

ROME CITY YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE

February 24, 2019

The Rome City Youth Baseball League held a regular meeting on February 24, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Rome City Town Hall. Called to order by President Ritchie.

Members Present:

Scotty Ritchie-President

Leigh A. Pranger-Secretary

John Martin-Member

Todd Patrick-Member

Malissa Speicher-Treasurer

Roll call determined a quorum was present.

Member Speicher made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Member Martin. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Interested Parties in attendance: Jason Speicher

Secretary Pranger informed the board about three resignations by board member Mike Bentley, Robin Lucas and Dawayne Strong. Member Speicher stated that Tye Bloomfield is interested in the board, President Ritchie stated Todd Patrick is also interested.

Member Martin made a motion to approve Tye Bloomfield replace Mike Bentley's term (2018-2020) and Todd Patrick replace Robin Lucas' term (2017-2019). Second by Member Speicher. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried. Secretary Pranger informed the board we still have two open board seats.

Election of Officers:

Member Speicher made a motion to approve Scotty Ritchie as President, and John Martin as Vice-President. Second by Member Martin. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried

Financial Report:

Balance in Bank as of Feb 22, 2019-**\$2,530.61. Garage Sale and Pork Burger fundraiser was rained out but we did make some money.**

Member Martin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Second by Member Patrick. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried

New Business:

1. Schedule Sign-ups and determine fee amounts:

The board stated sign-ups and going on now and we need someone to set up at the School Carnival (March 15 5-7). Member Speicher will check with the school to see if we can set up and Member Martin and Patrick volunteered to run the sign ups. Secretary Pranger informed the board we made the registration the same for both baseball and softball it was too confusing having different charges. The fee is \$70, 100, and 150.

2. Teams and Coaches: President Ritchie stated it will depend on how many kids sign up for the teams. 8U coach-Lonnie Tackett, 10U coach-Corey Garrett, ¼ pint coach-Todd Patrick, ½ pint coach Scotty Ritchie. Member Speicher stated softball- A League-Jason & Malissa Speicher, B & C League are open, and D League is Tye Bloomfield.

3. Concessions: The board discussed the stepping down of Nicole Ritchie from Chairing the Concession. Member Speicher stated she will ask one of the mothers who works at the RC Elementary School. She will see if she is interested in running the concession stand. Member Speicher stated her daughter Aubrey will work the concession stand when she is not playing softball and she will check with Carson Sorrell and Americus to see if they will work again.

4. Softball Fees: Member Speicher stated the league fees will be \$800 if we have all four teams. A=\$100, B=\$200, C=\$250, D=\$250. She also informed the board the D league will be using a pitching machine to be provided by the league. She noted all the rosters and fees are due on March 20th.

5. School Carnival: Member Speicher informed the board the school carnival needs donations and suggested the board put together a baseball basket. The board agreed this would be a nice gesture.

Member Martin made the motion to approve the basket to include a \$50 Dunham gift Card and various other small items. Not to exceed \$75.00. Second by Member Patrick. All in favor-aye Motion Carried. Member Speicher volunteered to put the basket together.

6. Team Pictures: Member Speicher informed the board they will do the pictures again this year but would like to do them earlier in the season. Member Speicher abstain from the vote due to a conflict of interest. Member Martin made a motion to use Outback Photography for the team pictures. Second by Member Patrick. All in favor-aye. Motion carried. Member Patrick asked that the pictures be packaged by teams so that each coach can distribute them. Member Speicher told the coaches to put May 19th on their calendars for team picture day. Time to be determined later.

Old Business

1. **Batting Cage:** Jason Speicher stated he met with Kammerer welding and they are willing to make the center metal section we need to add the posts to make the cage wider. Secretary Pranger stated she will speak with the town employees to see when they can pull the posts and reset them, dig out the additional dirt and add the limestone, may need to pull all the posts to lengthen the cage to 80' or 90'. Member Martin will check with Edward's Floor Covering to see if they will donate the outdoor carpet. Member Martin also mention the batter's area needs to be concrete (10x12 area)
2. **Clean Up Day:** Scheduled for Saturday April 20, 1-3 p.m. in Grant Park. They asked everyone to bring rakes, tarps etc. They also asked the coaches to come to pick up keys and their equipment-they need to go through their equipment and give the board a list of items they need. Secretary Pranger asked who all needs keys for the concession, storage and restrooms. She asked that the Amazon Smiles and Kroger fundraiser information be distributed at the clean up to the parents.
3. **Uniform Purchase:** Member Speicher asked that we get at least two quotes on uniforms to try to save money. The board agreed to ABC Embroidery and Betty Lou's.

Miscellaneous Business:

1. **Field Needs:** Secretary Pranger stated she has contacted Hostetler Landscaping out of Middlebury and she is just waiting on a return call. She noted the Park Board plans to get this work done this spring.
2. **Equipment needs:** 1/4 pint and 1/2 pint Catchers Gear, Bats and Balls, Softball will need Tee Stand. We can assess the rest of the needs on the clean-up day.
3. **Sponsorships and Banners:** Secretary Pranger stated, Pam Kline has sent on the form and we are waiting for the letters to be returned
4. **2018 Gun Raffle:** President Ritchie suggested the board run a gun raffle. He will look into this. Do we want to try to do this in 219?

Next Meeting: March 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. this will be after the Park Board meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary

FYI: Members mark these dates on your calendar: March 15-School Carnival 5-7, April 20 Grant Park 1-3 Clean Up Day, Team Pictures May 19