

ULLL Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2015

In Attendance: Beavers, Rice, Klinge, Valenti, Fletcher, Alter, Kerley, Craun, Rohs, Roth, Hoffer, Nielsen, Cooper, Hughes. Absent: Reed, Michon

Public Present: J. Courchaine, M. Lorusso, T. Smalls, B. McCleary

Mr. Beavers calls meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Public comments – Mr. Courchaine suggested consolidating pitching/catching during skills assessments.
2. Minutes from August 4th meeting approved (Motion, 2nd, all approve).
3. No Treasurer's report presented. Item deferred.
4. Safety Report (Rohs) – Facility audits being prepared.
5. Umpires Report (Roth) – no date/location yet for training.
6. Area report for Middleburg (Craun) – nothing to report
7. Area report for Purcellville South (Klinge) – Looking for exhaust fan for concession stand. Dugout work postponed.
8. Area report for Round Hill (Hoffer) – Nothing to report.
9. Area report for Purcellville North (Hughes) – Nothing to report
10. Area report for Hamilton (Valenti) – Plan to start on t-ball field.
11. Area report for Lovettsville (Cooper) – Mound on LE-1 needs to be re-built and re-aligned.
12. Area player reimbursement – MOTION (Alter) to approve area reimbursement of \$35 per player for Spring 2015 season. Seconded by Hughes. Discussion – level same as 2014. Motion approved unanimously.
13. Registration update – Beavers provided registration update. Total of 715 players registered for Spring 2015.
14. Hit-A-Thon – Alter proposed conducting Hit-A-Thon fundraiser similar to events conducted in 2010-2013 (event not conducted in 2014). Event would be conducted on April 11, 2015 and would be held at Fireman's Field/Haske Field and Woodgrove High School. Loudoun Valley and Woodgrove High School baseball coaches have committed to support this event. MOTION (Alter) – Motion to conduct ULLL Hit-A-Thon fundraiser on April 11, 2015. Seconded by Rohs. No discussion. Motion approved unanimously.
15. Skills Assessment – Rice provided update on Skills Assessment, which will be held at Fielder's Choice on March 7 and 8. ULLL to forward Fielder's Choice release waiver to invited players. ULLL to provide opt-out information sheet to parents of 12 year old players.
16. Player Drafts – Beavers provided an update on player drafts, which will be held the week of March 9 for AA through Majors at the Purcellville Train Station.
17. Coaches Clinic (Nielsen) – A coaches clinic will be hosted by Fielder's Choice (Dan Miles) on Sunday March 22, 2015 from noon to 2 pm. Nielsen will send out an email reminder to coaches. The event will also be on the web site.

18. Local Rule Change Discussion (Valenti) – Two rule changes were proposed for 2015 (see attached). Board members discussed the pros and cons of each rule change with the discussion focused primarily on Local Rule #1 (see attached). In summary – the arguments for the rule change focused on pace of play, more defensive action, and a more positive experience for young players, especially pitchers. Arguments against the rule focused on deviating from traditional baseball rules, and reported instances of coaches encouraging batters not to swing to gain advantage. MOTION (Valenti) – Motion to approve Local Rule Change #1 (See Attached) for AA for Spring 2015 Season with the termination date of the rule set at the end of day May 10, 2015. Seconded by Klinge. Motion passed 8-5. MOTION (Klinge) – Motion to approve Local Rule Change #2 (See attached) for AA for Spring 2015 Season with the termination date of the rule set at end of day May 10, 2015. Seconded by Valenti. Motion passed unanimously.
19. Sponsors update (Beavers) – Team sponsor fees are to remain at \$400 for Majors teams and \$250 for all other levels. Dr. Tari to sponsor a team in each of the following areas: Round Hill, Purcellville South, Purcellville North, and Hamilton. Dick’s Sporting Goods will provide baseballs and a \$400 gift certificate to ULLL this season. In return, ULLL shall provide Dick’s with team sponsorships in Hamilton, Purcellville North, Purcellville South, and Lovettsville.
20. Refunds – ULLL has a no refund policy; however, consistent with past practices, the President has the authority to issue refunds on a case-by-case basis. Accordingly, the President recently issued 3 refunds.
21. Scholarship – MOTION (Rohs) – ULLL to provide scholarship (free registration) to the Sellers family, who recently experienced hardship. Seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
22. Umpires (Roth) – Roth to order shirts and hats for first year umpires.
23. Volunteer Forms (Alter) – Alter reported that so far ULLL has received and processed approximately 65 volunteer applications for Spring seasons.