

CHARLTON SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY, 2, 2010

1. **Review Meeting Minutes** (No meeting minutes available)
2. **Review Treasurer's Report** - Accepted
3. **Old Business:**
 - **2010 season:** We will be re-drafting Senior & Junior League but not Intro-Pitch League
 - **Fall Ball:** We will table our discussion of Fall Ball until our May meeting. Discussion centers around keeping our Intro-Level and Junior Levels local to play and having Seniors play in Bellingham or RI.
 - **Projects to be done:**
 - Re-surfacing Allen Field** – John Simmons completed this project. Things look real good. He will come back in the spring to set bases, mound etc. Total Cost was \$3,425.00.
 - New Shed** –We should order this now so it can go in by end of March before field cleanup day. Who demolishes the shed? A suggestion to use the empty space for handicap parking was discussed. Andy is getting a permit for the new shed.
 - Finishing the New Concession** – Bay Path will do this, waiting on Dave Matheson to get back to us on price and when they will start. (Looks like beginning of March with the intentions of finishing by end of March.)
 - **Budget cuts are impacting the Field Maintenance Spending.**
 - **Communications to area newspapers:** Our Communications Director, Nancy Colby will be using the Charlton Villager, T & G Community Bulletin and Charlton Gazette to put articles in about the league. Thanks Nancy.
 - **New pitching Clinics:** Southbridge Armory 6-7:15pm
Mondays – 1/11, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22
Wednesdays – 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/24
 - **Charlton Softball Scholarships:** Information has been sent to Bay Path and Shepherd Hill. Stephanie Fredette is our new Scholarship Director. Thanks Stephanie.
4. **New Business:**
 - **Spring 2010 Registration:** As of present we have about 200 players signed up. Approximately 10-15 that have committed to playing and waiting to have them sign up. Division Managers do you have your break downs for each division?
 - **Team and Sign Sponsors:** A 2nd notice will be going out to all companies doing sponsorships. Andy Colby and Joe Osche will be meeting to discuss follow-up phone calls. If anyone know of any business that would like to sponsor a team or to sponsor a sign if a team isn't available to sponsor, please let one of them know. We need to know all the sponsors by 3/8, so we can order the uniforms for the teams!
 - So far we have 4 team sponsors and 1 sign sponsor signed up. A second mailing to previous sponsors will go out by the end of week (2/5). Another follow-up will take place at the end of the school vacation week.
 - **Cori Forms for CSA:** Glen LePage, myself and Andy Colby are working on getting us approved by the state to have Cori's for our coaches done. Cost is free, if we go thru the state. We would still have to do them through the schools. This would help to cover our league.
 - **Important Dates to remember for 2010 Spring Season:**
 - Try-outs - Bay Path:** Sat, March 6th 12:30-2:30, 2:30-4PM, 4PM-5:30PM.
 - Hitting & Skills Clinics** – Sundays, March 14th, 21st, 28th, Time – 12:30-1:45 for T-Ball & Instructional; 2pm-3:45pm for Intro, Juniors and Seniors (Dave and Jean will manage this activity)
 - Coaches Clinic** –Tues. March 2nd. 7pm-9pm Tom Caffelle and Paul Enman from Shepherd Hill Jean is working on using BayPath for this activity.
 - Spring Clean-up day** – Sat., April 3rd 9am (Allen Field)
 - Spaghetti Supper** – Monday, April 5th (Tentative) 5:30-8pm (waiting to receive confirmation from Bill Coakley)

-League Playoff Week-ends – May 22nd & 23rd and June 5th & 6th

-End of the Season Family Night – Wed., June 9th, (Rain date Thurs., 6/10)

-12U Charlton All-Star Tournament – June 11th-13th

-10U Charlton All-Star Tournament – June 18th-20th

- **Twin Valley Summer Softball League** – We will be putting 3 teams together to participate in the summer league. (10U, 12U, and 17U) We will have sign-ups for the summer league by the end of April. Cost is TBD for this. (registration & uniform) Andy Colby will represent our league. The league consists of 10 games (two times a week).
 - **How should we do registration for this?**
- **Aquafina Pitch, Hit, & Run “Free” contest: Kevin Donnelly is looking into specifics on this. Could be very good for the consessions.**
 - We register an event date to become official and girls can advance to next level.
 - There is an overall, hitting, running, and pitching champion in each of the four age groups that advances to the sectional contest. It appears that if you win an individual event, you compete in all categories at the sectional. All Around champ can be an individual event winner, too.
 - Boys/girls are eligible but I'm not sure if we want to get into running it for Little League. I only have ribbons to cover our girls but could get more.
 - Ages – your age on July 17th determines the age group you are in– 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14
 - The sectionals for us were held in Palmer last year but we could be a candidate to host the sectionals. First we have to establish a local date, March 1st to beginning of May.
 - Hitting – three hits off a tee. Measuring where ball lands in the air and however far off the line the ball is, you deduct for total measurement. Distance minus accuracy= total.
 - Throwing – six balls at a strike zone. 7-10 – 11in. ball from 35', 11-14 12in. ball from 35'
 - Running – one timed attempt at running 2nd to home.
 - There is a point system for everything based on measurements and times.

Need to figure out how to organize the event and the logistics. Suggested 4/10/10 as date (to kick off the season).

We could kick-off it off shortly after teams are assembled in April.

- **Playing out of town teams?** A discussion around playing out of team towns took place. Last year there were some teams that canceled or could not field their own teams. **Division Directors** – please check with your managers to see if you want to start or continue to have out of town teams
- **League Website** –Will begin to post the meeting minutes on the site again.
 - Suggested posting the 'Important Dates' on the site as well
 - Recommend adding directions to the field onto the Website.
- **Recommendations on Rule Changes?**
 1. **Intro Division** – Change 3 steals per inning to 1 and no stealing home.
 2. **Sr. Division** – Change mound to 43 feet (high schools are/have done the same)
- All Star Tournament Locations
 - Intro/Juniors, where should we play? Webster, Hopedale, and Charlton were played in 2009.
 - **Note:** Grafton and Hopedale are 'B' tournaments
 - **Note:** Charlton is considered a 'Town' tournament.
 - Jean will check with Auburn to see if they are doing a tournament this year.
- **Next meeting Tuesday, March 2nd 2010 6:30pm Heritage School**
(At the present time this is where it will be, 6:30pm will be voting on rule changes and 7pm will be our coaches clinic.)

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