

## June 4<sup>th</sup> ULLL Board Meeting

Board Members present: John Rodal, Kerry Rice, Carri Michon, Matt Werner, Eric Lautenschlager, Tony Craun, Patti Eberhardt, Bill Roth, Norris Beavers, Francine Reed, Tim Hoffer, Don Fletcher, Mike Alter  
Absent- Bill Mayer  
Public below- Lamont Smith Guest from District 16

- 1) Call to Order 7:30pm
- 2) Coach suspension/Discussion-a recap from Norris-not in order of public present who spoke, other names listed here for support for and against decision.

Steve Dunches

Tim Rockett-managers of the A's his team had 3 of his players hit in one game against the Cubs, since then, he has only 2 players hit since that game. He feels other players through out the league should be able to sign the petition, coached for 7 seasons has not sent an email about coaches, umpires he has been target of criticism has not gone to higher authority or anyone on board about releasing Coach Molnar. Feels he should not reinstate John Molnar as a manager

Katrina Rockett- Husband coach of A's during tie same game motioned by her husband, the second batter did not move at all no twisting no nothing, she feels not all the kids don't understand what John Molnar's teaching of the correct way to turn on a wild pitch. Kurt Lautenschlager-new resident from Wash state club team coach. There are coaching techniques that coach Molnar did teach the children but it is not possible to teach this to kids at this age in two days. Are there rewards for hits, good catches or is it just for getting plunked? The average adult would read his email as the kids should be crowding the plate and condoning this.

Dean Robinson

David White

Amanda Rohs- AA coaching the fact the we are encouraging kids to crowd plate is ridiculous

Elizabeth Miller

James Szabo

Dave DiGirokmo-2 children in AA he has had his children on John's team he has spoken with John about, for instance, the sign for the children to crowd the plate.

Mike Morga

John Molnar-address board and public, a sincere apology about email and 100 percent wrong misconstrued, email did not come across correct this is not who he is, as a coach. Coaching tech there is a lot of kids that get hit have always taught kids to do if can't avoid baseball he explained to parent and kids how to protect themselves from a wild pitch this was taught at practice. His interpretation was misunderstood, candy bar thing bad decision on his part he was using it as tool to reward for proper tech on how to properly avoid getting hit by the ball. One boy recently was hit and he followed tech and

could not avoid ball and made it to first base. At hit-a-thon day he stressed this was not a reflection of Joe Courchaine or Chuck Green, and again the candy bar idea was his.

Apology profusely to parents and certainly doesn't want any child to get hurt. Apology to Norris, later that day he found that the parents had voted unanimously to keep the coach in. May 18<sup>th</sup> Norris informed coach Molnar of the board decision of being removed as a coach. He accepted this but later sent a follow up email to Norris.

Joe Courchaine-never our intention for anyone to get hurt or get in line with the pitch.

We did train players on how to take the hit properly, they thought of an idea of reward on how to get hit properly, the reward was a bad idea and as manager he is responsible. He is upset that he was not invited to the board meeting when we had this discussion of suspension. He respects John and has 11 players and that is why he is here and hopes John can continue to coach these children.

Sherry Fuazzotto-John has coached 2 of her children she feels John was trying to just teach the kids how to properly turn and the reward was to keep their confidence up.

Confidence on John's team for her son increased. She feels all parents want John back as a coach. They filed a petition with signatures to reinstate him

Chuck Green-

Brent Christie- his son was the second kid that got hit and he feels he did move, the nonsense that is going around the things he hears about John is a debacle something needs to be said to all coaches to put this to rest.

Kirby Rice

Michelle Frederick

Chris Boner

Kathy Bolen

Patrick McConville- His wife was first one to react to John's email. Since the email he and his wife have spoken to John and now how they have confidence in John as a coach. He sees 6 people from the team to support John.

JB Haller-Rangers AA coach, son on his travel team, John motivates his team well, supports John, a gracious coach.

Tony Craun- present tonight -1 major's managers, 1 AAA manager's AA-approx 5- shame on us, last year it was coach pitch that was trouble. He is out here for the kids, to teach the kids the game of baseball, he came to the board to save the Mickey Gordon field from South Riding, it is all about kids and baseball, get this stuff over with!

Bill Roth- we have about 1000 kids playing about 1000 parents this board is here to help out all 1000 kids. We try to create a situation where they can learn a sport, and create team building. This season is different; we have spent too much time, devoting too much time to John Molnar. I was not at board meeting when the decision was made to suspend John Molnar, I asked Norris to hold off on the suspension. Bill spoke to John Rodal, Eric Lautenschlager, and Norris to try reduce this suspension, but then the emails came, they went on and on and John blamed everyone but himself. He (Bill) now feels in support of the board's decision.

Eric Lautenschlager- thanks everyone here. Board process was not done or taken lightly. His main concern of John initial email was the liability if a child would be injured if we allowed this to continue.

Greg Goodlin-

Frank Piliere-raised to boards attention that a parent had mentioned when buying the end of game team snack at Hamilton, it cost 45 dollars for team of 12. Carri would like him to have the parent email Carri and she will refund parent 25 dollars.

3) Minutes from last meeting-John motion to approved Mike Second

4) Treasurer Report- bills are paid. sponsorship money what sponsors do we have? In order to get sponsor money need area rep bank sheets? Motion Eric Bill all accept.

5) Committees and Area Rep Reports

Bill Roth (Umpire-in Chief)- we have few umpires that need a lot of work and a lot that are very good. He has now recognized those that need work and he is working with them. More complaints this year came from AA. The kids that AA gets are rookies they are 13yo. They are on same learning curve as your players.

Tim Hoffer (Round Hill Area Rep)-dinged for trash being out on field, trees need help behind third base dug out and limb on the deck, Annandale sports did you pay them? No  
John Rodal (Lovettsville Area Rep)-great in Lovettsville

Eric Loutenschlager (Purcellville South)-Nick Psalto was suspended for 1 game. What is policy for coach suspension to the team/parents? Norris addressed- this it is not the intent of the board to embarrass them, by putting it out via email or calling the parents when this happens- he leaves it up to the coach suspended to speak with the parents.

Tony Craun (Middleburg Area Rep)-did not have contact info on the ALS

Mike Hughes (Purcellville North Area Rep)-damaged fence at Mountain View

Patty Eberhardt (Safety Officer)

Bill Mayer (Hamilton Area Rep)-absent

4) Old Business

a. Hit-a-thon-\$25,000 collected 300 kids. Over 100 collected over 100 dollars. 4 teams collected over 1000 dollars, AAA had three of them. Prizes given to area reps email to managers today hopefully will be given to players by end of the week. 500 each to Woodgrove and Valley baseball for the players help

b. End of Regular Season-season ends Saturday, Coach pitch and t-ball can continue into next week must be done by the 16<sup>th</sup>. June 15<sup>th</sup> cut off for tournament only one Norris knows of is AAA Cardinals

c. AAA & Majors Tournament June 9-16 - Norris seeding the tournaments. Thursday evening he will seed the teams and will be on web site.

d. AA Tournament June 5-14, coin toss for home and visitor. Need board member assigned to first round tournament games. Board are supplying game balls, host team responsible for running concession stand and line field. The board member is to go to the plate conference and do the coin flip. We have to get a complete game and a winner 2 hour time limit make sure someone keeps score book, pitch count- no new inning can start after the two hour time limit. If tie play we are playing reg season rule except one if after 6 innings and still tie if daylight continue to play. When the 3rd out is made starts the

next inning. 5 run limit every inning not matter what inning you get to. Call Norris with score and he will give them to Don.

e. AA Tournament Game Assignments

#### 7) New Business

a. Haske Field-town has begun digging up field to find out what problem is with the field not drying out and they found problem. \$325,000 grant from county going to old buildings, \$100,000 concession do restrooms in center filed giving Haske \$25,000 1-project we are going to do is raise backstop. We could loose field for the fall due to construction.

b. Commitment letters-87 letters, letters can still come in even though said June 4th

c. All-Star players selection-Sunday June 10 @train station American at 6 National at 8

d. All-Star Uniforms-Kerry Rice has this

e. All-Star teams announced and practice begins June 15th.

f. Invitational Tournaments-no info yet

g. 9/10 District 16 Tournaments, June 30-July 14 @ Haske & Round Hill –will need volunteers, announcers, pitch count and score keeper

h. New LC fee-\$12.50 per player-motion John, Carri second to show the 12.50 fee but only charge out 10.00 for fall and could revisit it in the spring.

I. Fall Ball-fee last year was 75 individual and 125 for family. Hope to have fall registration up next week. John motion to keep fee the same for fall and second by Tony all approved

l. Other-Carri thanking Norris for all he does behind scenes with all that has gone on in his personal life and has still had many late nights dealing with the other issues. Norris wanted a special thanks to Matt for filling in when Norris was out of town. We still need the fields kept up.

Executive Session begins Norris thanked the public and reminded them all to help stop the rumors. Begins 9:58