

EXETER TOWNSHIP LITTLE LEAGUE

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DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2009



Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by the President, R.Hart, at the Dunn Community Center at 8:15pm.

Approval of Minutes (Christofaro):

- Provided copies of November's minutes for review & approval. Motion to approve by M. Fitzgerald, seconded by M. McDevitt, and motion approved.
- Last meeting's attendance was 18 while November's meeting was 19.
- Passed out the 2010 Pitch Count Sheet. Changes in # of pitches and days of rest required for regular season and tournament have been made.

Treasurer's Report (Michalak):

- Presented November's financial report: income of \$5,457 mostly from X-Mas tree sales and CRP Program Income with expenses (mainly capital improvements and X-Mas tree purchases for resale) of \$13,772 for a negative cash flow of \$8,315.
- Budget for 2010 was approved in mid-November by the Executive Board.
- A review of Registration Fees for the upcoming season were discussed and the following fees will be assessed for 2010 by level:
 - \$50 – T-Ball, A-Ball (Coach Pitch) and Girls 8U (Coach Pitch)
 - \$70 – AA, AAA, Majors, Girls 10U, 12U, 14U
 - \$100 – Senior League
- Buyouts and family plans will remain the same.
- The reasons for the increase in fees were: new equipment needed (bats & uniforms), getting lights for the middle-upper softball field and Senior League Field, and upgrading the softball concession stand.
- There will be no more Sweet Streets Fundraisers. Instead we will begin doing the "Joe Corbi" Fundraiser with a \$25 buyout for families wishing not to participate. We will continue to do Raffle Tickets with an available buyout. Handouts will be available at Registration with more information.
- Motion to approve by S.Hoffman, seconded by J.Frederick, and motion approved.

Player Agents' Report (Pochron & Napkora):

- Reviewed the calendar of events and we are just about ready for Registration. The dates will be January 9th and 23rd at the Dunn Community Center from 9 AM – 2 PM. We need all the volunteers we can get at the different levels. There will be tables available for: Volunteer Forms, Player Registration (all levels), Merchandise, League Committees (very important that we enlist folks to be a part of the Concession Stand Committee), Fundraisers, and of course the checkout (payment) table.

Field Maintenance Report (Davidheiser):

- New Scoreboards will be coming to: Founders, Memorial and the New Field by Opening Day 2010.
- Noel D. suggested that we have an Open/Close schedule for the Fall season, similar to the spring. Noel M. (Player Development/Fall Ball Coordinator) stated that should not be a problem and one will be constructed prior to the start of the Fall Ball Season.
- There was a \$2K bid for completing the fence at the lower softball field. We will seek other bids.
- Looking at improvements to the steps leading to the booth at Hall of Fame Field.
- Very poor volunteer turnout for Fall Cleanup and repairs that were needed to some of the facilities at the complex. Some repairs were done, more are needed, & they'll be done in late winter/early spring.

Vice President's Report (B.Koch):

- X-Mas Tree Sale: We are slightly ahead of last year's pace for the tree sale. Keep up the good work and a reminder that cleanup will begin at Noon on Sunday December 20th.
- No issues to report with the Fire Company.

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President's Report (Hart):

- Fall Baseball Coordinator: After November's meeting, the board agreed to have a more in depth discussion on Fall Baseball in December and where E.T.L.L. will proceed. We agreed that the Minors, Majors and 12U Wood Bat Program will remain the same. However, there will be a tryout for the 12U Wood Bat Team. There will be a \$50 registration fee for Minors and Majors. Players that make the 12U team will be charged an additional \$70 to participate in this program. Those players that do not make it will be allowed to play at the Majors level and will not incur extra costs.
- The 14U Wood Bat Program will not participate in the Berkshire Baseball Fall Program. We will continue with a 14U Baseball Program in 2010 with another league which will be more in line with the instructional philosophy we employ and provide for a more suitable level of competition. M. McDevitt and/or R. Napkora will communicate this to Dan Clouser of Berkshire Baseball.
- We will also begin registration for Fall Ball during the season. Early 2010 Fall Ball Registration will begin on Opening Day (April 10th).
- Picture Day will be on May 15th (Rain date will be on May 29th). All pictures taken at the complex.
- Still looking for folks to fill out our Auxiliary Board slots. M. McDevitt will solicit volunteers.

Softball Report (Matt McDevitt):

- After having many discussions, M. McDevitt felt it was time to revamp the softball program to give players an opportunity to play more competitive softball. A motion was made by M. McDevitt, seconded by N. Milian and S. Sostak to create a 10A and 12A team. Girls will try out for these teams. If selected, they have an additional commitment, incur an increased cost, and required to participate on a Little League team for their respective level (Girls Majors or Minors). They will have an opportunity to improve their skills and abilities by playing more competitive softball. Motion was approved by the board. Tryouts for these respective teams will be held in conjunction with regular tryouts on March 6th 2010.

Old Business:

- Discussed by the Executive Board Members...

New Business:

- R. Hart continued to stress the need for more volunteer committee members. Folks that participate will have the opportunity to receive the incentive of having their registration fees reimbursed at season's end for one player.
- A discussion on revamping the Coaches Clinic for February 21st 2010 was held. In order to cater to the appropriate levels of discussion and address the needs of coaches moving to the higher levels, the safety of players and the need for more instruction on umpiring, N. Milian (Player Development Rep) in conjunction with C. Cupitt (League Safety Rep), R. Hart (League President) and A. Bortz (League Coach/Committee Member) will create a Rotating Stations type of clinic so that it will be more interactive and beneficial to the needs of coaches. A draft will be presented at the January meeting for review and finalized prior to the clinic date.

Motion to Adjourn:

- Stated at 11:07pm by J. Frederick, seconded by R.Napkora, and motion approved.

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, January 5th 2010, 8pm, at the Dunn Center.

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| 2010 E.T.L.L. Meeting Attendance - DECEMBER | | | | | | | | |
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| Name | Vote 6 Mtgs | Vote count | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR |
| Attended | 0 | n/a | 19 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Anderson, Todd | No | 3 | X | X | | | | |
| Bortz, Andy | No | 2 | X | X | | | | |
| Christofaro, Paul | No | 2 | X | | | | | |
| Cupitt, Chris | No | 2 | | X | | | | |
| Davidheiser, Noel | No | 3 | X | X | | | | |
| Ericke, Steve | No | 1 | X | | | | | |
| Fitzgerald, Mike | No | 2 | | X | | | | |
| Frederick, Jeff | No | 2 | X | X | | | | |
| Hangen, Dave | No | 2 | X | | | | | |
| Hart, Russ | No | 3 | X | X | | | | |
| Hart, Scott | No | 1 | X | | | | | |
| Hoffman, Sean | No | 2 | | X | | | | |
| Jackson, Gary | No | 1 | X | | | | | |
| Keim, Rick | No | 1 | X | | | | | |
| Klopp, Erica | No | 1 | X | | | | | |
| Koch, Brian | No | 2 | X | | | | | |
| McCusker, Jeff | No | 2 | | X | | | | |
| McDevitt, Matt | No | 2 | X | X | | | | |
| Mertz, Jim | No | 3 | X | X | | | | |
| Michalak, Jim | No | 3 | X | X | | | | |
| Milian, Noel | No | 3 | X | X | | | | |
| Napkora, Ray | No | 3 | X | X | | | | |
| Paige, Joel | No | 1 | | X | | | | |
| Pochron, Steve | No | 3 | X | X | | | | |
| Riley, Steve | No | 1 | | X | | | | |
| Sostak, Steve | No | 1 | | X | | | | |