

# **Mentor Baseball League**

**August 13, 2008**

**Civic Center – Room D**

**7:30 p.m.**

**In Attendance- R. Wallack, M. Horvath, J. Magyar, B. Giebel, V. DeLisa, P. Trimble, J. Seely, M. Riley, D. Piazza, K. Bell, P. Denihan, H. Oschip, D. Richardella, T. Victor, M. Yanasak, S. DeAngelo, J. Newark, K. Asadorian, G. Golic, J. Borkey**

1. **Review of Agenda** (Rich Wallack)  
No additions
2. **Minutes of Last Meeting** (Rich Wallack)  
Bob accepts, Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>- Minutes accepted
3. **Treasurer's Report** (Ken Bell)  
See handout-Income-for month of July, \$12,881, Expenses for July-\$33,658. Received a check for \$270 from Captain's Night as a donation. President will receive bank statement monthly beginning in August.
4. **Commissioner Wrap-Ups** (Commissioners)  
6yr- concerns include lack of field when a rainout. Would like scheduled practice times. Uniforms tend to run small. Can they be ordered bigger? Want to keep score. Rich asked to submit in writing, rule changes. Time preference for practice times to be added to registration forms for teams that are being selected by parent preferences. Add times that are appropriate for calling commissioners to literature. May have an issue finding coaches for this age level next year-Send thank you letter to current coaches- Joelle to draft. Possible thank you gift to be given to coaches who did a great job this year-recommended by commissioners of each age group..  
8yr- good year. Lots of kids interested in trying out.  
9yr-good to go  
10yr- 6 of 8 equipment bags collected, ratings are almost done, suggestion to put rec teams in a tournament- Rich suggests hooking up with other local teams to do games, tournaments. Need a happy medium. Try to get a pitching clinic together before tryouts as well as a coaching clinic. Move all-star game up into the season rather than the end to avoid start of football. Make mandatory to wear coaches shirts. Suggestion to split the 11-12 allstar team into age teams rather than keeping them combined. This year's game was unevenly matched.
5. **MBL Golf Outing** (Harry Oschip)  
1pm shotgun start. October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Signs will be hung in local buildings. At Little Mountain.
6. **Equipment Return** (Rick Seibt)- Please let managers know
  - a. Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> from 8 am – 12 pm
  - b. Uncle Bobs on East Avenue

7. **Tournament Team Tryouts – August 16 & 17 (Ken Bell)**
  - a. Garfield Park
  - b. Must bring Tournament Fees to tryouts- registration at 9am. Travel team guidelines will be posted on website. 8's will be with 9's and 10's. No names on jerseys, no A or B designation allowed this year. Raters- be there between 8:30-9am. Rating a few kids tomorrow night that will be on vacation.
8. **Tournament Team Coaches Evaluations (Ken Bell)**  
All In
9. **Volunteer Dinner (Rich Wallack)**  
Need suggestions on place and date. Sometime in September
10. **Return Commissioner Binders to Rich Wallack (Rich Wallack)**Need binders.
11. **New officers for 2009 (Rich Wallack)**
  - a. Vote at November Board Meeting  
Looking for people to step up. Will ask for nominations next month
12. **Five 3-year trustee positions available for 2009 (Rich Wallack)**
  - a. Vote at October Board Meeting- Will ask for nominations next month.
13. **Infield Mix Purchase for Garfield #7 (Rich Wallack)**
  - a. City requesting Mentor Baseball to purchase infield mix for \$6,000. Is it the right thing to do? Rich to talk to the city about a different price. Offer the \$6000 but ask for additional services to be provided or barter for Fire cracker services. Board agrees to pay for it now and negotiate services for next year.
14. **Open positions for 2008 (Rich Wallack)**
  - a. Equipment Manager-Need Immediately
15. **2009 Field Improvement Requests (Rich Wallack)**  
Commissioners are asked to submit field improvement requests so Rich can submit letter to city.
16. **Old Business (All)**  
None
17. **New Business (All)**  
Possible setting up scholarships for kids who cannot afford to play.
18. **Job Well Done (All)**  
Mike for trophies  
Ken for tryouts

Adjourn

Next Board Meeting: September 10, 2008