

Latham Lassies Softball League

Board Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2010

Executive Board Present: Lou Spychalski, Dan Lortie, Amie Bennett, Kerry Lejuenesse, Rusty Ratigan, Jen Dentinger, Mark LaMarche

Members Present: Mike Gilmore, John Folts, Mike Roemer, Fred Curley, Jay Kirker, Jessica Onyon, PJ Calacone

Opening Remarks – Lou – thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Updates

- Fences – Siena Fence has begun the work on the backstops and fencing. If weather cooperates the fencing should be done by the end of next week.
- Dugouts – the dugouts on the 16U and 12U fields have been taken down. The concrete has been donated and discounts have been given to the League for the lumber. Currently looking for people to help construct the dugouts.
- Once all the work is done, the fields will have:
 - New T-ball fence
 - New backstops on 10U, 12U and 16U fields
 - Extended fence on the 12U and 16U fields
 - Four new dugouts

Agenda

- Program
 - Will contain schedules and rosters for all levels
 - Advertisements from all of our sponsors
 - Other pertinent information about the league
 - Executive Board Members names and contact information
 - Lou is working with the printers to finish the programs for Opening Day.
- Opening Day:
 - The tentative schedule:
 - Games to begin at 11:30 and 3:00
 - Parade at 1:30
 - Pictures to begin at Noon (depending on Sports Journal schedule)
 - Mike Gilmore is working on getting a DJ for the day
 - Rusty Ratigan and Jen Dentinger are getting quotes on Bouncy Bounces
 - Lou will be inviting the Town Supervisor and other Town officials.
 - Mark LaMarche will be contacting the person that painted helmets last year
 - Banners are being made for the new sponsors and those renewal sponsors that did not have one already printed. Teams will walk in the parade with their sponsor's banner. We will have Latham Softball banners made for sponsors who did not pay for the banner package.

- Schedules:
 - 16U schedule is all set
 - Jen Dentinger and Mark LaMarche will finish up the T-ball, 8U, 10U and 12U schedules
- Manager Of the Day/ Officer of the Day
 - Discussions were held about making the managers more accountable.
 - These items will be discussed at the Managers Meeting
- Managers Meeting
 - To be held Tuesday April 20th at 7:00 PM at the Cicotti Center.
 - Items to be handed out:
 - Balls
 - Scorebook
 - Rule books
 - Insurance forms
 - Rules for use of the Town Park
 - Keys
 - ASA rules
 - Picture forms
 - Rusty will briefly explain the concession stand and how each team will have to supply volunteers to work .
 - Managers responsibilities will be covered including:
 - Raking the fields before and after games
 - Manager of the Day schedule
 - Manager of the Day responsibilities
 - Equipment
- Concession Stand
 - Rusty Ratigan will develop a schedule for each division with times their teams will have to be in the concession stand. The busiest times are from 5:45 to 8:15. There will be a weekend and weekday schedule.
 - Rusty will provide a time for people to come and learn about the concession stand, how to open/close and the basics of running the concession stand.
- Umpires
 - Umpire clinics will be held for those girls interested in umpiring this season.
 - Player umpires will be paid same \$15.00 rate per game as last year.
- Closing Ceremonies
 - Will be discussed at a different time
- Player Call Ups
 - A form will be distributed to each coach for names of players willing to play up a division if needed. The player must be a second year player at their current division and must possess the skill needed to play up at the next level. The league will then assign 3-5 players from a lower division to each team. If a call up is needed, each team can select one or more of their designated players from the lower division. Managers will be encouraged to get to know their potential call up players and families to ease the call up process.

- Treasurers Report

Dan Lortie gave the treasurers report which included a brief review of the financial results through April 11th. Given the collection of registration fees and sponsorships, and limited season expenses, the league's cash position is very strong. Expenses are beginning to flow in for items such as uniforms, field maintenance, and capital improvements. Dan has submitted the grant voucher to New York State for reimbursement of the \$10,000 fence payment that was made in March.