

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**January 28, 2013**

**Welcome to our New Board Members**—Ted Carroll, Brian Conroy, Nick Tangney, and Shawn Ward

**Acceptance of November 27th Minutes—**motioned and accepted.

**President’s Report—**Kevin

* Branding—We will start using the new logo asap. Superflash is working on ideas for the uniforms.
* Board Binders—See handout, Everyone please review the Committees tab and consider signing up for one or more areas, we need a lot of help this year.
* Registration Update—185 today, last year total was 350. Deadline was moved from 2/1 to 2/15.  
  Karen to contact churches in Milton and Milton Patch. Gary is contacting Milton Public Schools.
* Neighboring Town Leagues—Milton has been approached by Randolph and Dedham to join our league. Both towns state their numbers have been decreasing over the years. Kevin to contact both and discuss exactly what they are looking for and make sure that they both know of each other’s situation.
* Surplus Funds Initiative—See the handout in the binder, new deadline for ideas is 2/8. Send to Kevin, Gary or Karen.
* Collaboration Tool—Basecamp allows you to organize information using documents or discussion threads and organize them by category. Gary and Karen both love using it and collaborating with each other using the tool. Kevin will give everyone access to the tool. Karen will start posting the minutes in Basecamp.

**Vice President’s Report—**Gary

* Pitching Clinics—Laurie got information from Janelle for 2-3 sessions 4-8 girls per session. Gary will evaluate the cost and the availability of space in Milton vs going to a facility like Dirt Dawgs.
* Batting Clinics—Discussion regarding should we go to a facility like Dirt Dawgs?
* Overall Skills (batting, fielding and running bases)—If Milton High School does not host Friday Fun Nights that is an option for us to host. We could offer service hours for the older girls to help with the younger girls.
* Coaching Skills—We need to create something with more structure and help for new coaches. Maybe even go so far as to structure how a practice could be organized for a brand new coach.

**Treasurer’s Update—**Bill

* See agenda, numbers have not changed.

**Committees**

* Umpire—Rich  
  Senior and Junion (new this year) divisions will use ASA umpires. ASA umpire cost has not changed so it will be $50 per game. Additional cost this year will be $2-3K, Bill to run the numbers. Sophomore division will have Varsity (and maybe some Junior Varsity) girls. Umpires will stand behind the mound with facemask. Dana and Rich to figure out how many masks and clickers we need to purchase. We are thinking a total of 8 total, 4 at the fields and Rich will hold the other 4. Dana will install hooks in the boxes to hang the masks and clickers so they do not get wet and/or damaged. (Different subject but something to think about is girls from Milton going and taking the ASA Umpire training.)
* Equipment—Dana  
  Need to evaluate who has what and what is in the boxes. Dana to purchase 4 new locks with the same keys (@40) and everyone will be issued 1 key that will work at all fields and all locks.
* Sponsorship—Ken  
  We need someone to help with these efforts.
* Rules—Kevin  
  Kevin is going to step down from this committee so we need a leader and because of attrition we need another member. One rule that we need to define before the start of the season is the pitching distance for the senior division. ASA is changing from 40 to 43 feet for U14. This will affect all 8th graders as well as a few 7th graders.

**Items for Discussion**

* Senior Draft—all Senior teams will be redrafted this year. It is included on our registration page. Draft date is TBD.
* Team Assignments—TBD

**Next meetings**

* Monday, 2/11 7-9pm, location TBD, Karen will find location
* Monday, 3/11 7-9pm, location TBD
* Monday, 4/8 7-9, Milton Library

**Adjourn**