

## WHYBA Meeting Minutes

12/04/24

**Board Attendees:** John Lamberti, Damian Latourette, Misse Toth, John Toth, Mike Ruccio, Stefana Niemo, Jamie Carzima

**Public Attendees:**

**Officially Called To Order: 7:35pm**

**Main Topics Discussed:** Schedule for events for upcoming season, Sponsorship pricing and breakdowns, Discussion on moving two players up in divisions

**Public Comment:**

### **John Lamberti President's Report:**

- Opened discussion about 2 WHYB players who would like to move up in divisions; one player (DOB 1/2018) would like to move from Tball to Minors, the second player (DOB 10/15) would like to move from Minors to Majors. Discussion from members included both pros and cons of moving players up. Members stated that we may consider a rule that players must play at least one year in each division, and noted the cons of moving children up while skipping a division including child development (not baseball skill) and the strength of older players. Some members stated that the LL rules do allow for younger ages to join the next division up. Some members stated that players should be allowed to go to evaluations to see their abilities, while others argued that it may open a can of worms for younger players to be pushed to higher divisions. The board concluded that a vote would take place in the immediate future.

### **Damian Latourette Vice President's Report (& Safety Coordinator):**

- Had a few questions for John L. on Safety in regards to logins, website, etc—John will reach out to Damian

### **Misse Toth Secretary's Report:**

- Brought up discussion on upcoming events for the season (see end of meeting minutes for dates); will finalize flyer and send to public schools, share on community FB groups
- What to do about raffle winners from past 2 years who have still not claimed their prizes—Don Amorosi stated to call the Gaming Commission; board concluded to have Don reach out as he is in charge of the bonds for the raffle

**Marcus Ranalli Treasurer's Report:** *Not in Attendance*

### **Equipment Manager's Report:**

### **John Toth Field Manager's Report:**

- Will reach out to another company for a second estimate for the fields; will list tractor for sale so we can buy an appropriate size tractor for the Mansfield fields.

### **Gregg Wiseburn Umpire Coordinator's Report:** *Not in Attendance*

- Wasn't able to make the meeting, but no news to report; will make a push for umpires in late Feb/early March in hopes to get a few new ones; and have a class one weeknight for training.

**Ryan Lance IT Report:** *Not in Attendance*

### **Mike Ruccio Coaches Coordinator's Report:**

- Will reach out to past coaches and inquire if they will be coaching again this year to try and get those who need Rutgers' Coaching Clinic in before spots fill up
- Will work with TJ on a Coaches Clinic

**TJ Stevens Development Coordinator's Report:** *Not in Attendance*

### **Stefana Niemo Uniform Coordinator's Report:**

- Spirit wear for Christmas only had 3 orders, but they will fulfill those orders; will open store again in January; discussed the need to open the Spirit wear store DURING times that we will physically sell spirit wear items (during opening day/slug fest/etc); will have a QR code available to scan that will take people right to the store to order.

- Discussed need to submit uniform orders in earlier this year; evals will be pushed up a week respectively; Jamie and Stefana discussed uniform orders— may consider placing two separate orders to get the majority in and started and then any added players or changes can be sent with the second order

**Pete Paiva Player Agent's Report:** *Not in Attendance*

**(Jamie Carzima) Fundraising and Sponsorship's Report:**

- Sponsorship Pricing and Break Down discussion
  - Board discussed and decided to change options
    1. Single \$150, 1 banner
    2. Double \$240, 2 banners
    3. Triple \$350, 2 banners and a shout out
    4. Home Run \$450, 1 banner, physical shout out at events and social media shout out
    5. Grand Slam \$500, 2 banners, physical shout out, social media shout out, team photo plaque
- Banners were taken down and given to John T to store in Mansfield concession stand
- Opening Day should have a team sponsor announcement before the team comes out on the field
- Ryan should update the website with current sponsors; has sponsors that haven't sponsored in years

**Additional Comments:**

- Board discussed need for member strictly for social media—Marketing Coordinator; Damian stated that his wife would be perfect for this position and she agreed to help if needed. Board would vote to add position in the near future

**Upcoming:** *Need Coaches Clinics date!*

January 8th—Board Meeting 7:30 Township Rec Building

February 8th—Minors Evaluation

February 15th—Majors Evaluation

February 23rd—Draft; All teams created

February 24-28—Sponsors and Teams Need to Be Done; Coaches Reach out to Players

March 1st—Registration Closes; No Team Changes after Today; Stefana needs Team Info for Uniforms

March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd (29th snow day) - Spring Clinic

April 1st-5th—Practices begin

April 26th—Opening Day