

LATHAM LASSIES BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2005

BOARD ATTENDEES: Dave Mantey, Neil Francese, Tim Golden, Ron McLean, Scott McIntyre, and Jody Shaw.

Other Attendees: Michelle Frodyma, Mark LaMarche, Mike Defrancesco, and Greg Graef.

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

1. Nominations were submitted and the Latham Lassie Board for 2005-2006 was voted in as follows...
 - a. Commissioner - Scott McIntyre
 - b. 16U & 12U President - Rob Venditti
 - c. 1st VP/Auxiliary Chair - Jody Shaw
 - d. Treasurer - Pat Jeffers
 - e. Secretary - Ron McLean
 - f. 10U, 8U, and Tee-ball President - Mark LaMarche
 - g. Player Agent - Neil Francese

2. The following individuals were named as officers of Latham Lassies for 2005-2006....
 - a. Equipment Manager - Steve Pesta
 - b. Travel Team Coordinator - Pat Jeffers
 - c. 16U & 12U VP - Tim Golden
 - d. Field Manager - Tim Golden
 - e. Website Editor - Nelson Vandenburg
 - f. Hudson Mohawk Representative - Daryl Steverson
 - g. 2006 Fall Ball Coordinator - Michele Frodyma
 - h. Program Book - Jody Shaw
 - i. Sponsor Coordinator - Lisa Reinhart
 - j. 8U VP - Tim O'Brien

3. In lieu of his stepping down from the Latham Lassies Board, Dave Mantey thanked the board for their effort and hard work during the past year. The Board and all attendees thanked Dave for the tremendous leadership he exhibited during the past year and his past support to the league.

4. The Board authorized Tim Golden to bring our tractor equipment to his house so that he may give them tune-ups and general maintenance. Tim Golden and Mark LaMarche will look into better methods for dragging the infields.

5. Jody Shaw gave an update on the Auxiliary. She recommended the auxiliary focus on coordinating opening day festivities, closing ceremonies, the program book, and fundraising. This will be discussed in-depth at future board meetings.

6. Mike Defrancesco volunteered to work with new managers/coaches on how to utilize the hitting machine, using the tractors, etc.
7. Mike Defrancesco informed the board the funds from the state grant haven't come yet. Fencing improvements will be made once the funds arrive.
8. Scott McIntyre will contact Steve Pesta regarding the purchase of bat holders for the dugouts.
9. Dave Mantey was authorized by the Board to setup a coach's clinic, coordinated with the coaches of Sienna and Hudson Valley. A December or January timeframe is likely.
10. Mike Defrancesco will follow up with Frozen Ropes regarding a pitching clinic for our players.
11. Board approved including apparel orders when the registration forms are sent to players. Apparel will be sold during tryouts and open registration as well. All-star teams are welcome to do fundraising at tryouts but should not include apparel sales.
12. Board discussion on scheduling enhancements for the 2006 season. It was proposed scheduling 14 games and counting the 1st 12 for the 10U, 12U, and 16U divisions. This will allow sufficient time for make-up games. Also board discussion on eliminating playoffs for the 8U division and extending their games to 16 and counting the 1st 14. A recommendation was made to have the tee-ball season lengthened, not by more games but by spreading the games out. The above changes will be discussed at the October Board meeting.
13. 2006 League pictures will be done inside, separate from opening day festivities. Ron McLean will coordinate for the League.
14. A rain date will be set for the 2006 opening day festivities.
15. For the 2006 season, all players will be required to supply their own white pants or purchase them through the League for \$5.
16. Scott McIntyre and Mike Defrancesco will meet in March '06 with the town's new director of parks and recreation.
17. The Board approved hosting the following tournaments for the 2006 season....
 - a. July 22-23, 2006 - 10U Invitational (Mark LaMarche to coordinate)
 - b. July 15-16, 2006 - 14U Invitational
 - c. June 24-25, 2006 - 12U State
 - i. Propose July 8 - 9, 2005 12U Invitational if State tournament is denied.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Future Meetings / Events:

- **October 2, 2005, 7:00 p.m. - Latham Firehouse, Old Loudon Road**