

**WHYBA Meeting Minutes**  
**02/05/25**

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

**Public Attendees:** Jamie Carzima, Alison Latourette

**Officially Called To Order:** 7:41pm

**Main Topics Discussed:** Registration #s/Coaching, Evaluations, Spring Clinic, Equipment and Social Media/Marketing Manager new members sworn in

**Public Comment:**

**John Lamberti President's Report:**

- Met with TJ yesterday to secure insurance; paid for today, waiting on it being uploaded to the data center
- Confirmed information of officers of the league
- Needs to meet with Damian to go over JDP and Sports Connect and go over ASAP Safety Plan.
- In regards to safety information: every yr WHYBA needs to collect CPRbackground checks and Safety/Rutgers Course information from all of our volunteers as the website does not store this information; CPR needs at least one person per team certified; can be certified online; **AED Machines** need to be located at each field and coaches will need to be informed of these locations and ways to access them in case of an emergency
- Has a meeting with Dave and Dan from District 20—Damian will attend as well
- Reached out to Michelle regarding securing dates for the use of the Middle School for evals; will reach back out on Friday if he doesn't hear back from her
- Spring Clinic—who will run each division? Marcus will head Rookies, John L. Minors, John T. Majors
- Will attend Boro Park meetings in hopes of securing a few games for our league there

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

- Meeting with John L. to go over JDP, Sports Connect, and ASAP Safety Plan.

**Misse Toth Secretary's Report:**

- Need to get letter to the Gaming Commission; contact Don for his dates and communications
- Slug Fest Committee: Heather Paiva to head raffle donation collection again this yr; will need to create job list and try to get a few more members to help on the committee

**Marcus Ranalli Treasurer's Report:**

- Playing phone tag with Rossi—equipment pick up; Marcus to ask Rossi if we can get a new lining machine for Mansfield
- Asked Ryan to look into an ORG email address as it might be required for corporate sponsors+
- Would like to beef up prizes for Raffle Ticket sellers such as top winner in each division as well as top team sellers

**Equipment Manager's Report:**

**John Toth Field Manager's Report:**

- Majors Field at Mansfield: redo set for last week of April/1st week of May; Marcus would like info on when payment is due; Mansfield school Ok'd the work to do be done on the field
- Jason from the company has a tractor more appropriate for our field for sale ~\$3500; John will have Rymon service our existing tractor this week (as per sponsorship agreement) and will then list it for sale
- Spring Clinic paper work is due by the 7th, approval by the 11th

**Gregg Wiseburn Umpire Coordinator's Report:**

- Questioned about what to do when we use umpires from other leagues—do they need to redo certificates;
- John L will ask during the D20 meeting
- HS has a new head coach; Gregg to umpire HS games, will source kids for umpiring

- Is going to have a 1 day clinic at Meadow Breeze
- Issue from last yr and moving forward: child of coach cannot umpire parent's game

**Ryan Lance IT Report:**

- Spring clinic registration is set up and ready to go

**Mike Ruccio Coaches Coordinator's Report:**

- Head Coaches ATM: Tball 4; Rookie 3, but lots of assistants; Minors 4; Majors 4; Juniors 2 assistants, no heads
- Proposed to get rid of rating system at Evals and instead # children. Give those #s to coaches and allow them to observe prospective players during drills and take their own notes and judgements of players. They will then use their personal notes during the draft; also proposed to allow coaches to not have a cap on how many assistant coaches they have going into the draft, but each team would have to be ok'd by the board prior to draft; Mike will reach out to Pete to discuss this

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

**Stefana Niemo Uniform Coordinator's Report:**

- SpiritWear store is open until the 24th; Issue with last order of spiritwear—letters crooked and vinyl bubbling—Stefana to talk to our provider
- Opening day—will sell Spiritwear from AllSports

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

- Received a handful of requests for kids to play together—keeping track of them for when we assign teams
- Working on getting eval forms ready for minors and majors evals
- List with uniforms and sizes to Stefana ASAP; also need to lump players with coaches on the list for easier distribution

**(Jamie Carzima) Fundraising and Sponsorship's Report:**

- Sponsorship talk: John L will be going door to door this week and will be filling out paperwork for Tmobile sponsor; no gos for sponsorship in the past: Shop Rite, Villa, Café 57, Tractor Supply, QuickChek, Kohls
- Has Little League balls to donate
- Marcus needs VECTOR FILES for any sponsor submitting image for banners

**Additional Comments:**

- Evaluations: Board Member helpers: Mike, John L, John T, Marcus, Damian; we need to get into the school earlier than eval start time to get set up ~8:15am set up time, 9am eval start; Damian to bring his pitching machine
- Gene Melvin was voted in as Equipment Manager with 9 yays, 0 nays, 2 absent
- Alison Latourette was voted in a new board position of Social Media and Marketing with 9 yays, 0 nays, 2 absent
- Opening Day: Will try to secure food trucks Rachels, The Laughing Goat, The Chuckling Cow; Diamond Club will be there selling hot dogs, candy bars, spiritwear

**Upcoming:** *Need Coaches Clinics date!*

February 19th—Board Meeting

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—First Spring Clinic Saturday

March 16th—Field Clean Up

March 22nd—Second Spring Clinic Saturday

March 23rd—Field Clean Up

March 29th—Third Spring Clinic Saturday

March 31-April 5th—Practices begin

April 5th—Fourth and Last Spring Clinic Saturday

April 26th—Opening Day

May 12th—Picture Day (May 19th Rain Date)

June 7th—Slug Fest