

Latham Lassies Softball League

Board Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2010

Board Members Present: Lou Spsychalski, Jen Dentinger, Dan Lortie, Amie Bennett, Kerry Lejuenesse

Board Members not Present: Mark LaMarche, Rusty Ratigan

Members Present: Kirk Austin, Mike Gilmore, Rich Davidson, Don Dybus, Tim Graney

Opening Remarks – Lou – thank all for coming

- In need of new secretary as Tania Durante is stepping down after years of being Secretary. Thank you to Tania for all your support over the years.
- Lou nominated Amie Bennett as the new secretary, Dan Lortie seconded the nomination and Amie was voted in as the new secretary.

Agenda

- Opening and closing dates: Opening day will be April 25th
Pictures will begin at Noon – Jen Dentinger to contact photographer
Discussions about having all teams or as many as possible play that day
Closing day is yet to be determined
- Tryouts:
Originally scheduled for March 6th, Jen Dentinger will contact Shaker and try to get March 13th as try out dates for all divisions.
- Registration:
Currently have 67 girls registered; numbers are consistent with this time last year. All North Colonie Schools were canvassed and Menands schools are yet to be canvassed.
- Sponsorships:
Need 30, currently have 4 confirmed and paid
Signs need to be checked and new ordered
Discussed sponsorships forms and wording, will honor those businesses that paid for three years.
- Treasurer Report
Sponsorship monies are coming in as well as participation fees.
Sales tax and 990 currently being filed.
- Website
A new website is being created, Custom Webcare is redoing and updating current website in exchange for a sponsorship.
Looking for someone to proof read new website.
Developing user friendly website that can easily be updated with information throughout the season.
Also looking for someone to maintain the site throughout the year.

- **Hotline**
Up and running, basically a voicemail where cancellations and other information can be provided for league members.
Need a volunteer to update hotline with meeting dates, registrations dates, etc.
- **Facebook page**
Don Dybus has offered to create a place for the girls to post highlights, pictures etc. Also a place to post important dates and information for parents, players and coaches. All in attendance agreed it was good idea.
- **Miscellaneous**
Registration for travel to open soon
Coaching clinic to be offered by Siena coaches – Lou will follow up with this.
Rules for managers and coaches moving up and recruiting new book coaches were discussed and will be discussed further in March meeting.
- **Improvements**
Pitching machine – Don Dybus is getting one machine fixed and also purchasing a cover to be able to leave out at all times.
Batting cage – looking into getting 12x48 piece of turf for the base of the batting cage, power will also be ran to batting cage. Basically trying to make it easier to use the cage for all teams.
Fencing – 12U and 16U back stops need to be replaced – grant money is available to use. Proposals from various fence companies would like to go 20 feet high, 20 feet across and 10 feet out on the wings. Will be a large project, looking into fencing company doing it all or Town helping out as well as volunteers.
Dugouts – 12U and 16U all need to be removed and rebuilt off the field.

Lou, Dan Lortie and Tim Graney following up with Town and fence companies.

Next board meeting to be scheduled in March. Topics to discuss: try-outs, opening day, improvements (fencing, dugouts)