safety Coordinator):

- Discussion about player who wished to skip division and move from tball to minors (board voted against allowing the skip); player will remain with the league and play at the rookie level.

Misse Toth Secretary's Report:

- Flyers needed for Upcoming Events; Slug Fest Committee; Open Board Postion
- Raffle: Discussed previous raffle winners and letter to gaming commission needs to be submitted; also need to reach out to Amorosi about doing the raffle for this year
- Slug Fest Committee will need more members this year; Slug Fest will be Saturday June 7th in the afternoon; small discussion on how to change Majors and Minors as last year they ran too long: considering all players for first round; % of players make it to second round, and so on.

Marcus Ranalli Treasurer's Report:

- Opening Day discussion (April 26th), will have food trucks again, Spirit Wear Table, 50/50 (need to fill out a form)

Equipment Manager's Report:

John Toth Field Manager's Report: *Not in Attendance*

- Provided board with two estimates to redo the Mansfield baseball fields; first estimate is the cheaper option— will only be doing majors field this yr. Board discussed what pitchers mound would look like with a 50/70, removeable 46/60 rubber—John will reach out to discuss further with board
- Board discussed trading sponsorship for landscape screw to take care of fields

Gregg Wiseburn Umpire Coordinator's Report: *Not in Attendance*

Ryan Lance IT Report:

- Currently have 106 registered players, 1 asst. intermediate coach, 1 majors head coach, 2 minors head / 2 asst. coaches, 2 rookie head / 8 asst. coaches, 3 asst. tball coaches

Mike Ruccio Coaches Coordinator's Report:

- Discussed moving player evaluations from Feb 8th and 15th to March 1st and 8th; draft to move from Feb. 23rd to March 16th; Stefana will need all uniform information that week to submit to Joe by Mar 14th the latest.; If player evals move to later date, we need to consider moving Spring Clinics dates as they would interfere with new eval dates—possible move would be to Feb 15 and 22nd
- Discussion of head coaches for majors/all star coaches and the need to hold practices earlier in the year for All Stars/possible Travel team players
- Minors and Majors will be allowed to have 1 head coach and 1 asst. coach selected going in the draft—all other asst. coaches will be added AFTER the draft to ensure team player fairness. No limit to tball/rookie head and asst. coaches, however, if more coaches are needed teams may be split up to accommodate the need.

TJ Stevens Development Coordinator's Report: *Not in Attendance*

Stefana Niemo Uniform Coordinator's Report:

- Sponsorship should reach out to schools as the NJEA Teachers Unions get a lump sum to donate to community projects such as Little League

Pete Paiva Player Agent's Report: *Not in Attendance*

(Jamie Carzima) Fundraising and Sponsorship's Report: *Not in Attendance*

Additional Comments:

- We have a potential Equipment Manager, will be voted in at next meeting, as well as a new position for Social Media Coordinator.
- Mansfield PTA is looking for a donation for their Tricky Tray: we will offer 2 free passes to our Spring Clinics in a basket with bubble gum and sunflower seeds
- Reach out to Dick's Sporting Goods for sponsorship of some kind

Upcoming: *Need Coaches Clinics date!*

February 5th—Board Meeting

February 19th—Board Meeting

February 15th—First Spring Clinic Saturday *tentative*

February 22nd—Second Spring Clinic Saturday *tentative*

March 1st—Minors Evaluation; Registration Closes

March 8th—Majors Evaluation

March 9th—Draft; All teams created

March 10th-14th—Sponsors and Teams Need to Be Done; Coaches Reach out to Players

March 14th—**ALL TEAM INFORMATION AND UNIFORM SIZES, LOGOS, ETC NEED TO BE TO STEFANA**

March 15th—Third Spring Clinic Saturday *tentative*

March 16th—Field Clean Up

March 22nd—Fourth Spring Clinic Saturday *tentative* (29th snow day)

March 23rd—Field Clean Up

March 31-April 5th—Practices begin

April 26th—Opening Day

June 7th—Slug Fest