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MARCH 24, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER-** 7:10pm
2. **ROLL CALL-** Rhonda Decato, Scott Hagerty, John Decato, Michael Reifke, Rick Landery, Buzz Barker, Lisa Marie Landry, Craig Wright, Melissa Roy, Dana Eldred, Norma O'Brien, Becky Osgood, Bob Landry, Sean Dougherty, Colette Garside, Tracy Koufos
3. **REVIEW /ADOPTION PREVIOUS MINUTES-** Rhonda Decato moved to accept minutes from 2/24/09 meeting, all accepted.
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT-** Norma O'Brien
 - a. Norma shared that there has been activity with baseball sign-ups happening and in regards to the CD there has been \$714.68 in interest income.
 - b. Mr. Mulleavey has contacted Norma O'Brien and wishes to pass on his sponsorship for this year.
5. **BASEBALL & SOFTBALL-**Tracy Koufos
 - a. Tracy reviewed the current events in the Cal Ripken Baseball Program submitted by John Charron. Minors, preferred for 9 and 10 yr olds play Tuesdays at 5:45 and Saturdays at 2pm. Majors, preferred for 11 and 12 yr olds, with no more then eight 12 yr olds on any team play Monday and Thursdays at 5:45 and Saturdays at 5pm.
 - b. Mandatory Coaches Meeting with the Suncook Valley Cal Ripken League, Saturday, April 18 at 9am at Center Barnstead Town Hall. Coaches will be contacted.
 - c. Field Maintenance Day is Saturday, April 25, Rain Date Sunday April 26. The sprinkler system on the baseball/softball fields is not working, it is unsure the extent of the damage.
 - d. Discussion was held about Opening Day. Currently suggested date was May 9. Members asked if it could be moved to May 2. After speaking with John Charron, the only concern is that the Majors season does not begin until May 4 so there would be no Major games scheduled. There could be the possibility of Loudon's two majors teams playing each other if opening day was moved to May 2. The Baseball Committee will look at this further and make a decision.



- e. Members had a concern with paying patched plate umpires \$35. We are not required to, but towns affiliated with Suncook Valley Cal Ripken do pay patched plate umpires this amount. Members suggested staying with a volunteer approach or paying \$20. John Charron's concern is that if we generate a list of patch umpires they are likely to go to the towns where they can be paid. Paul Stearns had volunteered to be our Umpire in Chief and would help with compiling the list of umpires and patched umpires and scheduling them for game. Tracy already has a list of umpires that are signed up for the clinic and volunteered to umpire on their child's registration form. After speaking with John Charron the Baseball Committee will need to discuss this further and make a motion to the LYAA board, if a decision is made to pay patched plate umpires in the upcoming 2009 season.
- f. Try-outs are this Saturday, March 29, 2009 at Concord Sports Center from 9am-12. All players trying out for majors and minors should arrive at 9am. Players on a major team last year do not need to try out. Tracy will send a reminder notice home through school. Try-outs will also be the last day to register for the 2009 season.
- g. Norma would like to know the number of teams as soon as possible so that uniforms can be ordered. She will also be ordering new Babe Ruth uniforms this year. The sponsorship has gone back to Brookside Pizza. She hasn't heard from John Segien in regards to any equipment purchases or uniform pricing. Tracy or John Charron will follow up with him. Once the schedule is finalized and we have an exact date for Opening Day it was recommended that we send a 2009 game schedule and an invitation to Opening Day to all our sponsors. John Charron, Tracy Koufos, Melissa Roy, John Segien and Buzz Barker (Player Agent) will meet Monday April 6 at 7pm at Loudon Elementary School in the Old Art Room to develop team rosters for 2009 season and begin work on scheduling.
- h. Norma suggested, for next year that the LYAA board look at a change in the sponsorship fees. A recommendation was also made that we begin getting bids from different companies for our uniforms, like we do with photographers.
- i. Babe Ruth will need \$1500 for the upcoming season for league fees, umpires, and balls. First game is May 17 at Lamprey River. First home game is May 24. They will play games Tues, Thursday and Saturdays.

6. SOCCER- Scott Hagerty

- a. Scott shared that they are just beginning to have Board meetings for the upcoming season. They will be in need of two new small nets and uniforms.
- b. Inviting people to visit FrostedFlakes.com to nominate Loudon, NH Robinson Field as a USA field in need of funds for improvement. Tracy will send a flyer home through school.
- c. MLS Camp will be the last week of July. Becky Osgood shared that flyers will be coming out soon and there will be online sign-ups. The price will remain the same as last year and the times will be 9am-3pm or 9am-12. Discussed offering a more competitive camp for 12-18 year olds that may not be as costly as other camps for this age group. A possible fundraiser event may be a game between coaches and players.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Fundraising Committee will help with the banner program. Tracy will get that information to Colette and/or other committee members. All banners need to be brought together so we can see what we have and store all in one place. Tracy shared that she did have some banners and banner information passed on to her from Melody.
- b. The golf tournament is once again tabled until next month. Tracy has contacted the LES PTA to see if they are interested in being involved again, she hasn't heard back. LYAA is still in need of someone to chair this event if it is to go forward.
- c. LYAA's website domain name registration is up for renewal next month. LYAA members and board moved to accept the \$139.64 two-year renewal fee however, there were only 4 board members. Tracy will send it on to John Charron and we'll look to make a vote via emails so that it can be renewed before expiration.
- d. Not on the agenda, but Rhonda Decato requested new locks for both snack shacks and under Key Policy she would like to have 4 keys that she would be responsible for signing in and out.
- e. Next meeting: APRIL 28, 2009, Maxfield Public Library at 7pm

8. ADJOURN

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