

ULLL Board of Directors
November 14, 2016

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

Absent-Mike Hughes

Public-Joe Courchaine-Middle school program? Also request ULLL open feature in Arbiter sports called team blocks-allows parents of official to block child from being assigned certain teams. Roster of coach of any team, it must be on the website. Chris Kerley added this to the Arbiter at the time of our meeting.

1. Call to Order and Introductions of Public in Attendance 7:04
 - a. Items to share with Board
2. Approval of Minutes from last meeting— Mario motion to approve, Carri second all approved
3. Treasurer Report—Carri
 - i. Numbers and cost per player cost
4. Committees Reports
 - a. Safety—Amanda
 - i. No issues for this month
 - b. Umpires—Chris
 - i. No report filed
 - c. Coaches—Spencer
 - i. No report filed
 - d. Information Officer—Donald
 - i. Website Renewal—\$875, due 11/16 Carri motion to approve renewal of website Mario second All Approved
 - ii. League Computers—test upgrades worked; others to be ordered
 - e. Sponsorship—Randy
 - i. Nothing new to report. Going into the spring with the board's approval we will use the same fundraising website as before. I have two recommendations.
 1. Of the \$15,100 we raised less than 10% was for pledges that were tied to a hit. The way we did it the rest were flat donations. Suggestion... that makes it not worth the effort of trying to schedule a big event, get volunteers, etc. that in two of the last three years has been rained (or snowed) out..
Recommendation 1—Do not hold a one day event. Contact coaches that have pledges based on hits and use the last part of a practice to record distances.
 2. We had way too many teams that did not participate at all last year. Participation requires very little from a team and manager. Literally all the manager and area rep need to do is to send the link provided.
Recommendation 2—Make this a requirement upon selection as a manager. The manager must send the note out.
 3. We had one family out of all we had in the spring complain about getting the fundraising email they were pulled from the pledge 99 page once we received the request. We could send an opt out option if needed; not recommended.
5. Area Reps Reports: Winter Prep--Fields, Batting Cages, Trash, Maintenance
 - a. Lovettsville—Josh

- i. No report filed
 - b. Hamilton—Mark
 - i. Future development plan status update-
 - ii. May have found a used mower; evaluating for reconditioning .Did not come through, engine not good.
 - iii. JUGS net for pitching and hitting to be donated.
 - c. Purcellville North—Mike
 - i. No report filed
 - d. Purcellville South—Bill
 - i. Began work on post fall season cleanup on Purcellville South fields. Expect to complete winter preparation and taking down the nets the weekend of Nov 19.
 - ii. The lock to the Haske kitchen has been vandalized (the key opening has been blocked with dirt or some other material). Unable to gain access after several minutes of trying but will try again next week. We may need to get a new lock.
 - iii. The Haske kitchen refrigerator has a serious leak. Will check to see if it can be repaired but, if not, recommend we purchase a new refrigerator (initial price is about \$900 plus).
 - iv. The Haske key lock box was replaced.
 - v. Sought to have the Haske tractor repaired, but to no avail. Recommend purchase of a new tractor.
 - vi. The LVCC utility boxes needs a combo lock or some means to secure the contents.
 - vii. Currently evaluating needs for both Haske fields for the spring. Haske 1 needs grass seeding, new cover to the cement blocks, edging between the infield and outfield and edging between the warning track areas and the grass.
 - e. Round Hill—Anthony
 - i. Funding request for concession stand roof repairs (see attached).Request is for 12,000 for structural repairs. This will may include the dug outs. Anthony motion to approve funding request for concession stand roof repairs, which includes contingency of at least 12, 000(Capital improvements) Carri second and All Approved. This does not include the allocated hit a thon money.
- 6. Vice President's Report
 - a. Spring 2017 advertising flier being developed; awaiting final dates
- 7. District 16 Meeting Report (October 30, 2016)
 - a. Road Show – 1/28 & 29, 2017 in Hampton, VA
 - i. ALL new President MUST attend
 - ii. All new Board Members SHOULD attend
 - iii. Open to any Officer/Board Member who wants to attend
 - iv. 2019—in Section 3 (northern VA)
 - b. Umpires
 - i. Mike Duty named State Umpire Consultant (replacing Joe Honto)
 - ii. ALL UICs should attend Road Show(Travel expenses will be covered)
 - 1. Focus on Evaluation Training
 - iii. VA D16 had most umpires traveling to state tournaments (10) but they came from only 3 leagues (LLLL, CLLL, ULLL)
 - c. State Tournament Report
 - i. Need to start District Tournaments earlier to meet State/Regional Dates

- ii. Lots of issues with administration of state tourneys this year
 - d. 2017 Tournament Locations
 - i. LLBB 9/10 – District 3 – Bridgewater
 - ii. LLBB 10/11 – TBD (D16 turned down hosting)
 - iii. LLBB Majors – District 9 – DTQ
 - e. 2018 Tournament Locations
 - i. LLBB 9/10 – Section 1 (SW VA)
 - ii. LLBB 10/11 – Section 2 (Lynchburg/Danville/Shenandoah Valley)
 - iii. LLBB Majors – District 12 (Roanoke)-- (next in D16 in 2027)
 - f. VA LL Museum
 - i. Request for ULLL as a League with 50+ years to donate anniversary memorabilia
 - g. District Tournament Recap—volunteerism
 - i. Be prepared for next year—hosting likely (preferences?) Mario likes 9/10
 - ii. District staff role to make sure the GAME is played in accordance with rules and regulations of Little League
 - h. Challenger Program—ULLL contribution TBD (likely \$900 +/-)
- 8. Old Business
 - a. Fall Ball Wrap up—overall Kerry heard good feedback. Spencer would like majors allowing no one should sit out two innings unless all have sit out at least 1 inning.
 - i. Disciplinary Issue—the issue was investigated and suspension was handed down. Kerry enlisted 4 Board members in the evaluation. Kerry did get written statements from individuals involved, witnesses, umpires and these were reviewed by the 4. Follow up email to entire league.
 - ii. Formalized investigation protocol
 - b. Survey Monkey—renewal early 2017
 - c. Train Station Fees—request to reach out to town council members- provide written feedback to town council. Kerry is going to put a formal note from the league.
 - i. Alternate location for meetings? Chris to reserve the Library for January.
- 9. New Business
 - a. 2017 Welcome Letter? Last year Kerry sent a welcome letter as a heads up and thank you. Should we do that again? Mario says yes.
 - b. 2017 Background checks
 - c. Feedback on Managers/Coaches Performance—surveys coming. Mario asked if anyone would like anything added to surveys, Anthony would like added “how are the area reps doing?”
 - d. 2017 Calendar of Events
 - e. Middle School/Big Field Survey Results – Kerry did speak with Brett Smith before putting out the survey. 30% response. There is interest in either a Middle School or Big Field program given the ages not sure there is enough for a spring program this year. Mario proposes we implement a juniors and seniors/Middle School program for the 2017 fall season which would bring on two new board members as soon as Possible in ULLL, Cindy second the motion. All in favor 5, opposed 6, Anthony abstained. Mario motion that the president finds 2 individuals (not board members) to do a thorough investigation of a perspective juniors and seniors big field program and a perspective middle school program for ULLL and report back in February board meeting. Bill second motion. All Approved
 - f. Spring 2017 Managers Applications & Volunteer Forms- will be with registration.

- g. On-Line Spring Registration, December 1 – January 31
 - i. Walk-in Registration, Saturday 1/28/2016, 9A-Noon, TBD
 - ii. Registration Fees-Mario Motion to increase fee for every player by 10 and 45 per player be returned to the areas, Randy second. All Approved
 - iii. Refund Policy-as long as they did in advance prior to skills assessment minus the county fee

Meeting closed at 9:44pm

Next Meeting – Monday, January 9, 2017, Location TBD, 7:00PM