

ROME CITY YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE  
March 18, 2019

The Rome City Youth Baseball League held a regular meeting on March 18, 2019 at 6:30 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

Coach-Corey Garrett-260-350-7552

Members Absent:

Tye Bloomfield

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: Tina Wilkinson, Jason Speicher and Corey Garret

**Park Board update:**

President Wilkinson was present to bring the board up to date on the plans for the baseball diamonds this year. The Park board hired Hostetler Lawn and Landscaping, Inc. to redo the both Kelly and Grant diamonds. They also hired Green-a-lawn to apply lime, weed and feed to the parks and diamonds. The Board is hopeful this will help eliminate the ground squirrel infestation. President Wilkinson also discussed looking for some of the older retired people to get back involved with the baseball League so that would free up the coaches to not have to worry about the board duties during the season. She requested the board think about people who might qualify and bring their names to the next meeting. The batting cage post will be divided by the town employees and they will contact Jason Speicher to get the inserts. The town employees will dig out the batting cage area and the batter box-fill with limestone and install the landscape timbers. The baseball board will need to get the outdoor carpet for on top of the limestone and install the netting.

President Wilkinson informed the board the drinking fountain at the Kelly diamond will be moved to a corner post on the pavilion to make room to move the home bleachers over so you can see third base. President Wilkinson asked who she needs to stay in contact with on the game and practice schedules. Member Speicher stated she is the contact person.

**Financial Report:**

Balance in Bank as of March 15, -\$5,787.71.

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

**Park Clean-up Day:** April 20, 2019 in Grant Park 1-3 p.m. Bring rakes & gloves. President Ritchie asked that the Amazon Smiles and Kroger fundraiser information be distributed at the clean up to the parents.

**New Business:**

**1. Schedule Sign-ups and determine fee amounts:**

Sign-ups are going on now. We will not have a ½ pint team this year. We still need player for the 8u, 10U and ¼ pint. The coaches said they would get the word out. Member Speicher said she will have enough girls for an A and D team. She requested a check for league fees \$350 for their Wednesday night meeting.

2. **Teams and Coaches:** 8U coach-Lonnie Tackett, 10U coach-Corey Garrett, ¼ pint coach-Todd Patrick. Member Speicher stated softball- A League-Jason & Malissa Speicher and D League is Tye Bloomfield.
3. **League Meeting and League Cost:** No meeting set on baseball yet.
4. **Uniform Purchase:** ABC Embroidery representative distributed the books to review for new uniforms. Mona stated she is helping out ABC Embroidery by working on the baseball orders. The coaches for the baseball looked at the uniforms and decided on the one they want for the boys. The numbering to start at one and continue to the last players. This way the kids can be interchanged between leagues if needed. Member Speicher stated she will take the book home and contact Mona with her order. Uniform Try-ons April 8th at 5:00 p.m.
5. **Team Pictures:** Outback Photography will be taking team pictures on May 19<sup>th</sup> on their calendars for team picture day. Member Speicher asked for flyer to made up to pass out at the clean-up day.
6. **Equipment Needs:** President Ritchie asked the coaches to get their equipment needs around to be turned in no later than April 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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. **Concessions:** Member Speicher stated the lady who works at the RC Elementary School is not interested in running the stand. Member Speicher stated she will take over the duties, but she will need help. Aubrey and Carson Sorrell will work the concession stand. We still need more help; Member Martin stated his son Tucker will help.

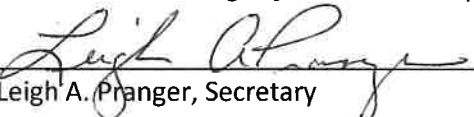
#### Miscellaneous Business:

1. **Equipment needs:** 1/4 pint Catchers Gear, Bats and Balls, Softball will need Tee Stand. We can assess the rest of the needs on the clean-up day.
2. **Sponsorships and Banners:** Secretary Pranger passed out the form on sponsors and asked the coaches to look it over to see if they have any suggestions on who else to contact.
3. **2019 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?
4. The board discussed Mr. Lee Ritchie's work and the need to increase his pay. Member Speicher made a motion to approve to pay Mr. Ritchie \$30 per game. Second by Member Martin. All in favor-aye. Motion carried

Next Meeting: April 20, 2019 at Grant Park after the clean up.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary

FYI: Members mark these dates on your calendar: Uniform Try-ons April 8th at 5:00 p.m., April 20 Grant Park 1-3 Clean Up Day, Team Pictures May 19