

**Annandale - North Springfield Little League  
Monthly Board of Directors Meeting  
May 1, 2019 - Minutes  
Canterbury Woods Elementary School, 7:30 pm**

**Members in attendance:** Don Pedersen, J.R. Wycinsky (7:51), Shane Torbert, Scott Ewalt (until 8:00), Rick Noyes, Dustin Drumm (7:42), Sean George, Becky McCarthy (7:45, until 8:45), Dennis Wright, Bill Dristy (7:40), Bryan Patterson, Dan Dove

**Call to order:** 7:33 pm

**Minutes:** Scott moved to approve the April minutes. Dan seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Budget:** Scott reviewed the budget. Spring registration is very close to finished, and very close to what we had anticipated. Board shirts were about \$600 unanticipated. Everything else looks good. All star team registration began yesterday. Opening Day cost much less than had been anticipated.

**Spring Season:** Opening Day review. Can rent a sound system for next year. Field closures and usage when closed. Who can check the field when the county doesn't close the fields but it rains late? Mid-year manager meeting. Thursday, 30 May. Need to reserve CWES. Just the younger levels. Pictures are going good. Kid pitch teams this weekend. Yearbook, electronic, checking with Patty Pullen to do it again. Closing Day may conflict with all-stars, 15 June. All-star schedule is set on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May. The 8-10 team may play on 15 June, hopefully an away game later in the afternoon. Need to get regular season champion shirts for first place teams in Majors, AAA, and AA. Trophies, need to order for playoff champions. Instead of medallions will try to get coins, need 4-week lead time, for Farm and below. Plus trophies for the graduating 12-year olds, and commemorative bats. Call ups to Majors. Rick reviewed the procedures. There is no consistent method across leagues. Suggest that anyone who was eligible to be drafted into the Majors be considered in the call-up pool. Dennis moved to approve Rick's system, Dan seconded, and the motion was adopted unanimously. Call-ups are used so that Majors games can be played. They cannot be played with fewer than nine players. So long as a manager makes a "good faith" effort to start the game with at least 10 players then the board will not consider a forfeit if only eight or fewer are actually available to play. Dennis so moved, Dan seconded, and the board ratified that this procedure should continue as it has in the past. Pitching clinic for AA and AAA went well. Catching clinic, has been done in the past, but need to be clear about what set of catching skills is appropriate for little league players. Plan is for a catching clinic

sometime in the second-half of August. Kehrer cup for AAA, one player from each of nine teams.

**Fall Season:** Bill asked about account information for the new database and registration system. New system will deploy in June for fall registration. Families will need to re-enter information. Old system will still be accessible until the end of the year, and data will be downloaded for archival. Field permits, can we get Howery in the fall? Tee ball and coach pitch fields could be available. Need to coordinate parking with BRYC football.

**Facilities:** Cleanup day, still need more dirt at Howery. Board approved to have Brightview spread additional dirt instead of another makeup cleanup day. We have to fix the mounds at Pine Ridge, and the home plates. Mick mound is done and sod is done, need dirt. Restrooms at Pine Ridge, county has installed two port-a-johns but they need to be emptied. We'll continue with our three port-a-johns as well, which are emptied on Fridays. Fencing at Pine Ridge, cage is fixed, received proposals for backstops and L-screens. Plan is to replace AAA backstop at the end of the season, to match the Majors backstop. Half the cost can be recovered with a Mastenburg grant from the county. Will check on installing a shade screen on the third-base dugout on the AAA field, for visibility during sunset. New bullpens for AA field, not worth the effort. Need a screen on the third base side of the AA field to warmup pitchers. Sprinkler system is not fully functioning but will be resolved when the entire irrigation system is upgraded.

**Board Discussion:** Nats uniform program, feedback survey to be sent out. What distribution of shirt sizes are really needed at each level? MVP from each league honored by the Nats, an adult, volunteer of the year. Limit to people who have had background checks. First year will be Kehrer. Nats player visit, Saturday, 18 May, 11:00 am to noon, at Pine Ridge, no games league-wide between 10:30 to 12:30 so kids can attend. Details are being worked out. Tourney committee is Pete, Dennis, Dustin. Tourney parent commitment paper form, need to go out this week and come back by 15 May. Selection meeting will be Sunday, 19 May, at 7:00 pm. Rick will send out player eval spreadsheets to coaches around 25 May. Sean will send out coach eval survey to families before Memorial Day. Umpires, we have a shortage and also will need to fill the head umpire role soon. Need to recruit umpires. Adult umpires do not get paid. Kid umpires must be 12, but sometimes 11 is okay case-by-case. Kids get \$20 per game. If they make \$600 then they get a 1099 from the league.

**Adjournment:** Sean moved to adjourn at 9:39 pm, seconded by Rick, adopted unanimously.

**Next Meeting:** 5 June 2019