

**Annandale – North Springfield Little League  
Monthly Board of Directors Meeting  
November 6, 2019 – Minutes  
Canterbury Woods Elementary School, 7:30 pm**

**Members in attendance:** Don Pedersen, J.R. Wycinsky, Shane Torbert, Brian McMurry, Sean George, Don Forrer (until 7:51 and then from 8:17 and then until 9:13), Dennis Wright, Bryan Patterson, Dan Dove, Rick Noyes, Adam LeRoy, Tony Fiorino

**Call to order:** 7:36 pm

**Guest:** Molly from the Positive Coaching Alliance. National non-profit focused on improving the environment in high school and youth sports. Have worked with Little League for 13 years. Intentional culture. Workshops with a certified trainer. Ninety-minute to two-hour interactive workshop with coaches, best is 4-6 weeks before the season starts. Thirty-minute parent talk could be done during player evaluations. Coach recruitment. Coach job description. Double goal coach: strive to win, and teaching life lessons. Training online or in-person. Eval at end of season connected to training. Parent pledge and banner for fields. Cost of partnership is based on live workshops, plus get access to password-protected online resources, personal contact and indirectly their network of chapters. Typical cost is in the range of \$1600 to \$3600.

**Minutes:** Dan moved to approve the Annual and October minutes. Brian seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Budget:** Brian reviewed the budget. Transfer of stewardship is done. Brian has reconciled the account for the past year. Some checks are still not cashed dating back to March 2018. Many are umpires. Will inquire with the bank about their policy regarding old checks. We pay the bank a fee per online payment transaction for player registration. Approval of fiscal budget process. Second signature on checks, cannot be Don, can be three people total where any two sign each. Tax status form, in contact with accountant, everything is ready to go except for the outstanding checks. Mastenbrook grant for new AAA backstop was approved by Fairfax County last week. Dennis proposed that secretary and vice president be added to the bank account for signing checks, Dan seconded and the motion was approved (J.R. dissented). Will vote on the budget next month.

**Fall Season:** Coaching survey is done. Player eval is going out shortly. Equipment is trickling in. Screens at PR are already stored in the cage. Tarp at Mick needs to be put in the shed. Tarps at PR need to be put away. All of this needs to happen by the weekend. May have an umpire survey shortly. Juniors umps are coordinated by Fairfax LL.

**Spring Season:** Registration will open as soon as the bank transaction fee question is resolved. Registration fee structure. Increase of projected maintenance cost at Howery. Don P proposed raising tee ball fees to match coach pitch and farm, Dan seconded and the motion was adopted unanimously. Player eval was at St James last year, but may not be able to get access to their field house until 23 February, then the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 1 March, or the 17<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup>. President's Day is 17 February. Target player evals for the 9<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. Will reserve North

Springfield just in case for the 9<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Opening Day is 18 April, field maintenance is 28 March and 4 April, manager meeting is 23-27 March (need younger rosters by 21-22 March), first day for lights on the fields is 31 March or earlier, spring break is 4-12 April, first game is 13 April, closing ceremony is 13 June, playoffs begin on 2 June. Can put a general calendar on the website. Player clinics including catcher clinic which may include an outside trainer. Discussion of Positive Coaching Alliance for the spring. Insurance covers all official Little League clinics.

**Facilities:** Met with the county last month, still waiting for plan from the county. Sun shades could be phased in over time at \$8000 each. Irrigation work starting this week or next week. Backstop at Mick would be \$22,000. Field at Frost for juniors - obtaining permission from the school to install temporary fencing so we can use it for games in the spring, there's another field behind it too but that field is 60' and permitted to Fairfax LL – will try to set up a meeting.

**Board Discussion:** Executive committee will be formed next month. Local Rules will also be reviewed next month.

**Adjournment:** Shane moved to adjourn at 9:31 pm, seconded by Dan, adopted unanimously.

**Next Meeting:** 4 December 2019