**Fairfax Little League** Board Meeting Minutes, February 5, 2018
8:00pm Hard Times

***Attendees:*** Mark Brazie, Mike Carchia, Rey Chavez, Mark Davis, Terry Dwyer, Brandon Galvin, Drew Harsh, Chris Lieu, Carl Maahs, John McCarthy, Karen McGee, Darric Milligan, Lou Mennella, Scott Peirce, Christian Perks, Dave Peters, Tom Scott, Sherry Steeley, Matt Swift, Bill Tighe, Amy Wise

***Quorum present?*** Yes

**Proceedings:**Meeting called to order at 8:00pm.

1. Approval of January Board Minutes: Approved.
2. Review of January Action Items:
	1. ***Scott will check with neighboring leagues about helping with Challenger support.*** To be done.
	2. Scott needs shirt sizes for new Board members. Done
	3. Need to have snow plan in place for evals. Weather will be checked on Wednesday, Feb 21st and plan made then. Done
	4. Need to vote in replacement National league P/A (Nate Rothstein). Done
	5. ***Need to make a decision on coaches’ jackets. Need price.***
	6. Send in any requested rule changes before the rules committee meeting. Done
	7. Provide the projected first week of games to Chief Umpire. Done
	8. Need volunteers to help with all in person sales events. Added to signupgenius. Done.
3. Execution/Treasurer Report: We have started receiving checks for the tower land rental. Bank statements were reviewed. Execution report was approved***.***
4. President’s Report
	1. President’s report: Field allocations are coming in from the county and city. By-laws have been updated to remove Big League and to take out “returning majors” language. Put existing language in an appendix so that we have it if we go back to keeper teams. Minor tournament information was added.
	2. Rule changes: Board approved change to require 11’s to play AAA. (Do not remove rule that an 11yo cannot pitch in AA since there may be a waivered 11 playing AA.) Minors draft rule change:  the 4th AND 5th rounds will go UP from bottom to top. ***Karen will check the approval date of this rule change.*** Board approved wording change to say “Top 5 vote getters must be placed on AN all star team.” Continued to discuss rule clarifications for extra base hits for Single A divisions. Optional rule to end game after 3 innings if team up by 15 runs was rejected by Board. Removed 2.2 bullet 3 – no electronic pitching machines allowed on pickett 5. 2 Tee ball and 2 Single A divisions have been added where needed.
	3. Fields and Grounds: New lights have been installed on batting cages at Burke. Need to re-do the warming track at Burke. Scheduler was asked to try to not use BB 90’ for games (used only for practices). Thaiss 1 outfield has been stripped and leveled.
5. Individual league updates
	1. Juniors/Seniors/Intermediate: Numbers are behind from last year. 2-4 Jrs teams, 2 Srs teams. Jrs will have evals 7-8:30pm on February 24th. LL International rejected waivers for 16yo. Will recommend Fairfax Babe Ruth for these players. Need a few more Juniors managers.
	2. National League: Nate Rothstein approved as new Player agent for National League. Bob Sotille needs to approved interleague game request. Need lights at BB 60’.
	3. American League: Extended the deadline for registration. Evals will be held on Sunday, February 25th starting at 11am. AAA & Majors Season Ending Single Elimination Games should start Sat June 2 (~ 50% eliminated) and end on Sat June 9th.    Tournament teams practices will be scheduled to start Sunday June 3rd.   That's still only 7 weekends for regular season play -- its going to be tight and due to rain outs and field limitations, we don't expect for 8 Majors teams to play an even (7 teams x 2 times each)= 14 games schedule.     Most likely- we'll need to dial back to a 13 or 12 game schedule once all the practices at game fields have been utilized.  At a minimum, we need 11 games played prior to the single elimination games. All conference games ONLY will count for season winner.
	4. Challenger: ***Scott will check with Challenger Director to see if they will use the Nats free shirts or if we need to order for them since the Nats shirts are button-down.***
6. Functional Reports
	1. Umpires: Will has found his replacement for next season. Approximately 50 umpires have signed up this season. We will again contract with Mid-Atlantic Collegiate umpires to cover Sr. level games.
	2. Registrar: Currently 50 players down from last year. A reminder will be sent out. For the fall, change volunteer dropdown to a text box so parent can select more than one.
	3. Concessions: No report.
	4. Public Relations/Parade:
	5. Scheduling: Will start to work on schedule for spring once number of teams is known. Need a replacement for the fall.
	6. Safety:
	7. Coaching Coordinator: Working on clinics and carnival. Carnival to be held at Green Acres.
	8. Fundraising/Capital Campaign: Received gear to sell at evals and opening day parade. BSG needs a list of managers so they can do spiritwear sales by manager.
	9. Volunteer Coordinator: no report
	10. Sponsors: No report.
	11. Equipment: Baseballs are in. Working on sizes for jerseys. Equipment handout is targeted for 3/10. Do we want to order one approved bat/team? ***Lou to check on cost.***
	12. Fields and Grounds: No additional report.
	13. Information Officer: No report.
7. Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm.