

ULLL Board Meeting

Feb. 1 2016

Board Members present: Kerry Rice, Don Fletcher, Josh Cooper, Amanda Rohs, Chris Kerley, Mike Hughes, Randy Nixon, Mario Valenti, Brian Woodley, Bill McCLeary, Chris Kerley, Francine Reed, and Spencer Neilson,

Board Members absent: Carri Michon

Public present; Todd Slade, JJ Merchant, Darin Klinge, Jamie Marsh, Joe Courchaine

1. Call to Order- 7pm
2. Secretary Report/Minutes from last meeting-Don motion to approve, Amanda second, All Approved
3. Treasure Report-Kerry (for Carri)-only outflow have been checks for charters; on schedule for tax returns Feb. 15th
4. Area Reps Reports
 - a. Lovettsville-Josh-coaches managers meeting tentative but after the 22nd, talk about needs opening day etc.
 - b. Hamilton-Brian-nothing
 - c. Purcellville North-Mike-idea for managers, looking for opening day and t-ball mangers
 - d. Purcellville South-Bill-starting on getting number of kids, trying to organize inventory assessments. Looking at field's pre snow fall t-ball field in need of work may need infield dirt and poss. for Haske. We can put a request in for infield dirt with the county.
 - e. Round Hill-Kerry to update- Tim has taken care of nets before snow fall, he and Kerry are hopefully trying to identify a rep, poss. Randy to help in interim.
 - f. Field allocations- submitted field allocations and mirrored last year few things they have asked for specifics, not happy with range of 4-9pm. Other they questioned was Banneker and Mickey Gordon as to whether we need those.
5. 1/31/2016 District Meeting summary-most leagues in our area are down slightly of enrollment, approx. 5% and we could be there also. Rob Wright on field rules clinics four Sundays Leesburg police center on central Loudoun website for more info. Road show in SE VA., 4 umpires from our district were selected for World Series none from upper Loudoun at this time. Safety plans which Amanda will discuss and back ground check which Mario will discuss. We will offset challenger division costs, about 800 dollars. We may in future ask to host additional state and or regional tournaments on the big fields. District wide have established a middle school league program partnering with the high schools.(we have not done this due to our Babe Ruth) We pay dues but since not hosting this year costs will be low
6. Committees Reports
 - a. Safety-Amanda

- i. Safety plan submitted- need from area reps contact for your concessions-need by March 1st., collect from Dir. Johnson presentations about pitching and keeping arms healthy. Date for training managers-t-ball through majors 1 night, will have concussion clinic, will be March 15th 7-8pm at Harmony Middle
- ii. First Aid/Safety Clinic
- b. Umpires
 - I. Fall report 51 hope they all come back
 - li.2 outstanding that need to be paid
 - iii .Owe Carri invoice for yearly arbiter bill
 - iv.Training 3 sessions available before during and after spring break

Proposed changes for spring payments vs scholarships, liability an issue and tax laws

Talk to board about higher level umpire training reimbursements-like the road show, regional training which is week long, shorter weekend training in March and Williamsport not for everyone but for those that have done higher levels. Jim Courchaine would like more umpires in scrimmages-Chris says yes. Chris to motion we cover costs for tuition and travel expenses. Amanda second, all approved.

c. Coaches-Spencer

i-spoke with Dan at fielder's choice and would like to do clinic March 13th 12-2. Would like to see newer younger div coaches in there. Would like a second coaches clinic late April poss. invite kids so coaches can see how practices run. May be hard to get logistics together. 20 per player find out a cap.

d. Information Officer-Donald-laptops delivered

e. Sponsorship-Randy

- i. Sponsorship agreement emailed out to everyone-
- ii. Purcellville Cannons-asked to come March 7th board meeting to introduce themselves, they are going to be doing a lot for our little league kids. Asked if we could send out an email to league about possibilities of housing options for the kids that are participating.
- iii. On-line Donations via ULLL.org-Mario-we have had some requests for just online donations we have researched and found best rate for credit card charging is using current website we would have to add a page. Don explains leagues have done this as a registration form will require people to have an account with us and to log in. Mario motion to investigate and establish a method to donate online, Randy second All Approved

- iv. Hit-a-thon-99 pledges is a fund raising organization and one thing is hit a thon we email out our email list and they create a page basically do the foot work there charge is 10%. Kerry asks what happens to our email list after the fact, likes concept but would like Randy to find that out.

7. Old Business

- a. Survey results- sent out to team rosters of last year Kerry and Mario looked at results in short had about 1/3 to 1/2 of families team of highest response had 7 out of the 12 players on the teams. Did get a least 1 from all majors' teams. Sending a reminder in the next week hopefully to target people who have not answered. In short not a lot of surprises. 3 out of all responses who gave contact info to follow up with, Kerry did follow up with of the 3 only 1 negative.
- b. Spring 2016 Manager Applications-did not have the right application up at first. Currently have 16 for a projected 62 teams. Kerry will be sending email to those who indicated they would be interested in managing.
- c. Volunteer Forms- this was brought up at the district meeting last night
 - i. Incentives for completion-Mario spoke about in the fall did not give out uniforms to those teams that did not have the appropriate number of volunteer forms, suggest this is what we do for the Spring league wide don't hand out uniforms to those teams that do not have at least 3 volunteer forms. Can't be electronic at this time because the forms need a hand written signature. Mario motion that all areas in the spring do not hand out uniforms until teams have 3 volunteer forms Spencer second, All Approved.
- d. On-line Spring Registrations, waitlist 2/1-2/21(2/29 cp/tb); no guarantees
- e. Registration numbers-just over 627 as of 1/31
- f. Review of non-registrations -2 show up as Ashburn will be in RH 1st of March, we will work around this. Kerry went over some majors players that have not registered and asked if anyone knows why?
- g. Kerry handed out of numbers in looking at that Kerry thinks the number of 12yo with 27 am 22 NL there is not going to be a situation of needing to redraft. With 20 II in al and 44 in NL in all likely hood we would still have 4 majors' teams in each league. PS 3 t-ball teams' roughly RH same situation. CP roughly 5 teams. Rookie 2 teams. RH 2-3 tball teams 3 cp, 1 rookie team, 2 AA Hamilton-2 t-ball teams, cp at 3-4 teams, rookie 1 team AA 2 and a triple A., Lv 2 -3 tball 3 cp , rookie and minors 4-5 teams ., PN 2 tball, cp-2-3 teams, rookie and minors 3-4.,

8. New Business

- a. Communications options-Facebook, twitter? Mario commented we need someone to manage it. At this pint better communication for rain outs this could be via texting .Randy will look into Facebook and twitter.
- b. Skills Assessments, February 27-28 @Felder's Choice
- c. Scholarship Players-when we identify need we will do everything we can do to accommodate. Last year we set a limit at 1500 for scholarship Mario Motion to provide up to 1500 mike second All Approved

- d. Spring Season Dates- March 20th fields open, area reps try to schedule time so Kerry could attend them all.
- e. Other- meeting closed 8:55pm
Next Meeting –Monday Feb 22nd 2016 7pm (closed meeting)