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Monthly General Membership Meeting Minutes
July 12th, 2017

Call to order

President Jason Williams called to order the regular meeting of the Fleetwood Area Baseball Association at 7:06p.m. on July 12th, 2017 at the Keystone Villas.

Roll call

FABA Officers: Jason Williams, Jared Baer, Tony Cox and Wes Westenhoefer

FABA Members: The following people were present: Phil Sobjak, Neil Devlin, Rachelle Raunzahn, Rebecca Podlesny, Chris Schroeder, Paul Pedri, Rod Huber and Jenn Schroeder.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from the prior membership meeting held on June 14th were reviewed and approved.

Motion to approve: Neil Devlin

Seconded: Chris Schroeder

Approved by majority vote.

President's Report – Jason Williams

1) Close of 2017 Season

- a) Neil Devlin recommended we revisit the in-house team draft. Teams were stacked this year and other years. Would like to see the teams setup with a head coach, then the assistant coaches fall where their child is drafted. Board will be revising the process for next spring/summer season.
- b) Chris Schroeder asked what occurred with the 9U Cal Ripken team. It was thought that parents of the 10U group were told that they would play together all season, but when it came time for the Ripken tournament trail, the team will be broken apart so the 9U trail could be taken advantage of. Appears communication was not clear which resulted in the 9U (at large bid) not taking part in the state tournament.
- c) Discussed issues with varied interpretations of Ripken rules this season.
- d) Discussed new baserunning rules and their impact on pitchers. There is a need to better develop our pitchers. Will put information on website of reputable people that players can hire to work with them outside of FABA.
- e) Jared Baer and Neil Devlin recommend we put out the survey, which is coming out.

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2) 2017 Fall Ball

- a) Currently reviewing the setup of the fall season. There is a push for teams to play an intense 16 game schedule in the fall season.
- b) There is a new 13U prep division due to a growing desire in our area of a 13U travel program and as a way to prepare this age group for middle school ball. Field size is 60/90.
- c) Registration closes August 1st. Teams and coaches will be selected during the first week of August, and practices can start during the second or third week of August.

3) 50th Anniversary Movie and Camp Out Night

- a) Set for Saturday August 5th at Smith Field. Cost is just over \$800. Will have a donation table to offset some of the costs. The concession stand will be open, but no grill and just the basics.

4) FABA Pool Party Night

- a) Being setup for Fleetwood pool on August 17th. More details to follow.

Treasurer's Report – Tony Cox

- Current balance is \$25k with \$4k in outstanding checks. Will be facing substantial expenses shortly for repairs needed to Smith Field scoreboard.
- June treasurer's report and checking account activity was emailed to members and can be viewed on the FABA website.

Motion to approve: Paul Pedri

Seconded: Rod Huber

Approved by majority vote.

Committee Reports

- **Coaches Committee** – Jon Chwatek
 - No report – *committee should get together to discuss any improvements that can be made and situations that came up during the 2017 season.*
- **Building & Grounds** – Jason Williams
 - Future projects are removing Richmond concession stand and removing and repairing Smith Field scoreboard and concession stand roof.
 - Need additional help from other members of the organization. Seems to always be the same people taking care of everything which makes a lot of work. Looking for more help.
 - Handling Smith Field mowing in house now. Will be looking to share the cutting between all the teams that use the field. Might be one mowing needed per coach.
 - Looking to paint the inside of the Smith bathrooms.

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- **Concessions** – Carol Cox
 - No report
 - **Fundraising** – Jason Williams
 - No report.
 - **Sponsorship** – Jason Williams/Jared Baer
 - No report.
 - **Safety & Equipment** – Jason Williams
 - Equipment turn in is this Thursday 7/13 between 6 and 8pm. All coaches are required to turn in their equipment unless they plan to coach in the Fall. Those planning to coach Fall Ball are to contact Jason.

Miscellaneous Discussion

- N/A

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Rebecca Podlesny

Seconded: Jenn Schroeder

Approved by majority vote.

Minutes submitted by: Wesley Westenhoefer