

2018 Poughkeepsie Babe Ruth League  
Volunteer Officers:



*"It's hard to beat a person  
who never gives up."*

\*Executive Board

Vinny D'Amato, President\*  
Rich Weatherwax, Vice President\*  
Tom Marshall, Treasurer, Lightning Coordinator\*  
Joe Goldsmith, Secretary, Umpire In Chief\*  
Anthony Montgomery, Committee Leader  
Brian Dazi, Senior Grounds Crew  
Dennis King, Committee Leader  
Stephanie Rohan, Quality and Risk Mgr  
Scott Roe, Committee Leader

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## Poughkeepsie Babe Ruth / Cal Ripken Baseball

### Board of Director Meeting Minutes

**Date:** November 12, 2017

**BoD Members Present:** Vin D'Amato, Rich Weatherwax, Tom Marshall, Joe Goldsmith, Brian Dazi, Anthony Montgomery, Stephanie Rohan, Scott Roe

**Guests:** Matt Filancia

**Other Attendees:** Rich Decker, Brian Finnigan, Isaac Hasbrouck, Brian White

#### Agenda and Discussion:

- Lightning Baseball / NYEB:
  - Matt Filancia spoke about the advantages of participating in NYEB:
    - NYEB is tailoring their program towards Cal Ripken
    - NYEB will change some of their rules to accommodate us:
      - 46/60 for 10u
      - Will include an 8u division
      - 2 different divisions based on skill level
      - We can host tournaments or play a schedule or both
    - \$275 per team
    - Teams expected to set their schedule, arrange for umpires
    - Other Cal Ripken leagues are expected to join, including local leagues and northern NJ, western Conn
    - Min # of games that teams are required to play: no answer
- Fundraising for Lightning teams:
  - 25% of money raised by a team is to be paid to the league

- The Board may then decide to support the team with a donation. For very large amounts raised, the expectation would be almost all of the 25% league money would be donated back to the team.
  - Specific discussion concerning the 12u Lightning team:
    - Trying to raise \$50,000
    - Reviewed letter by Dave Speranza (Rich representing Dave, who could not attend)
    - All planned fundraising activities approved except:
      - Casino night and Super Raffle: team requested to attend future Board meeting and elaborate on plans for these 2 events
- Confidential / Personal item: Vin briefed the Board on a situation regarding Lightning travel.
- Board minutes from the Oct meeting were approved
- Fall equipment collection: Managers are to drop-off equipment for Clubhouse storage
- Winterizing: Nets and concession are left to do; sprinklers have been blown
- New Equipment for next year: open discussion wish list. Items mentioned:
  - Batting tees, pitching rubbers, L screens, AA Catcher's helmets, Signage for cages, team bats
  - Regulations for legal bats change next year, so all prior (used) bats are now illegal.
- Calendar:
  - Opening Day is April 21
  - Registration ends Feb 25
  - Evaluation and draft is March 11
  - Manager meeting is March 25
- Sponsors:
  - Have sponsor letters ready to go at next Board meeting
- Registration fees / Finances
  - A motion was made to keep 2018 registration pricing same as 2017 and keep family involvement fee at \$60. The motion passed
  - Tom recommended we increase the number of sponsor signs, as compared to 2017.
- Next Board meeting: will be Dec 3 at 7pm

Joe Goldsmith

Secretary and League UIC