

**Minutes**  
**Greater Loudoun Babe Ruth Board of Director's Meeting**  
**January 8, 2008**

Board members in attendance:

- President – Bob Smedile
- Vice President – Joe Robillard
- Treasurer – Jacque Southerland
- Player Agent – Todd Frazier
- Umpire in Chief – Glenn Graves
- Secretary – Kendra Herlig
- West Commissioner – Dean Drewyer

Guests in attendance:

- Rob and Marie Rambo, Monte Gardner, Cody Hitchens, Kevin Kobylinski, Don Rose
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Meeting opened by Bob Smedile at 7:30 PM

Opening remarks:

- Overview of league priorities regarding developing the players, conflict resolution, and league competitiveness.
- Monte Gardner presented his coaching qualifications and baseball experience and expressed a desire to coach in the GLBR this season.

1. Election of new board members

- ▶ ***Rob Rambo nominated for the position of Concessions. Motion made to accept nomination by Kendra Herlig, seconded by Leif Larsen. Motion passed unanimously.***

2. Review of December meeting minutes

- ▶ ***Motion made to approve December minutes with amendments as noted. Motion made by Jacque Southerland, seconded by Joe Robillard. Motion passed unanimously.***

➡ **Action Item** – Kendra to amend December minutes.

➡ **Action Item** – Kendra to send a version of the approved minutes to Gene to post on the website.

3. Action Item review:

- Umpires contract negotiations reviewed. WVU proposed 2 year contract an increase per umpire in western fields and in Leesburg fields with a booking fee (annual) increase. New booking fee are for Mickie Gordon Tournament also. Board requested Glenn to go back to WVU and request annual booking fee to remain the same and we will accept rate increases and additional booking fee for Mickie Gordon.

➡ **Action Item** – Glenn Graves to continue negotiations with the Winchester umpires association.

- Charters for Cal Ripken, Babe Ruth sent to Chris Crane, District Commissioner who will forward to Don Rose who will forward to National Headquarters.

- Mizuno has a grant program and Todd is looking into opportunities regarding this program.
- Registration – Joe needs a couple more people for Saturday registrations.

➔ **Action Item** – Kendra to research the group who is interested in getting lights for Franklin Park.

**Note:** There is a meeting this Thursday 1/10/08 at Fireman's Field to kick off a 3-year fundraising and field improvement effort Woodgrove Park.

#### 4. Spring Schedule

- Interleague Play – guidance offered on which leagues we have or need to develop relationships.

➔ **Action Item** – Joe to check with Clarence on which teams we played last year.

- 13s and 14s District Teams play in the Lane Tournament every year.

➔ **Action Item** – Jacque to send Joe information on the Lane Tournament.

- Mickey Gordon tournament logistics
  - Invite letter completed.
  - Tournament fees discussed.
  - Discussion to have a “no refund” date for tournament registration.
  - Joe to look for volunteer for tournament director for Mickey Gordon Tournament.
  - A separate committee for Mickey Gordon planning will be established.

- Field Scheduling

- Sunday Selects – Last year tryouts were March 25<sup>th</sup> and games started April 15<sup>th</sup>.

➔ **Action Item** – Joe to coordinate with NVTBL regarding Sunday Selects requirements.

➤ ***Motion made to increase tournament fees for Mickey Gordon tournament to \$400. Motion made by Joe Robillard, seconded by Glenn Graves. Motion passed unanimously.***

➔ **Action Item** – Joe to work with Gene on getting Mickey Gordon tournament information on the website.

**Note:** All Managers are now required to take an online coaching session. Cost of the session will be reimbursed by GLBR.

➔ **Action Item** – Jacque to get new signature cards to include Rob Rambo for concessions.

#### 5. Budget Discussion

- Finance update by Jacque on CDs and bank options

➤ ***Motion to set up flexible CD account with BB&T for the Woodgrove account. Motion made by Jacque Southerland, seconded by Dead Drewyer. Motion passed unanimously.***

➔ **Action Item:** Gene to update website with board meeting times as 7:00.

6. Equipment:

- All equipment and uniforms have been ordered. Rule books, and Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken patches have been received.
- Sunday Selects – Greater Loudoun “generic” shirts are available. 15Us will need to be ordered before Mickey Gordon. (Mickey Gordon teams from Loudoun include the district teams.)

➔ **Action Item** – Leif to look at options for uniform shirts for district teams and to bring ideas for next time.

- Discussion of “tryout day” shirts.

➔ **Action Item** – Leif to look at new designs for tryout day shirts for boys who attend tryouts.

9. Cal Ripken Update

- Todd Frazier is finalizing letter to go out through schools promoting the new 12U 50/70 league

10. Discussion Items

- Competitiveness of teams
  - If enough teams, we could have two leagues in each age group – one league more competitive (an alliance league)
- Loudoun Volunteer Services is requesting nominations for Outstanding Volunteers

11. Other Items –

- Donation received from \$250.00 from Bob and Lyn Holmes.

➔ **Action Item** – Kendra to send thank you letter for the donation and send email regarding sponsorship vs. donation.

Board is responsible for getting sponsorships

- The sponsors will receive a listing on the website, a listing in the Mickey Gordon tournament program.

➔ **Action Item** – Gene Gotimer to get last year’s sponsors list for Kendra.

➔ **Action Item** – Kendra to send “thank you for your support” letters to last year’s sponsors and encourage additional sponsorships.

➔ ***Motion to adjourn made by Jacque Southerland, seconded by Leif Larson. Motion ignored and everyone left anyway.***

Board adjourned.

Next meeting Tuesday, 2/12/08 at 7:00 at Fireman’s Field.