

MENTOR BASEBALL LEAGUE MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 2005

Attendance: Debbie Korecz, Ken Bell, Bob Giebel, Paul Monastra, Harry Oschip, Ken Zak, Fred Zupancic, Rick Seibt, Bob Fritts, Tony Casanova, Rich Wallack, Rick Leyde, Phil Trimble, Dan Welly

1. **Review of Agenda:** add items 2a, Sports Photography and 5a, Equipment.

2. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** accepted (Monastra/Korecz)

2a. The Sports Section spoke to the group about league wide picture day and action photos for the Firecracker Tournament. They would be willing to sponsor teams or give back \$1/head for picture day. Tournament arrangements can be made. We will be using them for the Firecracker but will remain with Ellie Vayo Photography for league pictures.

3. **Treasurer's Report (Ken Bell):** \$30,200 collected for the month, expenses were \$520 all for returned check fees. Returned check fees must be paid by the issuer. We have a cash balance of \$56,344. Investing some of our money in a CD was discussed. Ken will talk to Sal D'Angelo at Huntington.

4. **2006 Budget Proposal (Ken Bell):** Ken is waiting for info and will have a budget next month.

5. **2006 Rules (Rich Wallack):** Larry Matteo and Jim Maffit have contacted Rich about changes. Rich will make the changes and let everyone review.

5a. **Equipment (Rick Seibt):** RIF baseballs were discussed. It was decided that we will keep RIF's at the Mitey-Mite level. Catcher's mitts were sent to the Glove Dr. There are still a few outstanding equipment bags. Equipment bids will go out mid-January.

6. **Mentor Baseball Website Discussion (Rich Wallack):** \$3,200 was spent last year on your current website. Some trustees have taken a look at the website for Hudson Baseball and we can have a similar site set up for \$1,000 with yearly fees of \$225. Before a vote is taken, everyone should take a look at the Hudson site to determine if it is something we want to pursue. Ken Zak and Harry Oschip spoke to the group about the current website and what we may be giving up. Rich Wallack conducted a

- vote via email. 8 people voted to stay with the current website and 6 voted to change.
7. **Sponsor Report:** Debbie was not present but Rich reported that we have 24 sponsors to date. If anyone is interested in sponsoring they should send in the paperwork right away. There will be 4 new field signs. Debbie also has 5 business card ads for the program book.
 8. **Indians Night (Rich Wallack):** Indians Night will be held on May 21 at 1 p.m. vs. Pittsburgh. Tickets will be behind home plate. All kids 14 and under will receive a Travis Haffner mesh jersey and will be able to run the bases after the game. There will also be a parade on the field before the game. Tickets will be grouped by team. We have 1,000 tickets on hold and must sell 500. We will be raffling off a loge for a game on July 21. The winner will receive 12 tickets to the game and 3 parking passes. The raffle tickets will cost \$5 each.
 9. **Rating Sheets:** no update.
 10. **Registration Process (Rich Wallack):** registration will be on-line only. Registration instructions and informational flyers will be mailed out.
 11. **Field Allocation (Rich Wallack):** Rich attended the field allocation meeting with the City. We will be sharing Fairfax with McMinn this year. The infield at Garfield 3 and 4 have been reseeded. Mentor will install Hollywood bases on Garfield 1 and 2 if we purchase the bases. The League will be filling in holes with clay that will be provided by the City.
 12. **Important Dates:** Draft Day is March 25 from 8-5. Opening Days are May 13 and 20. Firecracker Tournament is June 30-July 3. Mentor Baseball at the Indians will be May 21.
 13. Outstanding commissioner binders should be returned to Rich. (T-Ball and Minor 9)
 14. Opening positions for 2006 are Minor 9 and 10 commissioners, opening day concessions, program book coordinator and recording secretary.
 15. **Old Business:** none
 16. **New Business:** Tournament Team Uniforms (Bob Fritts): Seasonal Sporting Goods has the best deal for tournament team uniforms. Hats were not included in the bid as there are enough hats left over from last year. Travel teams will receive 2 pants, 2 shirts, a belt and socks.

17. Job Well Done: Rick Seibt for taking the time to research the Hudson website. Bob Fritts for tournament team uniforms.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at 7:30 pm in Room D of the Civic Center Ice Arena.

Minutes taken by: Debbie Korecz