Deerfield Youth Baseball and Softball Association
August 20, 2012

Directors in Attendance: Lew Bricker, Karen Chanan, Mike Danielewicz, Jeff Fjeldheim, Adam Gold, Greg Marvy, Barry Metzger, Todd Rubin, Victor Rudo; Beth Sciarretta, Jeff Shamberg, Tom Shapira and Harry Steindler.

Others in Attendance: Paul Chanan, Brad and Joree Mangurten, Steve Schaefer and David Yanow

The Commissioner opened the meeting and welcomed the guests.

Travel Softball Try Outs for “Older” Teams. The Board discussed request by parents and an interested and supportive community member to change the travel softball rule regarding trying out for the “older” age group’s teams.  Travel Softball does not currently permit this.  The Board met in closed session to discuss the issue, following discussion with the parents and community members.  The Board agreed that the ultimate decision should be based on what is in the best interests of the entire softball program, rather than any individual player. Following discussion of the pros and cons of the existing rule, the Board voted to affirm the rule, as it currently stands, against playing up. A written policy reflecting this rule will be drafted, to be approved by the Board.

Travel Softball Tournament. Mr. Marvy discussed a travel softball tournament to be held in Deerfield and the Board approved formation of a committee to plan and establish the tournament.

Treasurer Report. Mr. Shamburg reported on the current balances in the money market account and the checking account. He distributed the P&L for FY 2012, noting a $25,000 decrease in revenue but that additional travel money would be coming in. He indicated the need to recognize more savings and generate greater sponsorship dollars. He also indicated that the annual audit is underway and he will share the results of the management letters with the Board.

Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee proposed a slate of directors for the upcoming year as follows:

2012-13 Slate

Commissioner - Lew Bricker

Immediate Past Commissioner - Beth Sciarretta

Assistant Commissioner - Todd Rubin

Secretary - Tom Shapira

Treasurer - Jeff Shamberg

Director of Fundraising - Karen Chanan

Director of Equipment - Mike Danielewicz

Director of Technology & Registration - Greg Geren

Director of Umpires - Victor Rudo

Director of Fields - Jeff Fjeldheim

Co-Director of Baseball - David Yanow

Co-Director of Baseball - Harry Steindler

Co-Director of Travel Baseball - Adam Gold

Co-Director of Travel Baseball - Paul Chanan

Co-Director of Softball - Jason Orleans

Co-Director of Softball - Michelle Wasserstrom

Co-Director of Travel Softball - Greg Marvy

Co-Director of Travel Softball - David Brenner

For the positions in which there are co-directors, the Board will need to draft a bylaw amendment to indicate that each co-director has one-half of a vote. Following a motion and a second, the Board approved the Nominating Committee slate, to be published with thirty (30) days’ notice to the community.

Commissioner Report. Ms. Sciarretta thanked Mr. Metzger for his service and indicated the next meetings will be on October 1 and October 15.

Travel Baseball. Mr. Gold discussed a possible move to the LSFBL from the MSBL. The Board discussed the various pros and cons of such a move, in particular the camp friendly schedule of the MSBL. Following a motion and a second, the Board determined that the 11U-14U teams would remain in the MSBL.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas B. Shapira
Secretary