

# **Latham Lassies Softball League**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

### **March 5, 2010**

Executive Board Present: Lou Spychalski, Dan Lortie, Amie Bennett, Kerry Lejuenesse, Rusty Ratigan

Executive Board absent: Jen Dentinger, Mark LaMarche

Members present: Mike Gilmore, Don Dybas, Time Graney, John Folts, Jeff Didio, Mike Roemer, Jamie Johnson

Opening Remarks – Lou – thank you all for coming

- We need to make sure all checks and payments are sent to the post office box, the box is checked daily by Dan Lortie.
- Dan, our treasurer is keeping track of the expenses to be able to make better decisions based on numbers of girls we have in the league.

Agenda

- Website
  - The new website will be rolled out this week to the entire league. It has been sent to the Executive Board and a few others for review.
  - Still in need of a volunteer to keep the website updated with announcements, news, and other relevant information.
  - The new website will be used as a communication tool, to spread the word of cancellations, schedule changes, and events. It will also have a link to all our sponsors that have contributed to our league.
  - Latham Lassies is now on Facebook, which will also serve as a communication tool.
- Registration:
  - Numbers are lower than last year at this time. Phone calls will be made to past players to remind them of registration deadlines. The late fee will also be waived for those individuals registering now. Ideas of getting more girls to register were talked about and considered.
  - We currently have 267 girls registered; numbers are consistent with this time last year. All North Colonie Schools were canvassed and Menands schools have not been canvassed. We will send another flyer to all the schools to be sure all schools receive the flyer.
- Evaluations:
  - Will take place at Shaker Jr. High School on March 13, 2010
  - 8U and 12U will be at 10:00
  - 10U and 16U will be at 12:30
- Managers/Coaches
  - The Executive Board will hold a meeting to discuss managers for all teams. Managers will be emailed once they are selected.

- 8U  
Discussions were held about changing the rules for the 8U league.  
This will be discussed with the 8U managers and the Executive Board.
- Clinics  
Discussions were held about having coaches' clinics that would include pitching instructions, 1<sup>st</sup> aid, etc.  
The idea was brought up about making standards for each level to provide guidelines for coaches.
- Improvements  
Fences – we have received 3 quotes to raise the height of the fences and extend the length on the 12U and 16U fields, to repair the backstop of the T-Ball field and do repairs to the 8U and 10U fields. The best quote submitted was from Siena Fence company for approximately \$19k. Since the league has an approved and unused grant from 2007 for \$10k, the out of pocket cost will be approximately \$9k. A vote was taken and all in attendance agreed to make the purchase. There were no votes against the project.  
Dugouts – are not included in the fencing quotes and would be work that we would do as a league with the use of volunteers.
- Siena Softball  
As a league, we will make a donation to the Siena softball team for their gracious help with various aspects of our league.
- Sponsorships  
Currently have 20 sponsors and we will need 33.  
Phone calls will be made to the sponsors from last year to see if they will be renewing their sponsorship.

Next board meeting to be scheduled in the end of March beginning of April: need to discuss opening day, equipment, field maintenance, and other items.