

*CRNAA Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes*

Date of Meeting: January 7, 2010
Date of Issue: January 9, 2010
Location: American Legion Hall
Recording Secretary: Ed Gallant

Attendees

Kevin O'Shea- President
Dave Buten- Director
Mike Hartwell- Director
Glenn Seibert- Director
George Whitney- Director
Keith Terry- Director
Ed Gallant- Director

Steve Ripans – Player Agent

Anthony Melia
Paul Jacob
Phil Tully
Rich Raymond
Curt Risley

BOARD MEETING –

I. Board Meeting Minutes

- 12/10/2009 minutes approved

II. Registration

- 53 players officially registered as of meeting
- 20 on-line registrations pending
- 01/09/2010 is first in-person registration at Newtown Middle School
- 01/23/2010 is second in-person registration

III. Boundary Update

- The recent Little League decision to officially award previously non-designated territory in Lower Makefield Township, from which CRNLL could formerly draw players, to Morrisville Little League was reviewed

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- Although CRNAA disagrees with Little League's decision, the ability to appeal seems unlikely. This will be confirmed by Corey Wright of Eastern Regional
- CRNAA will continue to pursue formal award of non-designated territory in Upper Makefield Township and Wrightstown Township

IV. Uniforms

- The CRNAA board voted to go with same uniform style and vendor as in 2009
- The cost of providing Tee-shirts to the Manager and Coach in the Little League divisions will be explored. The costs will be presented and voted on at a later date

V. Junior Legion Prep/13 YO Travel Tryouts

- CRNAA will request that the Junior Legion Prep and 13 year old Suburban Travel tryouts will be held jointly

VI. Solicit Managers/Coaches for in-house

- Player Agent has sent solicitation via e-mail, responses due 0/23/2010

VII. Website

- CRNAA will solicit quotes for professional website design
- CRNAA will also research the possibility of obtaining free consultation from local educational institutions

VIII. Pickering

- The draft use agreement between Newtown Borough and CRNAA for Pickering Field, which will would be effective from 01/01/2010 – 12/31/2014 was reviewed, and should be approved at the next Newtown Borough meeting
- The draft agreement included requirements of CRNAA to make improvements to the facility to address foul balls leaving the field and bleacher safety improvements. While these items may not be in the final agreement, the board should include them in their future plans

IX. 13YO Parent Meeting

- Approximately 40 parents and children attended the 12/17/2009 meeting and many questions were answered

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X. Little League 50'/70'

- Little League is expected to announce their decision regarding possible incorporation of the 50'/70' field for certain age groups soon

XI. Suburban Travel 50'/70'

- There is an outstanding motion before the Suburban Travel Board to change the 11YO and 12YO divisions from 11A/11B and 12A/12B to 11 (46'/60') / 11 (50'/70') and 12 (46'/60') / 12 (50'/70')
- A decision on this motion is expected at the 01/21/2010 Suburban Travel Board meeting
- CRNAA continues to support an A/B division

XII. Internal Auditor

- CRNAA continues to review options regarding internal auditing, accounting, record keeping, and the speedy handling of invoices

XIII. Babe Ruth re-draft

- The CRNAA voted against a re-draft for the 2010 season

XIV. Babe Ruth/Legion/Suburban Travel pitch count

- CRNAA was provided with an excellent presentation on recent Little League pitch count guidance, which covers up until the child's 18th year, as well as examples of how current inning limitations in Babe Ruth, Suburban Travel, and Legion baseball, allow a child to far exceed the pitch count recommendations recently adopted by Little League
- The presentation included a recommendation for a pitch count system, based on the new Little League mandate, to govern play in all CRNAA leagues, for children 13-18 years of age. The recommendation accommodates the long standing honoring of CRSO requests that CR players not pitch during the school year and includes stiffer restrictions during the first month of play
- CRNAA tabled a vote on adopting any pitch count restrictions, which will be more protective of the baseball player than current inning limits, until the 01/28/2010 board meeting

XV. Suburban Travel Registration form

- A new registration form for Suburban Travel was introduced, which includes the collection of the annual fee

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- After a minor modification it will be distributed by Managers to all players selected for Suburban Travel so that the fee, which covers insurance and other fees, may be collected
- The waiver process for Suburban Travel play was reviewed

XVI. Banners

- CRNAA will obtain quotes for banners to be displayed at Big League Academy and Bucks County Baseball Academy

XVII. Junior Legion Prep

- Matt Gounaris was approved as a Coach for Junior Legion Prep after being proposed by Joel Denton

XVIII. Future Agenda Items

- Babe Ruth/Legion/Suburban Travel pitch count
- Fence/Screen at Pickering
- In-house Manager/Coach selection
- Rules review/changes
- Sponsors update