

River Park Little League

Board Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2008 5:00 p.m.

Members present: Fries, Brager, Solaegui, Hollis, Vaughn, Walker, Dami, Fugman, Falco, Hartman, and Petersen.

Members absent: Blankenship, Mahoney, Boman, and Clark.

Vaughn passed out Agenda, Minutes, and 2009 Season Dates of Importance

Reports:

- 1) Minutes for last meeting were approved with the addition of the fee increase to \$135 and t-ball stays the same at \$115.
- 2) Finance Report (Brager) - \$22,000 in the bank with approx. \$5,000 in outstanding bills. Fall ball netted about \$13,800.
- 3) Fields (Falco/Petersen) - Fields are shaved. Nishco has been out a lot working on them and will continue to do so. Vaughn was approached for a tournament to be played at RP in Jan./Feb. about 36 games – everyone voted “no” because fields will still be under repair. We will consider it in July – Sept. time

Chris got a call from Fire Dept. about extinguishers – Dami will get them updated.

Trees – Brett talked to Bob Dooley and the trees will be in soon.

- 4) Coaches Committee – consists of Division Coordinators, Brett Fugman, and Greg Vaughn. Discussion of Fall Ball incident where coach instructed pitcher to hit player and admitted doing it. With a letter from Brager, the coach was removed from the remainder of the season. Greg is going to informally call and let the local head Babe Ruth person know.

Many phone calls to Vaughn and Falco prompted a lengthy discussion on which Major teams have openings for coaches. This discussion led to a talk about former River Park players who left the league and are returning. Should their fathers be allowed to coach and the players be frozen or should they have to enter the draft?

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Openings for coaches are as follows:

Giants	1
Mets	1
Angels	2
Cubs	2
Astros	1
Yankees	0
Tigers	2
White Sox	1
Padres	2
Red Sox	0

Also, there is a decision to be made of the Bono family with players on two different major teams. Should they be allowed to switch so both players can be on the same team?

- 5) Pitcher/Catcher rule change – a pitcher can catch after he pitches if he throws less than 41 pitches.

We need to choose a local rule for pitch count. Hand out explains the two variations. We should think about it and we will discuss and vote later.

- 6) Fundraising – Phil met with Sean M. who has started to form a committee.
- 7) Dinner/Dance – may be run by Lyons/Spain. Dates are on hand out.
- 8) First walk up registration is 12/13. World of Baseball donated \$30 batting cage cards to be given out at registration. Blankenship will be putting out signs with registration dates.
- 9) Equipment – Dami has bags ready to go. He is going through uniforms and will have a request for replacement at the next meeting. We will be ordering approx. 8 sets of new AAA uniforms.
- 10) Misc. – Link Us finish sound system. Cabinet has been power coated in trade for a sign. Brager will contact Billy Bryant about plumbing problems and roof leaks.
- 11) Greg will be looking into Eastbay for registration online versus Active.com.

*Please refer to hand out for Important Dates in 2009.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2008 at 4:00 P.M.