

ULLL Board of Directors  
Monday November 10 2014

**Board Members:** Norris Beavers, Mike Alter, Tim Hoffer, Mike Hughes, Amanda Rohs, Francine Reed, Kerry Rice, Tony Craun, Mario Valenti, Joshua Cooper, Spencer Neilson, Darin Klinge, Carri Michon, Don Fletcher

**Public:** James Spagnoli- (Lovettsville) addresses rules from fall- overall season went well. 1- soft toss rule wasn't a huge fan, felt continued to put ball in play. Would recommend 10 game seasons to allow more practice time and the season gets shorter with time change. 2-Stealing 2<sup>nd</sup> rule not a big deal. Tim Rohs- (asst coach fall minors). No overall favor of opinion. Soft toss players were just hitting back to pitcher, later in season felt soft toss created some bad habits, players that have played for several seasons in the fall were frustrated with rule changes. As far as the stealing felt catchers reps were diminished, lessen importance of relationship between pitchers and catchers. Biggest worry not preparing kids for next level of play. Few ideas maybe lessen number of games, alternative to soft toss use pitching machines; do away with base stealing all together. Tim Courchaine- here to listen and than Norris for his service.

1. Call to Order-7:03pm
2. Minutes from last meeting-Mike motion to approve minutes, Mario second All Approved
3. Treasurer's Report- all bills paid, fall ball is paid. Wire transfer 3200 to fund umpires not entered on the treasures report. Tax exempt will renew in Feb. Areareps if you make a purchase Carri will have certificate for tax-exemption. Mario motion to approve treasurer's report, Mike Alter second All Approved

4. Committees and Area Reps Reports

Darin Klinge (Purcellville South Area Rep) net for batting cages tarp putting away, warning track looks good

Tony Craun (Middleburg Area Rep) Met will eagle scouts -working on dug out project.

Tony to check on the net at Mickey Gordon.

Tim Hoffer (Round Hill Area Rep) cleanup day Saturday, erosion project approval. JMU student available for odd jobs.

Mario Valenti (Hamilton Area Rep)-nets down this week, equipment and inventory done, Working on t-ball field. Black Nylon fencing new standard by parks and rec.

Mike Hughes (Purcellville North Area Rep) all things closed up, Nell Boone will be closing up, equipment coming in.

Josh Cooper (Lovettsville Area Rep)- quite a lot of work ahead of us. Lovettsville deteriorated from spring to fall. Hopefully get a lot of managers out. Fralen keeps getting neglected due to the "Lovettsville Park" coming. Make sure batting cages down. Speak with John about the Dons Johns at the game club.

Amanda Rohs (Safety Officer). Throw away cracked or broken helmets; go over the equipment for damages, etc. Carri may have a contact to ship unwanted equipment over to the Dominican.

Chris Kerley (Umpire in Chief) only had 36 umpires for fall not a lot to cover games. All games were covered except the first week. Worth discussion on fall umpire fees.

5. Fields, Batting Cages, Trash (Winter Time)-winterize fields and get batting cages down.

#### **6. Old Business**

- a. Fall Ball Season- Norris felt most teams got their games in. Minor league managers (10 of them) will be asked in confidence for feedback on the new rules we will then discuss at future board meeting. Mario- how was Franklin Park under lights? Only issue was water on fields then games are cancelled.

#### **7. New Business**

- a. On-Line Spring Registration, starts 12/01 – 2/01
- b. Walk-in Registration, Saturday 1/31/2015 9-12 at Train Station
- c. Registration Fees- do we keep it same or raise it? Only request was about county fee, we need to charge the 12.50. The fees will be separated so you will see what portion is going to the county. Mario motion fee of 100 for first child, 2<sup>nd</sup> child 70, then 3<sup>rd</sup> child 35, 4 or more free all players pay county fee. Carri second All Approved. 50 late fees after Feb 1<sup>st</sup> Mario motion to approve Mike second All Approved. We have had a no refund policy people do get quite upset with us. Kerry explained reason we have that about 6-7yrs ago we had a manger that did not get a team and proceed to withdraw and play in diff organization. Basically we have done this case by case, should we continue this? Yes continue this but none after the draft, to avoid the players who don't get on the teams they wanted.
- d. Code of Conduct- player and parents will sign this at registration. This will be handed out to parents to go over with their child and sign it. Add to parent code of conduct that the non-use of tobacco or alcohol. Carri motioned to accept the code of conduct, Amanda Rohs second. All Approved.
- e. Calendar of Events-fields most of them March 14 few others March 21 majors and AAA begin April 13<sup>th</sup>. Skills assessment Feb 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- f. Managers Applications & Volunteer Forms- area reps need to start checking with potential managers.
- g. Other -Don Fletcher-Time to renew license for web site with cost \$ 875, happy with web site. Mario motion to give \$875 Carri second All approved. Email Address-forwarded emails between diff email providers can get lost. Recommends no email forwarding. Use ULLL email address or use the individual emails. Need to decide on your email address. Amanda had put together a draft of the explanation of 12yo in majors. Send it to all 12yo in the draft and to be placed on website. Mario motion with modifications to correction of 2-1 statement and mercy rule Carri second All Approved. Kerry Rice-player lives in Leesburg, family currently building house in Round Hill, which is Mountain View school district. They will be in by the time Little League begins. Little league rules state you need to occupy by Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2-option school waiver which means he is at Mountain View and then would be national league 3- send waiver to Williamsport. Parents would like a waiver request going forward. Mario motion we support the waiver and Carri second motion All Approved. Mario handed out Eagle Scout

project for HE 3 Mario to request 3000 from board to go towards fence. Hamilton area and Eagle Scout donations will pick up the rest. Mike motion authorization of 3000 to support completion of HE 3 t-ball field Tony second All Approved.

Meeting Closed 9:12pm

Next Meeting – Monday, January 5, 2015, Train Station, 7:00p.m.