Deerfield Youth Baseball and Softball Association
October 15, 2012

Directors in Attendance: Lew Bricker, Karen Chanan, Paul Chanan, Mike Danielewicz, Jeff Fjeldheim, Greg Geren, Adam Gold, Greg Marvy, Jason Orleans, Todd Rubin, Beth Sciarretta, Jeff Shamberg, Tom Shapira, Harry Steindler, Michelle Wasserstrom. and David Yanow

The Commissioner called the meeting to order. The minutes of the meeting on October 1, 2012 were approved.

Commissioner’s Report. Mr. Bricker asked Mr. Rubin and Ms. Sciarretta to discuss the role of Board members and their responsibilities. Mr. Rubin noted that the Board is a lot of work but very rewarding. He emphasized that the Board acts as the voice of the community in meetings and the need to recognize the challenge of wearing different hats for purposes of decision making. Ms. Sciarretta discussed the importance of learning the history of issues and encouraged Board members to participate even beyond their specific area of responsibility. She noted the importance of being receptive to community members and for the Board to be unified in its response. She encouraged greater female participation and emphasized that all Board members must maintain high visibility on and off the fields.

Travel Baseball. Mr. Gold indicated that at the next meeting, he will propose a new committee for the Wooden Bat Tournament. The following travel managers were approved by the Board:

Dan Mayer (14R); Steve Downs (13R); Nick Peyrot (13G); Mark Januszewski (12R); Andy Goldberg (12G); Todd Rubin (11R); Jack Katz (11G); and Rob Fischer (10R).

Mr. Gold indicated he is still looking for a coach for the 10 Gray team. Mr. Gold discussed the upcoming meeting for the teams going to Cooperstown. He will add the tournament dates to the website. The Board had a quick follow up discussion regarding the 14U team issue and Mr. Gold discussed a potential issue at the 11U try-outs.

Baseball Summit. Mr. Bricker went into closed session for the “Baseball Summit”, a far reaching discussion of topics related to improving DYBA.

Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Shamberg encouraged all Board members to get budgets to him by the next meeting.

Travel Softball. The Board approved Erin Doyle and Nikki Miller as coaches for the 16U team. Mr. Marvy indicated there will be a softball tournament, similar to Wooden Bat (from June 7-9, 2013) and will put the date on the website.

Mr. Bricker emphasized that all conflict of interest forms have to be returned. Mr. Shapira will put together the text of an email blast related to the new Director of Publicity position.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas B. Shapira
Secretary