

*Kernersville Little League
Minutes of Board Meeting
February 26, 2005*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Swab, President
Brad Rodgers, Treasurer
Gale Starbuck, Secretary
Pat McNamara, VP Fundraising
Sara Taylor, Safety Officer
Steve Fischvogt, Equipment Manager
Don Morton, VP Baseball
Mike Ransom, VP Coach Pitch & Tee Ball
Ken Freeman, VP Minor/Major Baseball
Jonathan Head, VP Senior League Baseball & Big League
Steve Kluk, VP Minor/Major Softball
Doug Massey, VP Senior Softball & Big League
Tom McDaniel, VP Fall Ball/Extended Season
Andy Parker, Player Agent Baseball

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Brenda Cobbler, Concession Manager

Bob Swab, President of Kernersville Little League called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM. There were eleven regular members present. Bob stated that today's meeting was a Special Open Board Meeting to discuss the following issues: the elimination of a senior and major baseball team, a senior player requesting a trade or return to the draft, and manager approvals.

Gale Starbuck read the minutes of the February 7th, 2005 meeting. A motion was made by Tom McDaniel to approve the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Mike Ransom; motion approved.

The minutes of the February 13th, 2005 meeting were read by Gale Starbuck. A motion was made by Don Morton to accept the minutes as read. Pat McNamara seconded the motion; motion carried.

Jonathan Head will make suggestions at the March meeting regarding whether the parents in coach pitch need to be certified, since they volunteer on the field during games.

Jonathan then made a motion to eliminate the Sleep Inn Senior Baseball team due to it being the team with the fewest returning players and last year's manager deciding not to return. This would place the following players in the draft: Tony Barker, Joshua Phipps, Chafin Rollins and Eric Thompson. The motion was seconded by Tom McDaniel; motion carried.

Jonathan stated that thus far there are going to be 77-80 players in the senior division, which will make 7 teams. There may be 2 or 3 teams with 12 player; the rest will have 11 players.

Jonathan then addressed the issue of a returning 14-year-old player who refuses to return to last year's team for various reasons. The team he would be returning to does have the highest number of returning players, therefore he does not feel that it is a managerial issue. Jonathan pointed out that the player wants to play baseball but the family would probably drop out of the league if the board does not honor their request. Jonathan does not feel that allowing the player to return to the draft would be an equitable option since this player was weak and the team losing him would get the second pick in the draft for him.

Bob pointed out that the only option the board would have in this issue would be to vote whether or not to allow the player to return to the draft. The board does not have the authority to force a trade on the manager of the team.

After discussion, a motion was made by Jonathan Head to allow a senior player to return to the draft, per specific parent request, voting to be by secret ballot. Tom McDaniel seconded the motion; motion declined 6-5. The player remains on his current senior baseball team.

Ken Freeman has 83 eligible players for the Major Baseball division. Due to the number of hold down letters, it will be necessary to cut this division to seven teams. Ken Freeman made a motion to either contract VFW or Lions Club by secret ballot. Tom McDaniel seconded the motion, the motion was in favor of eliminating Lions Club by 7-5.

Ken Freeman made a motion to name Tommy Coleman as a manager in the Minor Baseball division. The motion was seconded by Sara Taylor; motion approved.

A motion was made by Brad Rodgers for the league to obtain a Sam's credit card. The motion was seconded by Tom McDaniel; motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gale R. Starbuck