

Stratham Softball Board

Agenda, Notes, and Action Items

January 16, 2018

Agenda

Attendees:

Peter Griem, Hillary Gaynor, Sean Kotkowski, Patrick Sturtevant, Mike Thornton, Jim Marsden

Meeting opened at 7:30PM

Old Business:

Review / Approve November minutes – *Cantrece will review the minutes before posting*

Atlantic League – Director level planning meeting

Peter, Brian Wall, and Cantrece met on 11/19

Issues to bring to the table? – *Playoffs and rule consistency*

Atlantic League holiday parade float

Everyone had a great time

Winter Clinics –

Combined Stratham/Exeter clinics – details will be somewhat late coming

- 3 Sundays in Feb/3 Sundays in March at EHS
- Batting limited to 8 slots X 2 sessions
- Pitching more slots

Peter has potential contact to run a coaching clinic – strong interest from the board; Peter wil

New Business:

2018 director positions –

President – Peter Griem

Secretary – Jim Marsden

Treasurer – Mike Thornton

Fields – TBD (Mike T will recruit Peter McNulty)

Equipment – Patrick Sturtevant

Concessions – Michaleen Craig

RipTide – Hillary Gaynor

Liaison to HYA board -

Liaison to EJSL board – Hillary Gaynor - 2nd Thursday

Need to recruit additional at-large members

- 8U coordination – Kelly Sardinas
- Communications

Mohegan Sun Coaches Convention – Sat, Jan 20th, 2018 7am-5pm

Offer coaches subsidy? *Registrations are \$100; league will set aside \$500 to cover registration – first come/first serve*
Organize trip?

Volunteer recruitment for 2018

Additional Board / Ad hoc committee members

- *Kelly Sardinas*
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2018 Registration

- Cantrece sent draft of flyer – board reviewed:
 - ice cream social will be skipped this year
 - registration close has to be before evaluation day on March 11
 - board suggests adding a disclaimer “Dates are subject to change due to factors such as weather”
 - Jim will take complete pass through the flyer and send a final draft to the board for approval
- Board discussed age vs. grade based registration and agreed to stay with age based, because that is the Babe Ruth rule and also what EJSL does
- Amendment to November, 2017 decision on uniforms – we will take sponsors for 6u, in addition to 8u and 10u

Evaluation / Spring Training Day – Brian Wall from EJSL starting to organize evaluations – March 11 @ EHS gym; planning how to divide time/schedule coordinators/sign kids in

- Patrick Sturtevant will take lead for Stratham
- Peter proposed to again purchase tshirts and head bands for opening day – board approved

Opening day – Saturday April 7, 2018

- Just Exeter and Stratham participating
- Steve Singlar is leading – Jim will contact Steve
- Jim Marsden, Sean Kotkowski, and Mike Thornton will lead for Stratham
- Peter inquired if Chris Wheeler is able to take team photos on opening day (Lifetouch went out of business); Mike T will talk with Chris
- *Cantrece suggested that we use Signup Genius for opening day, etc.*

2018 Communication – Teamsnap / SI Play instead of gmail

- Jim will reach out to Steve Singlar to talk about collaboration on SI Play and/or Teamsnap

Field/Equipment

- Patrick will order short legs and feeder for the Jugs machine that Jim had donated
- Need spring loaded pitching machines for both fields for 8u
- Temporary batting cage for Stevens will be set up on the flat area next to the 1st base line

Sponsors

- Peter would like to get the teams more engaged with sponsors and be more visible in the community
- Peter talking with EJSL about approach local restaurants about offering a discount for girls who show up at specific times with uniforms
- Looking for other ideas to engage sponsors

Future topics

- EJSL planning new fields with Exeter Rec master plan – FYI
- Enhancing connection to EHS and CMS softball

Meeting ended 9:11PM