

ROME CITY YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL LEAGUE  
February 3, 2021

The Rome City Youth Baseball League held a regular meeting on February 3, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Rome City Town Hall. Called to order by President Ritchie.

Members Present:

Scotty Ritchie-President-resigned      John Martin-Vice-President  
Leigh A. Pranger-Secretary              Malissa Speicher

Members Absent:

Todd Patrick-Member                      Tye Bloomfield-Member-resigned

Pam Kline-Treasurer

Roll call determined a quorum was present.

Member Speicher made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Member Martin. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried.

Interested Parties in attendance: Jason Speicher

Member Martin informed the board he will help with getting the baseball teams together, but he is resigning from the board. Secretary Pranger informed the board she received an email from Tye Bloomfield stating he is resigning from the board but will continue to coach Softball. We now have three open board seats. The board agreed we need to work on getting new board members.

President Scotty Ritchie stated officers will need to be elected at the March meeting.

**Financial Report:**

Balance in Bank as of January 28, 2021-\$6,302.66.

Member Martin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Second by Member Pranger. All in favor-aye. Motion Carried

**New Business:**

**1. Schedule Sign-ups and determine fee amounts:**

The board stated sign-ups to start Friday, February 5, 2021. Member Speicher will distribute the registrations to the Rome City Elementary School and send registrations to Tye Bloomfield for the Middle School. The school is not having the carnival this year. The board decided to do open registrations on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the town hall during their next board meeting. The board agreed to keep the fees the same as last year. The fees are \$70, 100, and 150.

**2. Teams and Coaches:** President Ritchie stated it will depend on how many kids sign up for the teams. 8U coach-Need Coach, 10U coach-Tanner?, ¼ pint coach-Todd Patrick, ½ pint coach-Open. Member Speicher stated softball- A League-open, B League-open, C League-Tye Bloomfield, D League-open she added that two of the high school softball girls are interested in coaching.

**3. Concessions:** Member Speicher stated she and Jason will run the Concession stand again this year. Member Speicher stated her daughter's will help work the concession stand when she is not playing softball and Scotty Ritchie stated his boys might be interested in helping this year. Jason Speicher stated it might be cheaper for the concessions stand to use the fountain drinks from Pepsi rather than purchase bottles and cans. He will look into it and get back with us at the next meeting.

**4. Softball Fees:** Member Speicher hoped the league fees will be \$800 if we have all four teams. A=\$100, B=\$200, C=\$250, D=\$250. She noted all the rosters and fees are due the end of March.

**5. Team Pictures:** Member Speicher informed the board they will do the pictures again this year but would like to do them earlier in the season. Member Speicher abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest. Member Martin made a motion to use Outbak Photography for the team pictures. Second by Member Pranger. All in favor-aye. Motion carried. Member Ritchie asked that

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the pictures be packaged by teams so that each coach can distribute them. Member Speicher told the board she will contact them with the date and times.

6. Secretary Pranger informed the board she spoke with Chris Bateman, Board member for the Noble-LaGrange League and President of the Wolcottville League, he stated each board will need to put in place a written Co-Vid Plan. He will drop off a template on Friday and we can adjust it to fit our needs.

7. Secretary Pranger informed the board the umpires will be moved behind the pitcher instead of home plate to reduce Co-Vid exposure.

**Old Business**

1. **Batting Cage:** Member Martin informed the board the batting cage is up and needs to be painted-we might want to schedule the painting for the cleanup day or paint a week ahead of time so that the net can be hung on the cleanup day. Member Martin will check to see what else needs to be done-will make a list. Does it need additional dirt dug out and then add the limestone, weed killer will need to be applied. Member Martin will check with Edward's Floor Covering to see if they will donate the outdoor carpet. Member Martin also mention the batter's area needs to be concrete (10x12 area)

2. **Clean Up Day:** Scheduled for Saturday April 17, 1-3 p.m. in Grant Park. They asked everyone to bring rakes, tarps etc. They also asked the coaches to come to pick up keys and their equipment-they need to go through their equipment and give the board a list of items they need. Secretary Pranger asked who all needs keys for the concession, storage and restrooms. She asked that the Amazon Smiles and Kroger fundraiser information be distributed at the clean up to the parents.

3. **Uniform Purchase:** Member Speicher asked that we get at least two quotes on uniforms to try to save money. The board agreed to ABC Embroidery and Betty Lou's.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

1. **Field Needs:** Secretary Pranger asked President Ritchie to check with Lee Ritchie to see if he will take care of the fields again this year. Scotty Ritchie said he would check and stated if he is not willing, he and his boys might be interested. Any other concerns?? President Ritchie stated his concerns for the condition of the fields. Jason Speicher stated he can bring is tractor and drag the fields and stated we will most likely need to add dirt, we might be able to do this on clean up day. Secretary Pranger stated she will contact Brett Slone to discuss how to get the demarcation line from the infield and out field and get back with the board.

2. **Equipment needs:** We can assess the needs on clean-up day.

3. **Sponsorships and Banners:** Secretary Pranger stated, Pam Kline will send out the forms to those who did not want their money held to this year and see how much we receive.

4. **2018 Gun Raffle:** President Ritchie suggested the board run a gun raffle. He will look into this. Do we want to try to do this in 2021?

5. **Garage Sale and Pork Burger** -town wide garage sale-do we want to do Pork Burgers on Friday? And on Friday of Memorial weekend May 28?

The Park Board asked that a representative from the league attend their February 22, 2020 meeting at 5:30 p.m. Member Martin stated he will attend the meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Rome City Town Hall

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:   
Leigh A. Pranger, Secretary

FYI: Members mark these dates on your calendar: Next Meeting **March 3-Town Hall 5:30p.m. Open registration, April 17- Grant Park 1-3 Clean Up Day**, Team Pictures ????