**Fairfax Little League**Board Meeting Minutes, November 12, 2014
7:30pm Greene Turtle, Fairfax

***Attendees:*** Scott Peirce, Karen McGee, Carl Maahs, Kevin Shook, Dave Peters, Gary Hall, Michael Pritchard, Tom Scott, Marian Littleton, Randy Darrow, John Main, Darric Milligan, Jay Haley, Chris Lawrence, Lou Mannella, Will Macht, Colin Grote, Becky Manarchuck, Alex Lennon, Bob Roberts, Renee Tajudeen

***Quorum present?*** YES

**Proceedings:**Meeting called to order by Karen McGee, secretary, at 7:40pm.

1. October Meeting minutes were unanimously approved by Board vote.
2. Execution/Treasurer Report: Carl Maahs reported that this is the first month of the Fiscal year for the League. Carl reported that budgeted items are subject to change throughout the year. The report was approved by Board vote.
3. Review of October Action Items
	1. Renee is continuing to research fundraising alternatives for the raffle.
	2. Gary and Randy uploaded the players who did not play last spring but played in the fall.
	3. Randy researched limiting managers to only view their own PPR data. He reported that if the view is limited to the managers, the parents can also see it. The Board agreed to keep the viewing privileges like they are now so that parents can’t view the PPR data.
	4. Carl reported that the outstanding trophy invoices had NOT been paid and he paid them.
	5. Dave Peters contacted Mike Kimlick and Bob Sotille was provided feedback on including 18-26 year olds in the Challenger Division.
	6. Darrow completed updating the language for volunteer opt-out and volunteer roles for the spring registration.
	7. ***Scott is working on the getting the Safety Plan from Ryan Buchanan.***
	8. ***Chris Lawrence will talk to Ryan Buchanan about winter training at VBC.***
	9. ***Scott will look into the Woodson tball clinic for the spring.***
	10. Randy did not remove the photo volunteer position per Lisa’s guidance.
	11. ***Bob Roberts, Scott, and Marian need to meet to talk about sponsor role.***
	12. Carl researched how to pay the “user fees”.
	13. ***Scott will continue to follow up on travel ball discussions.***
4. Update on FxLL-Owned Land on Braddock Road: Scott reported that the League received an email from Verizon about a “balloon test” on November 20th. After that, they will provide a proposal.
5. Fall Ball Wrap-up: Alex reported that he received a lot of help from many Board members this fall. There was one issue with pre-season practices. Rules say you can have 4 practices per week but not everyone knew that so some were able to take advantage. ***Alex will suggest a rule change to only allow 3/week for pre-season at the Rules Committee meeting in January.*** There was also an issue with fulfilling infield requirements at the A/AA level since most games only went 4 innings and some teams had 12-13 players. All the coaching clinics went well. The double-elimination format for the majors tournament was fairly well received. There is still a shortage of lit fields for AA.
6. Review of Draft Spring Calendar: ***Player agents will update the draft evaluation schedules.*** Scott is handling all the permits for the spring. Clinics will be added in March on Sundays.
7. Individual League Updates
	1. Juniors/Seniors/Intermediate: All good.
	2. National League: The National League charter was submitted. Dave attended a meeting to discuss the county’s allocation of funding for rectangular fields versus diamonds. ***Dave will lead a subcommittee to create a needs assessment for FxLL (including more Lit fields).*** On November 22, Fairview elementary baseball field will be totally overhauled. ***Dave will send out an email to find potential managers for the spring.***
	3. American League: Kevin is working on the charter for the American League. He sent out a manager survey at the end of the fall season to see what managers thought overall. Kevin is also finishing up the managers’ responsibility guide. There was discussion about High School kids coaching teams. To be an official coach, they must be over 18 years old.
	4. Challenger: Pilot program to include older players was a success. We need to make sure Mike Kimlick has a back up/assistant!
8. Functional Reports
	1. Public Relations: Becky inquired if we can run ads. The answer was yes so she will look into how to use that to get the word out for spring registration. She also solicited ideas on how to potentially re-work the Opening Day Ceremony to make it more interesting for the kids.
	2. Scheduling/Registrations: 93 have registered so far. There have been no questions on the “missing” raffle.
	3. Safety: Need to get word out to managers on the Safety Plan.
	4. Coaching Coordinator: VBC coaching clinic is held a bit too late for the spring. February would be better. Would like to set up a coaches’ mentoring program.
	5. Player Development: Coach James from Robinson is looking at camps during the winter Break. He is also considering a pre-season event with coaches and players.
	6. Fundraising/Capital Campaign: Need to come up with other ideas to replace the raffle.
	7. Volunteer Coordinator: Colin is waiting for registrations to get a list of folks who volunteer.
	8. Sponsors: Spring is looking good. Bob will get with Marian. Some sponsors aren’t paying.
	9. Umpires: Pretty decent fall. They were on budget. Only one person was thrown out of a game in the fall. FxLL needs more adult umpires.
	10. Equipment: Saturday 10am-1pm is equipment return. Fewer helmets will be given out next season. FxLL will stay with the Rawlings Single A balls. Lou is looking for some kids who may want to earn service hours helping him do inventory. ***Bob Roberts will provide Lou with the contact from Dick’s so that we can continue to get buckets and other stuff donated.***
	11. Fields and Grounds: Fairview will be cleaned up on 11/22. Providence 4 new dugouts are in the works. Plan is to replace all locks so that only ONE key is needed for everything except Burke pressbox, Boardroom, equipment shed, and snackbar. There is a hole in the batting cage at Chilcott. ***Scott will look into repairing.***
	12. Information Officer: Randy is doing cleanup of the website including removing all references to Dominion.
	13. Concessions: There was no water at Providence this fall so the snack bar could not be opened. ***Scott will look into getting the water fixed at Providence.*** ***A lockbox will be used to hold the snack bar keys. Who will get that? Three new grills are needed for the spring***.
9. Meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm.