

WHYBA Meeting Minutes
02/19/25

Board Attendees: John Lamberti, Damian Latourette, Misse Toth, Marcus Ranalli, Gene Melvin, John Toth, Ryan Lance, Alison Latourette, Mike Ruccio, Stefana Niemo, Pete Paiva

Public Attendees:

Officially Called To Order: 7:39pm

Main Topics Discussed: Registration #s/Coaching, Evaluations, Spring Clinic

Public Comment:

John Lamberti President's Report:

- Safety Plan, officers, and background checks for 31 coaches are done, 21 pending
- Has an email in to A.D. STARR Little League Charter Program (Dicks Sporting Goods Program) for this year

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

- Question about 8 turning 9 yr old player, wanting to move up majors; board will discuss further

Misse Toth Secretary's Report:

- First time baseball player signed up for the majors—we will check birthday and watch during evals, may move him down to the minors
- Donaldson Farms for sponsorship? (John L has an email to them)
- Haven't heard anything back from Gaming Commission in regards to email sent; will follow up with a phone call

Marcus Ranalli Treasurer's Report:

- Has to check the PO Box
- Dairy Queen to have a Give Back Night where 10% of proceeds goes back to the league; also would do a Car Wash where they supply the materials and we provide volunteers; Chuckling Cow would also do a give back night
- Laughing Goat for Opening Day, Rachel's might be out because they have a permanent store now; need to reach out to Jamie about the Diamond Club
- Marcus and John L possibly go door to door for sponsorships—John L available after 3/4
- \$500-\$1,000 donation from Bank of America— had to sign up VCH Donation (?)
- Chevy gave us a list of items that they would donate—need to decide what we need

Gene Melvin Equipment Manager's Report:

- Has the key and will get to the shed to see what we have and make an inventory
- Also has the use of the Mansfield Basketball shed
- Needs a list of what items need to go in each bag for the coaches
- Needs to ORDER ICE PACKS AND BASEBALLS

John Toth Field Manager's Report:

- Will be submitting field applications this week
- Port-a-Johns: Mansfield needs (1) and Franklin (1)
- Going to bring the tractor from Mansfield home, clean it up and list it for sale; will contact Rymon to have it serviced

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

- There has been zero interest from HS players; should make a post on social media for umps
- Has some new umpires and some from other leagues so there wont be too many issues as long as our schedule is opposite HS games

Ryan Lance IT Report:

- Registration #s so far: 42 tball, 69 rookies, 31 minors, 26 majors, 15 juniors; behind about 70 players from last yr at this time

Alison Latourette Social Media/Marketing Report:

- Will boost registration post, costs around \$40-\$50
- Continue to like and share our FB posts to gain more traction

Mike Ruccio Coaches Coordinator's Report:

- Need a Tball head coach and a rookies head coach; depending on #s, Minors may have too many coaches; so far: Denise, John L, Budd, Earl; Majors have Toth, Darcy, Ricci/Quinones; Juniors have Looney, Novak, and Alicia
- One senior signed up—15 yrs old, can he go down to juniors?

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

Stefana Niemo Uniform Coordinator's Report:

- Someone finally picked up spirtwear ordered from last yr!; All Sports Joe is gone, will call new person; Possible other uniform outlets: A&K in Palmer, PA or who Flemington uses (Misse will get information)
- **Pete Paiva Player Agent's Report:** Needs a check for Franklin for building usage for Evals
- Evals Board Help: Pete, Lamberti, Toth, Damian, Marcus, Gene, Mike
- Mike to create a text group chat for eval meeting—possibly meet Sunday/Monday next week to go over evals

(Jamie Carzima) Fundraising and Sponsorship's Report:

Additional Comments:

- **Mansfield Field Upgrades:** Majors field upgrades this year—scoreboard (Mike R to check it out), add possible slats to chain link fence dug outs for privacy, add roof to dugouts; batting cages
- **Clinic:** John T will run majors, John L minors, Marcus rookies

Upcoming: *Need Coaches Clinics date!*

March 1st—Minors Evaluation; Registration Closes

March 8th—Majors Evaluation

March 9th—Draft; All teams created

March 19th—Board Meeting

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