

# FYBA Agenda

Date: Sept 6, 2005

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Attendees: Ken Bates, Jeff Burns, Brian Cooper, Mike Radcliffe, Tim Dixon, Kim Hubbard, Bridget Burch, Robin Griffey, Gene Willis, Rod Hubbard (Boys HS Baseball Coach, Spencer Gunnell, Bill Burdine, Ron Hite, Bill Jarvis, Michael Minnick, Mitch Casey, Ken Wilsey(Field Maintenance and future concession stand operator), Brian Nagel, Mike Durbin, Gary Anderson, Jeff Berryman, David Krause, Brett Lewis, Todd Taylor, Ed Burton, & Dawn Williams

1. Welcome/Agenda Review (7:00 pm)

2. FYBA Board Questions/Answers w/ Little League District Leaders (7:10 pm)

Little League vs Cal Ripken discussion

See the attached proposal

\*Only existing township kids and siblings can play with the FYBA Little League teams if it was chartered.

Question: If kids in the township (E.Hamilton zone) wanted to play in Little League. They would have to play on East Hamilton's Little Leagues team. If we accept Little League, we will loose the kids from the township

Instructional League - 1/3 of the program was from the township.

East Hamilton, Lindenwald & Fairfield Township are included in the East Hamilton Little League charter.

Question:What is the incentive for the East Hamilton's board to give up any territory? East Hamilton is happy with the way things are currently. Per a East Hamilton Little League participant-not a board member. East Hamilton's Little League would cease to exist without the township participants.

Question: Could East Hamilton handle the capacity of the township kids? No

Question: If we decide to go to Little League, How the Township fields would be allocated. Per Brett, FYBA has exclusivity to the township fields.

Some parents in the township want their kids to play for Fairfield because they attend Fairfield schools.

Charlie Niles suggests looking at the options and collaborates with East Hamilton before making a decision.

East Hamilton is aggressively signing up kids in the township. Jeff Burns's concern is that what are we doing to aggressively sign up the kids in the township and retain kids. We need additional ideas regarding retaining kids-further discussion will be held at a upcoming board meeting.

The city tournament is a draw for little league-can we play as the existing organization in the Little League tournament. Maybe we should get involved in some local tournament. FYBA could play in the Little League tournament.

Why are we not hosting a citywide tournament? We can if you want to do a tournament per Brett-discussion to be held at a future board meeting.

Fairfield High School coach, Rod Hibbard, suggests seeking a dialogue with East Hamilton. High School program was stronger when Fairfield was in Little League. Disappointed in the caliber of players he is getting from Fairfield.

### **3.Board Discussion/Decision on when to vote on LL topic (8:00 pm)**

Brett is willing to have a conversation with East Hamilton. **D.Kraus made a motion to leave the organization as it. J.Berryman seconds.**

**Vote: 11 yes opposed: 1 abstain:**

4. **4.Proposal from a local business on an alternative approach to running the concession stand (8:10 pm)**  
Ken Wilsey wants to make a proposal to running the concession stand.  
See proposal-1 year  
Financial information regarding the concession stand.  
Concession stand ran at a loss for the last 3-4 years.  
Board Members made changes yearly to manage the concession stand in order to make a profit.

Ken Wilsey made a commitment on pricing- prices will stay the same with a flat rate on the pricing  
M.Radcliffe asked if the books would be open to the board. Ken said he would run the concession stand as a business.

**5. Board Discussion (and potential vote) on alternative concession stand proposal (8:40 pm)**

Motion was made to accept Ken Wellsey's proposal.

**Vote: 14 yes opposed: 0**

**6. Miscellaneous**

Brett suggested investing our time in training our coaches. Mike Radcliffe suggested a uniform way of teaching the kids throughout the entire organization.

All coaches in a specific level would teach the same skills to all of the kids.

Concern for reaching parents...why are people not involved. What can we do? Brett suggested resurrecting the carnival.

Charlie Niles' Little League Proposal is attached below.

9-6-05

Fairfield baseball - Optimist Club  
by invitation - to discuss chartering.

Fairfield Little League chartered in 1956 and remained chartered for 34 years.

It was the thoughts of some new people, mostly from Cincinnati area which changed the course of Fairfield Little League program.

The people in charge at that time - "Little League Baseball - is a first class program, but is a little restrictive in some of their rules". Some even said, "this new program will make the Fairfield High School team stronger". You be the judge !  
Now for some facts on chartering Fairfield.

AS IT NOW STANDS:

- Kids already on a team in Fairfield - IF you charter this year.
- Provisions - in LL. Rule Bk. say your league must sign these players on a ( II d ) form.
- The following year/years their sisters & brothers must also be signed on a ( II d ) form. AND ONLY (1) time.
  - a) sent to your local District Administrator -for his records
  - b) kept in your file, as long as he/she plays.
  - c) if the player/players DO NOT PLAY FOR (1) SEASON - they lose that right to continue playing in Fairfield.
- After this year, in which you charter - YOU CAN NOT TAKE PLAYERS FROM ANYPLACE "EXCEPT WITH-IN YOUR BOUNDARY LINES".

*Charlie Debus Jr.*

Since your old Fairfield boundary lines - 1956  
say - City limits.

PROPOSAL # 1

COMBINE BOTH FAIRFIELD & EAST HAMILTON INTO :  
( School District )

- Boundary Lines must be put down in black & white
- A map out lining school district.
- A Constitution saying representation from what area  
are to be elected - to serve on Board of Directors
- (1) common league Tres.
- how many V.P. of what division. Where ?
- because of population create (3) divisions.
- submit a draft plan - per book "common draft"
- By-Laws to cover both combinations of Fairfield and East  
Hamilton fields - school district.

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THIS AGREEMENT BETWEEN YOUR LEAGUE AND EAST HAMILTON  
MUST BE APPROVED BY BOTH LEAGUE'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
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May I also add - East Hamilton may not agree and  
AND DOES NOT HAVE TO.

It was also said, already, "why penalize East Hamilton"  
- we stayed in Little League, they didn't".

*Charlie Gileoff*

PROPOSAL # 2

After both side set down, in a Meeting with - District Adm. -  
present:

- proposal of new boundary lines.  
adjusting lines can be changed from year to year.
  - With both sides agreeing.  
boundary lines are protected.
  - map
  - description
- Again, East Hamilton does NOT have to give up anything.

*Charlie Filioff*