

# **Latham Lassies Softball League Executive Board Meeting Minutes December 10, 2009**

Board Members Present: Lou Spychalski, Jen Dentinger, Dan Lortie, Mark LaMarche, Rusty Ratigan

Board Members not Present: Kerry Lejuenesse

Members Present: Amie Bennett

Commissioner Lou began the meeting by informing the Board that Tania Durante has submitted a request to resign her position as Secretary. Lou introduced Amie Bennett who has expressed interest in becoming the league's new Secretary.

Dan Lortie delivered his first report as Treasurer. Dan first described his 15 year background in finance and accounting as well as his intent to provide a fresh perspective to the position.

Dan first described and provided a report on the financial position of the league. Dan presented a draft financial statement for the projected year-ended December 31, 2009. In reviewing the financial statement, Dan described the primary categories that revenue and expense have been classified into and the need for further breakdown to ensure registration fees are charged appropriately going forward.

Dan also presented information on sponsorships and registration fees that had not been collected for 2009 and prior years. As a result of a variety of factors, the league has lost money in the past due to a lack of controls in key areas. Effective immediately, all check deposits should go through the Lassies PO Box 105 and not an individual's home address. Requests for payments should be submitted to Commissioner Lou or Dan for approval and payment.

Sponsorships will also be revamped to reflect current year solicitations only – in the past 3 year commitments were solicited but the forms were unclear and mislead sponsors into thinking they only had to pay once.

Lou and Dan discussed the need for a Capital Spending plan to ensure the league continues to make improvements to the field. The following recommendations were made by board members:

- Replace/repair fences
- Replace/repair dugouts
- Repair existing batting cage and make pitching machine easier to use/access
- Shed storage space
- Wireless public address speakers for general announcements (current speaker at concession stand is insufficient)

Registrations for 2010 will open in early January. The Board agreed to maintain the \$25 per family raffle ticket requirement. Opening day will be modeled similar to 2009.