



**MENTOR BASEBALL LEAGUE
MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2005**



Attendance: Greg Golic, Harry Oschip, Sal D'Angelo, Pat Denihan, Bob Giebel, Jeff Paige, Rick Leyde, Rich Wallack, Larry Matteo, Bob Fritts, Ken Bell, Jim Maffit, Dan Welly

Meeting began at 7:38

1. **Review of Agenda** – add Colt Tournament team tryout as item 9.
2. **Minutes of Last Meeting** – Minutes were approved. (Bob Giebel/Larry Matteo)
3. **Treasurer's Report (Ken Bell)** – Ken gave a written report of the MBL finances that showed a balance on hand of \$71,993. A number of expenses must still be paid. Some registration income is still coming in for the Senior and Girls Fast Pitch divisions. It appears that uniforms will be at projected budget numbers despite a smaller number of teams. Information on registrations that had NSF checks returned will be sent to the commissioners who will contact the child's manager. If the NSF check and the fees are not covered, the child does not play. Refunds will go out shortly. Some Captains Night and Firecracker Tournament money is starting to come in.
4. **Open Position (Rich Wallack)** – A candidate for the position of Equipment Manager is needed. Anyone who is interested should contact Rich.
5. **Commissioner Updates** – Tball (Larry Matteo), OK. Midgets 6 (Sal D'Angelo), OK. Minor 10 (Greg Golic), OK. Major 11 (Jim Maffit) OK, required verification of rules concerning dropped 3rd strike, injury during game, poor condition of Ridge fields, problems with umpires showing up, Rich reminded commissioners to call youth umpires a day ahead of time to insure their attendance. Colts (Rick Leyde), all's well with no rainouts, no protests and no injuries.
6. **Firecracker Tournament (Rich Wallack)** – only 30-40 teams are presently entered as compared to the usual 150+. Competition from new tournaments in Twinsburg and Akron, complaints about youth umpires and lack of publicity may be cause for the low numbers.
7. **Age change USSSA Baseball** – An explanation and discussion concerning the change of the date for determining a player's "baseball" age covered the following points: All major baseball organizations, led by USA Baseball and including USSSA and Little League Baseball, are changing the date of determination to May 1; May 1 date means player is actually the age for the league played; next year a player can elect to stay with the same age group he/she is with now; baseball age for next year's tournament teams must be declared at the time of trying out (can't opt for a different age if player doesn't make team); those with May, June and July birth

dates may play up next year; baseball age must match for house league and tournament team play.

8. **20th Anniversary Wrap-up (Rich Wallack)** – All went very well. Bill Petrello threw out first pitch; past president Jim Ray and former Cardinal Baseball officer Kevin Rhomberg were also in attendance. Plaques were presented to the past presidents. Diane Compton sang the National Anthem, Bob Giebel and Pat Denihan provided the sound system, which worked well judging by the fact that neighbors complained about the noise. Ray Kirchner provided a proclamation by Mentor City Council to mark the occasion. A proper location for the proclamation will be determined. The News-Herald published a story in advance of Opening Day and the Lake County Gazette and The Dirt covered the occasion with articles to follow in a future issue. Comments received concerning the concessions were positive.
9. **Colt Tournament Team Tryouts** will be held at Mentor High School Field #7 (JV field) on June 4, 2005 at 1:00 pm. Rick Leyde will provide flyers to Colt managers to pass out to players. The team will play in 4 tournaments, probably but not necessarily Mentor Firecracker, Wickliffe, Jefferson and Willoughby
10. **Old Business** – none
11. **New Business** –
 - The Captains will hold their Baseball Academy on June 21-23. Info is available on their website
 - Jeff Paige has added a local radar loop graphic to the MBL field condition update area
12. **Job Well Done**
 - Tom Dalpiaz for the program booklet with its extra-added color this year
 - Gina Wallack & Lisa Welly for running the Concession stand on Opening day
 - Joe Longo for the concession stand food
 - Debbie Ribinskas and her crew for installing the signs on Field #3
 - Pat Denihan and Bob Giebel for their DJ services

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Next Meeting – June 8,2005 at 7:30 p.m. in Room D of the Civic Center Ice Arena

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Matteo