

Minutes for ULLL Board Meeting

April 4, 2011

1. **Attendance:** Norris Beavers, Kerry Rice, Kerry Joyner, Carri Michon, Donald Fletcher, John Rodal, Tim Hoffer, Mike Hughes, Bill Roth, Patty Eberhart, Matt Werner, Brittany Michon Public - Greg Goodlin, Curt Carlson, Frank Piliere
2. **Minutes from March** meeting – Approved
3. **Treasurers Report** – all bills paid. Areas to be reimbursed per player at \$30 each for uniforms and beginning expenses.
4. **Committee Reports:**
 - Lovettsville – everything great. Opening Day planned for April 30 in Lovettsville
 - Round Hill – everything good. Opening Day planned April 30 in Round Hill
 - Purcellville North – everything good. Hillsboro Elementary need the grass on the infield cleaned out by P&R.
 - Hamilton – Field cleanup planned for Saturday morning before the Hit-a-Thon.
 - Purcellville South – just turned lights on at Haske and they are working. Still need a concession stand manager.
 - Middleburg – T-ball team added three more scholarship players to fill out the team.
5. **Umpires:**

11 at the scrimmage tonight for on field training. A number of new kids are being trained this spring. Clinic at Ken Culbert was successful – about 36 umpires in attendance. Payment structure for umpires to be submitted at next meeting for vote.
6. **Old Business:**
 - Volunteer applications** – 240 turned in. Area reps need to make sure all coaches and managers have forms filled out. Matt will send out latest list of who he has and double check who from each area is missing. A Drivers License IS needed with each volunteer form. Can be submitted without it but if there is a name match and the DL is not there, a request will be made for that to confirm who our submitted adult is.
 - Safety:**

Safety Report has been approved. First Aid kits dispensed tonight to all Area Reps to be given to all Managers.
 - Hit-a-Thon** – schedule sent out. Both areas (Fireman’s Field/Haske and Woodgrove High School) ready to go. Still need volunteers, especially for Woodgrove. Need a copier for Firemans. Hopefully the weather will hold up.

Skills Assessments – Assessments went very well. Questions about why assessments were not held outside. We cannot control the weather and therefore it will be scheduled inside so that it can go each year as scheduled. Thank you to all who helped make that weekend go smoothly.

Coaches & Safety Clinics – All went well.

7. New Business:

District 16 – Each of the League presidents in District 16 voted Lower Loudoun Little League (of the Sterling area) into our District 16 from District 10. They have two charters – American and National. Their league has six Majors teams. Now all of Loudoun County is in Virginia Little League District 16. There will be 9 teams in each of the District tournaments this year as a result.

Sponsor with Patches – discussion ensuing because Giant wants to sponsor a team but in doing so their stipulation is that we must allow the Giant patch to be sewn on the sleeve. Motion made by Bill Roth – I motion that ULLL will accept sponsorship patches for an additional fee of \$100 per team. Patch not to be larger than the official Little League patch, to be worn on the right sleeve, and conform to Little League rules. Patch shall be supplied at sponsor's expense. Seconded and approved.

Changes to AA Playing Rules – Coaches clinic had a submitted request for rules changes for AA. The major complaint over the years has involved base stealing in AA – especially on pass balls. Discussion ensued. This needs to be discussed prior to the start of the season not as the season is beginning. Umpire training has already been done. Bill Roth makes a motion: I make a motion that this be given all due consideration in the fall. Seconded. Motion approved. Public noted the possibility of a coaches committee over the summer to make some recommendations.

Opening Days – Saturday, April 30th at Lovettsville and Round Hill. Round Hill's field ceremony to begin at 8:45 am. Lovettsville – parade at 9:00 am and field ceremony with games to begin at 10:00 am.

Game Schedule – schedule complete but might need some adjustments. Will be posted to website and distributed to managers in the next couple of days.

If fields are blacked out, THE FIELDS ARE BLACKED OUT and no matter the weather we cannot play or practice. For practices, game time decision means be careful on the field if you deem it playable enough to practice without causing injury to players or the field itself. If the Home manager calls the game, then it is his/her responsibility to call the umpires that the game is cancelled.

Manager Contact List – Area reps need to send their Manager Contact List to Brittany Michon, Matt Werner and Kerry Rice with home number, cell phone and e-mail listed for each manager.

Sponsors – All area reps please send your list of sponsors to Norris asap along with coordinating teams so that company doing picture day can have that in advance of shooting team pictures.

Team Rosters – All area reps are to send their list of team rosters WITH managers and coaches rostered to Kerry Rice asap. Extra coaches, if any, to be included in that list. (This probably pertains to the T-ball and CP teams more than others.)

Reporting Scores – The winning manager MUST send in the score by the next day to both Brittany Michon at ULLLwebmaster@gmail.com AND Donald Fletcher at lvhs74@aol.com.
Team Picture Day – RAIN or SHINE on Saturday, May 7 at Harmony. All teams MUST attend regardless of whether or not they have any picture orders.

8. Executive Session

Majors Team numbers: Number of players on a Majors team shall be no less than 12 and no more than 15 – per Little League. There are 12 players on ULLL Majors teams. There have been a few players who withdrew this year from a Majors team after the team drafts. We have two Majors teams who now only have 11 players on it. Bill Roth makes a motion that we play with twelve players at the Majors level. Seconded. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Board Meeting to be held at the Purcellville Train Station on Monday, May 2, 2011.

Respectfully submitted by Carri Michon