

West Raleigh Baseball BOD
Meeting Agenda and Minutes
Wednesday - February 21, 2024

6:00pm

Board Members in attendance: Karen Civitello (President), Kevin Ennis (Vice President), Gretchen Golz (Secretary), Nick Magnini (virtual), Danny Poole, Chris Skinner, Kelly Jones, Jim Bowdish

Executive Director: Nick Caregnato

I. Items for Discussion

A. League

a. Important Dates

i. Opening Ceremonies - 3/16/2024

1. Sponsors will be coming out for the day
2. EC will come out as well
3. Activities 9-11am, first game at 11am

b. Guaranteed Spots Rule and Sibling Guarantee

- i. Recommendations were proposed for updating the Guaranteed Spots Rule and Sibling Guarantee due to the high player retention over the past few years. With the decline in municipality field availability, we are not able to add additional teams to the organization. With the expectation that field availability will continue to decline, the Organization needs to have the ability to control the quantity of players from league to league. The updates presented to the Board were accepted. The updated policy will be shared to the WRBA website with the opening of Fall 2024 registration.

c. Fall Restructuring

- i. Fall 2024 end of season survey feedback had a heavy theme of participants not feeling the season was competitive. A proposal from the Baseball Committee to institute an American League/National League structure was presented to the Board. The Board had feedback on the policy and asked the Baseball Committee to make edits based on the feedback. The updated policy will be sent to the Board for a vote to approve. If approved, this policy will be updated on the WR website inline with the opening of Fall 2024 registration.

d. 12U PNC Fundraising

- i. Funds from PNC fundraising will be dispersed to the 12u All Star coaches so they can make Cooper's Town payments for Summer 2024
- ii. The Board chose not to make changes to our All Star Fundraising policy. The policy will be shared with all All Star Coaches at their Coach Meeting 2/22

B. Financials

- a. Moving ahead in line with the budget

C. WRBA Bylaws Review for March

- a. All BOD members to review current bylaws prior to the next meeting. Since there have not been any changes to the Bylaws in about 25 years, the Board has made it a priority to update the Bylaws to ensure they accurately reflect the current operations of the Board.
- D. Capital Improvement Update - Signs and WRBA Building
 - a. Making updated signs, they have been ordered
 - b. Looking into a new storage building for WR use.
 - c. Split unit hvac for concessions still being looked at for the Concession stand. Once the correct size needed is verified, it will be ordered.
 - d. Looking to replace the deck of the Clubhouse. Potential ideas - see if an Eagle Scout would be interested in doing it as their project and then looking in to potentially doing a concrete patio to aide in longevity.
- E. 13/14U Program Update
 - a. Spring practices started 2/18
 - b. Summer tournament schedule is created
 - c. Added 2 new players to 14U recommended by Sammy
- F. All-Stars Update
 - a. Team Selection and Timeline
 - i. Coach meeting 2/22 at 7pm virtual
 - ii. Parent Interest Meeting: 3/7 at 7pm - virtual, link will be emailed
 - iii. Registration Opens 2/26 and Closes 4/1
 - iv. 9-12u selection will be 4/7
 - v. 7-8u selection will be 4/28
 - vi. Trail expectations: Cal Ripken - Blue, Red- Pony
 - b. Uniform Designs
 - i. All teams will be required to buy the "Americana" (red, white, and blue) uniform set (jersey, hat ,and pant) from the Canes and one West Raleigh uniform set

II. Adjournment