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Mentor Baseball League
Meeting Minutes – 2-11-2009

R Wallack, K Bell, P Monastro, M Bumpus, M Riley, P Trimble, M Posner, J Casey, J Seech, J Borkey, G Golic, V Delisa, B Giebel, K Asadorian, G Valeri, amongst others.

- Reviewed Agenda ...
- Minutes approved (M Riley), Seconded by J. Casey.
- **UMPIRES** ... Paul Leach & Rick Sullivan (names and emails are on the website) spoke on behalf of the umpires ... discussion on how to pay umpires in the senior leagues, questions about umpires can be directed towards them. Certified umpires will be used for 11 & 12 year old leagues and up. Travel teams will need to get their schedules to the umpires.
- **RATINGS** ... (Bob Giebel) 7 teams outstanding. Ratings need to be in by draft.
- **SPONSORS** ... (Vickie) House – 10 paid, 13 invoiced. Travel – 5 paid, 3 invoiced. We are a bit behind from last year. Will begin to make phone calls. Jim Casey talked about the possibility of offering discounts to businesses for sponsoring multiple teams. Also discussed on how to attract more sponsors.
- **REGISTRATION** ... 367 registered so far this year (385 at this point last year). 94 are unpaid, probably due to the Master Card problem on the site. These people are being notified by email.
- **FIELD SIGNS** (M Riley) ... 9 have renewed, 2 non-renewals, 15 signs left to fill. There was discussion about Dick's Sporting Goods buying a sign (given the business we give them). Also, Mike is in contact with Sam as sponsors come in to get signs made.
- **EQUIPMENT** (G Valerie) \$18,000 down to \$17,000 for ordering equipment. Cost of baseballs has gone up (will be ordered now). Some of the costs of the rec gear has gone DOWN. There are more travel teams. Checking on the kits from Dicks as there may not be a need to order score books. Discussion turned towards the ordering of catcher's equipment. Will hold off a week or so on this order till we have some idea from the travel teams in regards to what they have and what they need.
- **INDIANS NIGHT** (J Newmark) ... June 15th vs Brewers ... Bobblehead (Wild Thing from Major League). Still working on getting contract with Indians for 500 tickets. Tickets are in the bleachers.
- **OPEN POSITIONS** ... House League uniform coordinator still open. May have to be absorbed by the board. Look at trustees to see who needs a task / job to do. Currently Jim Casey will work with Vickie.
- **BINDERS** ... J Casey will have binders ready for commissioners meeting. There are still a few binders that are outstanding.
- **PICTURE VENDOR** ... Discussion on Ely Vayo to talk with her about her pricing. She only sponsors 2 teams while her prices are considerably higher than Legends. J Casey to talk with her.
- **COMMISSIONER OPENINGS** ... Lou Krasva to take Minor 9.
- **OPENING DAY CONCESSIONS** ... 9U travel coaches take care of this (staffing). Treated as a fundraiser for the travel teams. Discussion with Harry on vendor coming in (at cost), with MBL getting 100% of the profits. Greg Valerie to call and reserve Pepsi

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trailer for both opening day dates. Harry will contact the food vendor. Jeff Newmark will handle the scheduling of workers for the stands.

- **OLD BUSINESS** ... discussion on the city charging MBL for fields, lights, breathing their air ... J Borkey talked to Ray Kirschner ... he also received a \$1,700 invoice (\$100 a field for um, 17 fields) for the season. No contract, just an invoice. Joe to confirm with city as to what we will receive for the money being paid to the city. Lights will be charged based on our schedule. Unanimous vote (from board & trustees present). Sponsor fee clarification to determine the amount of money to go to MBL from travel sponsors. Discussion on reducing the percentage from 20% to 15%. Teams sponsorship for house is \$175, and is \$250 for travel. There was a proposal from Rich W on Travel Only sponsors to give 10%. More and more discussion on clarification of sponsors. Hands off rec sponsors. Need to vote on motion for ... 2008 Rec Sponsors off limits, personal sponsors are 100% travel, anything else MBL gets 10% up to the cost of a sponsor (\$175). This only applies to sponsors and not fundraisers.
 - **TREASURY REPORT** (K Bell) ... \$0 in January, over \$20K in registrations (will show in Feb). \$8K put down on house uniforms, \$9,245 for travel fees, \$17,513 in expenses. \$78,071 in account as of 1/31/2009. Equipment numbers are being revised. \$5,900 for 2009-2010 insurance (will get new certificates). \$214,813 balanced budget, want to vote on final budget ... unanimous vote on approving budget (J Casey motion, M Posner second).
 - **NEW BUSINESS** (M Posner) ... discussion on freezing more than 1 player in 11-12 division. Formal proposal to be ready for next months meeting (work with D Boyd). Proposal to shorten T-Ball games (currently 75 minutes).
 - **REMINDERS** (H Oschip) ... Lake County Coaches Clinic at Lake Erie College (2/14). MHS, Lake Catholic, and Captains baseball clinics in mid-March.
 - **JOB WELL DONE** ... Vickie, Harry, Longo's.
- Meeting Adjourned.