

ULLL Board of Directors  
Monday, March 5, 2012

**Board Members:** Norris Beavers, Francine Reed, Matt Werner, Kerry Rice, Don Fletcher, Mike Hughes, Tim Hoffer, Tony Craun, Eric Lautenschlager, John Rodal, Bill Roth, Mike Alter

**Absent:** Patti Eberhardt, Bill Mayer, and Carri Michon

**Public:** Greg Goodlin-thank you for new majors coach, Barry Harlowe-, Joe Courchaine, - Purcellville south, James Marsh-Round Hill gather info , Bob Lanser, Frank Piliere

- 1) Call to Order; meeting called to order 7:32
- 2) Minutes from last meeting-no posting of executive session minutes;
- 3) Treasurer's Report- Carri sick no report
- 4) Committees and Area Reps Reports
  - a. Reimburse Areas for each player, \$ amount-last time we have given 30 dollars for each player, motion Norris second Kerry Rice. RH had 5,000 no capital improvements still has 5,000 if needed capital improvements could he come to board to get the necessary funds. Get 100% of sponsorship money. Matt question Hamilton has its own money we provide money to, separate need to better organize our finances.

**John Rodal (Lovettsville area rep)**- county did start construction of Fralin field no fence changes yet, meetings with executives on county with improvements estimate of cost but no guarantee, LE 1 schools field fencing estimate throwing about 5,000 going through for approval with school board no guarantee Fralin won't be up to standard could be aa field. 35 safety softballs waiting on them otherwise have everything else needed for skills assessments

**Mike Hughes (Purcellville No. Area rep)**-nothing to report

**Bill Mayer Hamilton Area rep)**nothing need t-ball managers

**Tony Craun (Middleburg Area rep)**-good after meeting with Billy Coates batting cage net is here, parks and rec will put it up and take it down, gate signs directing traffic to how to drive in and out, and signs for no parking, no parking or blocking of recycling center.

**Eric Lautenschlager (Purcellville so. Area rep)**- net drop off and we will put it up lumber and stone dust being donated clean up day scheduled for trash to dumpster Norris would like to see if it can get closer to field, drainage in 3<sup>rd</sup> base if fix up bull pen we don't want to have to go back if drainage is clogged. 9-1

practices on 17<sup>th</sup> keep open; sign is down next year we will need the slots for town advertising

**Tim Hoffer (Round Hill Area rep)** AAA coach pitch and t-ball one short for AA and coach pitch, concession is officially run by someone other than Tim review was last Friday take it has passed, shed? Status -will sends out email to Dan. Kerry asked about who was using the shed that upper Loudoun has control of. Could have electronic score board donated by Dulles, could donate it to Hamilton since they have none, not sure we have electricity. John recommends taking it regardless.

School fields-Schools mows grass every 10-14 days if janitor is busy he may not mow it that often, if we want it mowed we need to mow it.

Registration will close Friday for ages 9-12 t-ball open number is at 742 registered county wants money before send out fields designated.

**Bill Roth (Umpire in chief)**-74 umpires on roster from last year email sent to those coming back and those not. 35 heard back from out of those 8 definitely not coming back 8-10 new, article coming out in Blue Ridge Gazette that we need umpires. Reid Joyner started as 13yr umpire he is now 20 has helped out he went to pro school in Florida he is starting out in coastal league could lead into minors and could make it to pros very difficult. There will be clinics, need help out there to drum up parents/child combos. Area reps every field should chest protector shin guard facemask should be in good shape, if not let Bill Roth know. Franklin park last year sev times umpires were without gear who is responsible this is Purcellville south. Will need to purchase new and put a lick on the equipment container.

**Patti Eberhardt (Safety)**-absent

## 5) Old Business

- a. Volunteer Applications- 115 are in 99% of managers, bring copies on Saturday- looking for 6 per team, will be checking if not approved volunteer forms will eliminate practices and will not play games.
- b. Safety Report- will be mailed on Wednesday. Field inspections should be same as last year.
- c. Hit-a-thon, Saturday April 21- timeline passed out distribute during skills assessment CP and returning majors players will provide to manager following week. 4/21 will host hit- a-thon at Fireman's and Woodgrove. . 20 min a team. 10-2pm games could be played after 3pm that day. Coming up with rain date possibly Lovettsville and Haske. 4/22 could check with Lovettsville open? (Parking issue) 2 weeks for money collection and collection due at picture day 5/5 order prizes by the 14<sup>th</sup> Prizes up to \$99 Lowry's crab shack ice cream coupon, \$100+ premium black t-shirt with ULL logos,\$200 4 tickets for Frederick keys games, \$300 baseball bat pack with ULLL logos. Dicks giving up 35 bucket of

balls also 35 bat bags from last year could we give those out? Seemed like these bags are too big. Give them to Lovettsville and Round Hill to sell them opening day

6) New Business

- a. Registration Numbers, # of teams- 742 registered, estimating NL-6 majors Al-4 teams 12 on a team. 72 registered in NL, 48 registered in Al, need to be flexible at draft,
- b. Skills Assessment March 10-11 @ Harmony MS-AAA managers for Purcellville So and Round Hill need to look at Middleburg kids, list will be given Saturday before assessments possibly late Friday night. On website Kerry will send out invitational email for everyone to come. NL- will be doing a redraft all returning players majors will be invited to skills assessment.
- c. Drafts, March 12-15, Majors, AAA and AA- here. Area will be doing CP and T-ball as soon as you draft teams will need to know final count to work on game schedule, if you want to schedule we have train station until Saturday. Most of fields can start practice next Sat. as soon as finish Team managers name, cell phone, and email for website. Clinic at game club march 15-16 5-8yr
- d. Other Drafts, Rosters-CP, T-ball as quick as possible 2 coaches listed can have more than that but we need 2 to send in
- e. Coaches Clinics, March 26 & 27 @ Am. Legion 7pm AAA AA majors, Tues. 27<sup>th</sup> 7pm CP and T-ball. Addt'l clinic for adult game coordinator, April 10th
- f. Practice Schedule-give each team 3 practices 2 during week 1 on sat.
- g. Start of Regular Season- 1 practice a week if have open slots you can have extra practice. MG not supposed to be the 24<sup>th</sup>. 14<sup>th</sup> game sched John and Tim John wants 2 majors and an AAA-11, 2 and 5pm. Tim- 1 majors 1 AAA time? 1 and 4pm. could start season Friday night under lights.
- h. Dropped Third Strike-rule book pg 75 rule 605b a batter is out when a third strike is legally caught by catcher, third strike not caught by catcher if first base is occupied before two are out. As local league option may elect to apply minor league t-ball recommend not do that; at all- stars this rule of drop third strike will be applied.
- i. Don's Johns Proposal- proposal for Dons Johns sent by Derek Irelan, on all fields \$75 a month with cleaning once a week and hand sanitizer. Hamilton would like to continue their relationship with Our John. Delivery and pick up charge will be waived with Derek Irelan's proposal.
- j. Other- Bill Roth advise VHS league as far as bat policy currently your umpire checks bats VHS has gone to the coaches checking the bats and it will be their responsibility, propose managers be responsible to check bats if umpire notices bat is illegal then the manager is ejected from that game. Norris will take this to district PG 77-rule book. Frank suggests what he did last year he had his kids bring the list where their bat is on the list of legal Little League bats. Question is does" This would be a local rule does this have to be in place thirty days before start date? "Pay scale feedback

whether we pay adults? If get paid as an adult umpire cannot do post season play. Matt not against paying adult umpires but not sure we have the finances to do it this year, if he remembers last year we just broke even.

**Norris thanks the public executive meeting 9:39pm**

Meeting closed at 10:06

Next meeting – Monday April 9, 2012 @ Train Station, 7:30 p.m.

