

**OBX Baseball League Board
Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2022**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Jon Britt at 7:12pm.

Roll Call

In attendance at the Ash Jones Field were: Jon Britt, Pat Hudspeth, Steve Fowler, Brianna Vann, Jamie Lavier, Zane Gillespie & Fran Dunn.

Treasurer Report- Fran

- Bank balance- \$45,830.67 including Bill walker memorial fund of \$12,218.17
- Fran to issue a proposed budget to board members. It will be based on previous year income and expenses. Members will make changes as needed and budget approval at next meeting.

Update on Registration Numbers- Jon

- Rookies are full. Minors have 1 spot available. Majors need 5.
- Chelsea & Brianna to add scholarship info to flyers and communications. Scholarship money can also be used for gear such as cleats and glove.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Equipment Committee

- Jon to look into the cost difference for MLB team uniforms vs college teams or OBX Baseball brand. Estimating \$10-15 difference per uniform set.
- We have some catchers gear ordered but need to know what else is needed.
- We have plenty of helmets but Jamie mentioned that the HS team has smaller sized helmets if we want them

Fundraising Committee- Money still coming in from sponsors. Chelsea will schedule a day to hang banners, will need some help

Fields Committee- Jon- Meeting Saturday at 1pm to clean dugouts and prep field. Steve, Jamie & Wade Tillett to work on FFMS this weekend.

Rules Committee- Pat- Proposed amendments to the Tarheel rules:

1. 8U- overthrow to 1st is when the ball goes past coaches box then runner may advance 1 base but is a live ball otherwise
2. 8U- allow 1 coach to be in centerfield for the 1st half of the season
3. Games may start with no less than 8 players. 8U - if the 9th spot remains open results in automatic out. 10U & 12U - if 9th spot remains open it will not result in an out.
4. No player may sit for 2 or more consecutive innings
5. 10U & 12U- we will establish Pitch Count rules as opposed to innings pitched guidelines.

6. 10U- No cat & mouse for runners on 3rd. Purpose to eliminate the delayed steal.

Motion made by Pat to pass the above rules, Jamie seconded, approved by unanimous vote.

Coaches Committee - coaches look to be in good shape except may need Majors coaches. Coaches meeting next week.

NEW BUSINESS

Skills Day plan

- moving to March 5th due to expected weather on Sunday
- Rookies at 1pm- 6 year olds on back field and 7/8 year olds on front field, Minors at 2:30pm front field, Majors at 3:30pm front field
- Gear swap table at front field.
- Jon will email out the signup sheet & figure out stations. Need a Rookie coordinator.
- Drafts to be done immediately after by head coaches only.
- Draft mediators: Chelsea- Rookies, Josh Harris - Minors, Jon- Majors may blind draft.

Opening Day- Need to book color guard, flag ceremony (local VFW), and someone to sing the national anthem. Concessions selling Krispy Kreme donuts - 5.75 cost and sell for \$11.

2022 Umpires- may need volunteers to umpire for Rookie games.

Season planning-

- Jon to send out preliminary game schedule.
- Majors Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Minors Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays
- Rookies Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- There will be alternating weeks of 2 games one week then 1 game the next.
- There will be 2 weeks of practice and then an exhibition game prior to starting real games that "count" - 12 games for the season.
- The All Star tournament will be in Camden 7/5 or 7/8 and potential game play against Manteo teams during the season.

Update on Bill Walker Fund- Matt is working on this- getting in front of the BOE to follow the formal process of naming the back field. We will follow this with a dedication ceremony at a later date.

High School Clinic- Jamie advised that FFHS team wants to host a clinic for all OBX Baseball kids. Possibly March 12th. He will get with the coach and let us know.

Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm by Jon.