Deerfield Youth Baseball and Softball Association
June 2, 2014

Directors in Attendance: David Arenberg, Lew Bricker, Michael Danielewicz, Jeff Fjeldheim, Greg Geren, Jamie Izaks, Kevin McKinney, Greg Marvy, Jason Orleans, Gregg Orloff, Todd Rubin, Victor Rudo, Tom Shapira, Bryan Segal, Michelle Wasserstrom and David Yanow.

The Commissioner called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

The Commissioner moved the Board to closed session to discuss a recent suspension of a parent, field vandalism and the need for volunteers going forward.

Fields: Mr. Fjeldheim was informed that Turface needs to be replenished at many fields. Mr. Fjeldheim discussed the need to replace base markers when bases are moved.

House Playoffs Report: All baseball and softball playoff games have been played. Mr. Segal indicated that there was flexibility in the case of rain later in the week. Ms. Wasserstrom indicated that softball championships will be played on Thursday.

End of Spring Season Update: Mr. McKinney indicated that the Shed will be open for the return of Spring equipment and he will have approximately two weeks to prepare equipment for the summer season. Mr. Segal indicated that the T-ball party is coming up and girls T-ball players are welcome. Trophies should be picked up by the coaches for the Pinto level, and the T-ball president has already picked up trophies for that league.

Summer Registration: Mr. Geren updated the Board on summer registration numbers. Mr. Izaks indicated that more e-mail blasts will come out and announcements will be made at the T-ball party. Mr. Segal and Mr. Yanow discussed summer Pony and Bronco plans. Mr. Segal and Mr. Orleans agreed that T-ball girls should be added to the boys teams. Staff and fields have been arranged for Date Night and directors are working to open Maplewood Fields on Monday nights. Palomino games are in progress.

Tournament Updates: Softball warrior class begins on Friday June 6. Rules have been completed and are available online. Softball Travel tryouts start on August 23rd. There are 80 teams in the Wooden Bat tournament, up from 52 last year. Some early games will be played at Maplewood, Shepard and Clavey. There will be a skill competition involving all players. Mr. Orloff discussed the possibility of donating a portion of the Bat Fest proceeds to charity. The Board decided that the amount and recipient of the donation will be finalized in August, in consultation with the Wooden Bat committee. Parking will need to be addressed for all tournaments.

Golf Outing: The golf outing will be on August 8th, starting at 9:30. An e-mail went out to all DYBA members.

July 4th: Ms. Sciarretta will coordinate with Mr. McKinney for giveaways and Mr. Izaks for publicity.

Scholarship Winners: Scholarship winners will be presented at the next Board meeting.

New or Recent Events: Appreciation Day went well and had very good attendance. All Star games went well for softball and baseball. The Bronco baseball game was initially rained out and then replayed. There was a discussion of potentially televising All Star games in future years.

Nominating Committee: Mr. Bricker emphasized the need to identify volunteers to fill Board positions.

Review of House Baseball Operations: Mr. Segal made a number of proposals for future consideration by the Board, including moving the season start to mid-May, more coaching sessions, potentially more games each week, having Pinto travel players play in Mustang, and Mustang travel players playing in Bronco. He proposed player evaluations in April, which could also be a sponsorship opportunity, and a blind draft. He suggested eliminating the Pony league and letting the 7th graders play with the Bronco league, or a community league, as well as creating a House tournament that would be open to all teams. The Board discussed more double headers as well as enhanced training in the month of April.

No new business.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,