

ULLL Board of Directors  
Monday, March 7, 2016

**Board Members Present:** Kerry Rice, Mario Valenti, Cindy Courchaine, Chris Kerley, Amanda Rohs, Randy Nixon, Carri Michon, Francine Reed, Josh Cooper, Brian Woodley, Anthony Cusat, Mike Hughes, Don Fletcher, Bill McCleary, Spencer Neilson

**Public:** Drew Bishop- potential coach pitch manager, Jeff McClellan-on son's behalf- 9 but baseball 10 dad had asked for him not to be drafted to majors but he has been drafted. He was told he would have to play on majors or skip this spring season. Brittani Fuller, Ridge Fuller here with Purcellville Canons, Gus Kearney, Joe Courchaine

1. Call to Order and Introductions of Public in Attendance 7:00pm
2. Purcellville Cannons Introduction and Presentation-Ridge Fuller brief history gen manager formerly in Charlestown (Valley league) now have moved to Fireman's Field. Hosting fundraiser at Purcellville Tabernacle April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Really need help with housing currently have 9 housed and normally bring in about 30 players. Camps will be offered for kids 6-18yo. no dates set yet. Drew Bishop offered to be parent Liaison with Little League to the Cannons. Amanda offered for Ridge to come and speak with the Coaches training session. Will be getting an email out to league participants with the need for host families.
3. Secretary Report/Minutes from last meeting—few corrections on spelling of names; Motion to approve minutes Mario and Cindy second. All Approved
4. Treasurer Report—Carri –Middleburg youth baseball has officially closed \$10,318 is now in general ULLL account. Carri's question is can she take and put in CD to be held, ex.lights. Mario's perspective that all areas are involved in projects and split the money between areas. Carri explains we have enough money in account to set forth \$2000 to each area for improvements. Kerry wants Middleburg money kept separate. \$1000 from Dr Tari to Hamilton, Purcellville South, Purcellville North, waiting to hear back from Dr Grissius. Dicks sponsoring \$250 to 3 minor's teams. Can the dad of Aidan Wheeler be the sponsor of AAA Reds? Yes. Dicks is donating 10 t-ball kits.  
Mario Motion to approve the Treasurer report, Mike second All Approved
  - a. Hometown Heroes Scholarship-online and available for High Schoolers
5. Area Reps Reports
  - a. Lovettsville—(Josh)-T-ball draft-Wed March 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 begin with Coach pitch then 7 T-ball, Target date for 9<sup>th</sup> or the 16<sup>th</sup>, Lovettsville opening day will be April 16th, parade begins at 8:30. Parks and Rec release of fields will be March 21<sup>st</sup>. the 19<sup>th</sup> will be field cleanup day for Lovettsville.
  - b. Hamilton—(Brian) field clean up this Sat.10-1pm T-ball and coach pitch draft Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8pm. Opening day usually goes along with Hamilton day which is June 4<sup>th</sup> from 8-2pm.
  - c. Purcellville North—(Mike)-Draft for T-ball Wed March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.Would like to pursue the cage at Mountain View, paper work is on with the county and Kerri would like to pursue this. Opening day April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 most teams will have games but could poss. have some scrimmages.
  - d. Purcellville South—(Bill)-working with managers on practice spots .Drafts for Coach pitch and t-ball Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup>. Opening ceremony Friday April 15<sup>th</sup>. Starting to get input for uniforms orders, Kerry recommends resource for uniforms speak to Mario.

Majors managers can't go order the uniforms on their own. Watch cost- majors 30-35 for a jersey is a bit much. You can have a uniform person but as area rep you need to be aware of what is being ordered.

- e. Round Hill—(Anthony) cleanup day-Sat march 12<sup>th</sup> 10-? Opening day April 16<sup>th</sup> with start time at 10 but Kerri would like 12. Draft for Coach pitch wed the 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm we may have to draft teams and then find managers.
6. 3/6/2016 District 16 Meeting Summary-discussing the results of round table (Congress where DA of every area around the world) that discuss rule changes. Read over the information and give Kerry feedback so he can take this back to Lamont. As of 2018 the bats that exist today will not be legal.
  7. Committees Reports
    - a. Safety—Amanda
      - i. Safety Plan Submittal Confirmation-approved and Kerry thanks Amanda for getting that in on a timely fashion and before a lot of other districts.
      - ii. First Aid/Safety Clinic March 15, 7PM, Harmony MS Auditorium
    - b. Umpires—Chris
      - i. Umpire training for the spring season (dates, locations, format)-Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> central Loudoun, Fairfax 19-20<sup>th</sup> and Upper Loudoun 31<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> up on the website.
      - ii. Updates on any proposed changes for spring (e.g., payments vs. scholarship, tax/liability issues, etc.) –VA has a law that athletic officials are classified as independent contractors and are not eligible for liability insurance. Amanda suggests on youth umpires to have them add their insurance information.
    - c. Coaches—Spencer
      - i. Coaches Clinic- Sunday the 13th 12-2 at Fielder's choice
    - d. Information Officer—Donald
      - i. Email conversion-set up Gmail account, everyone needs to set themselves up for Gmail.
    - e. Sponsorship—Randy
      - i. On-line Donations via ULLL.org-close to being active on ULLL website
      - ii. Hit-a-thon- keep it on April 9<sup>th</sup> but pledges can continue up to picture day. Carri offered to speak with Coach Todd or the AD.
      - iii. Communication Options (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)Randy researched that we would have to have a media release for pictures to be placed on Facebook. Kerry will check into that since we do put pictures on our website. Randy will take this on.
  8. Old Business
    - a. Volunteer Forms—Updated status-75 have been processed and still have a large number of them. Uniforms don't go to teams unless we have the volunteer forms for three of the coaches.
    - b. On-Line Spring Registration Closed, Waitlist for limited CP/TB space; no guarantees-keeping list of the 9-10yo that have recently emailed Kerry that they forgot to register but no guarantees.
    - c. Registration Numbers, review of teams by area-
    - d. Review of Skills Assessment, February 27-28 @ Fielder's Choice- Bill thought run well, Kerry to thank Mario and Chris for keeping things moving. Mario thanked everyone for

pitching in; the smaller sizes ran well and on time. Carri wants receipts for any items bought and will be reimbursed.

- e. Drafts—Majors/Minors completed; CP/TB Scheduled this week
  - i. Finalize schedules

#### 9. New Business

- a. Opt out Approvals-8 parents 4 in each league, Kerry has to sign off on that once the the board approving the 8 individuals requested to opt our this spring. Carri motion this, Don second, All Approved.
- b. 2016 Area per Player Allocation-every year a portion of fee is allocated to each area. Sponsor money and per player based on number of players on teams hosted in that area. In the past it has been about 35 a player, Kerry feels that number is still a reasonable number. Motion 35 per player Carri and Mario second all approved. Mario would like to add 2000 per area to spend on capital improvements (equipment) motion second by Amanda. Additional discussion Carri needs current bank statement and account of past year from the area reps. All Approved
- c. Scholarship Players Update-currently 6 families we are under the 1500 that was allocated. Amanda brought up the player in Lovettsville whose father was severely injured awarding the player a scholarship.
- d. Spring Season Dates-practices start the week of the 21 of March except Nell Boone and Franklin which is the 28<sup>th</sup>. Hit-a- thon April 9<sup>th</sup>, picture day May 7<sup>th</sup>. AA tournament will start after Memorial Day AAA and Majors will finish on the 4<sup>th</sup> tourney following week final games Sat 11 -14<sup>th</sup>.
- e. Rules Meetings-Kerry to check with American Legion to host meeting
- f. Adoption of 2016 Playing Rules- Kerry motion to adopt playing rules as we have before- Mario motion to accept the rules that Kerry has altered. Gus asked if the 5 run rule can be changed for the last inning? Spencer feels we should leave the 5 run rule and Joe feels you need to start AAA earlier because this could extend the game and place a lot on the youth umpires. Mario to amend the 6<sup>th</sup> inning rule for rookie league to make it player pitch Bill second All Approved.
- g. Other-Kerry asks the public anything else you would like to discuss and Drew thanked the board.

#### 10. CLOSED SESSION—9:35

Next Meeting – Monday, April 4, 2016, Train Station, 7:00PM