

ULLL Board Meeting Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Public: Trent Small , Todd Slade, Darrin Klinge- suggestions for assessments would like to have all kids assess not just the kids just on majors teams. 2<sup>nd</sup>- incorporate a catching part to assessments.

Board members; Kerry Rice, Carri Michon, Amanda Rohs, Mike Hughes, Francine Reed, Chris Kerley, Anthony Cusat, Randy Nixon, Cindy Courchaine, Mario Valenti, Mark Rohrbaugh, Spencer Neilson, Bill McCleary, Don Fletcher

Absent-Josh Cooper

1. Call to order 7:03pm
2. Secretary minutes Chris motion Carri second All Approved
3. Treasurer report- We have recently renewed our VA Sales Tax exempt status and Carri has the document should you ever need it for purchases for respective areas or ULLL purchases. It expires 12/13/2021 as the exemption is good for 5 years.
4. Player Agent Report – Don sent out latest registration Committee Reports
5. Committees Reports
  - a. Safety- Amanda
    1. Date of manager and Coach Safety Training-March 14<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30pm-Harmony MS Confirmed Trainers-Anne Blackstone-INova Head to Head Concussion Clinic. LeeAnn Skinner-First Aid National Sports Medicine Institute. Dr. Tim Johnson-National Sports Medicine Institute- arm health for youth pitchers.
    2. In the process of completing the Annual safety plan to LL International to be completed by endo of February or sooner. Note: to earn the district incentive for ASAP participation, a district's league plans must be received and approved by Little League International by March 10.
    3. Continued work on safety signage for all fields-Two main items for the signage is bat safety and the weather policy, as those seem to be the two items that need consistent attention and reminders.
    4. Working on Safety plan revision for this year. Condensing some areas and adding some key pointers for coaches. It will hopefully be more of a working guide and reference as opposed to pages of flyers. Hope to have a draft by early Feb and some items can't be removed since they are requirements by LL international.
    5. Updating facility audit on all fields. This report needs to be sent to LL international with our safety plan. It is a 47 question form that has to be completed for every field that our league uses. We will need to be sure that new fields are added and ones we don't use be removed. Any field allocated to us must be included in this form. Please note that a field not listed will NOT be covered under our league

insurance policy. For Example-Round Hill 2 is not a league field and optional practices at someone's house are also not covered. In addition, optional practices held at a baseball facility will not be covered by our league insurance-those facilities have waivers and their own coverage. We need this to be clear to all managers and families of our league as we move into the season.

b. Umpires-Chris

c. Coaches-Spencer-on board for coach's clinic at fielder's choice, approx. late march.

d. Information Officer-Donald- online manager's registration form

e. Sponsorship-Randy how are we doing with hit a thon? Proposal was to not have event but hold these at practice or have small minority pledge. Mario motions not to have a big event but area reps choose if they would like to hold their own hit a thon like event. Randy second all approved. This is a requirement for managers if the area has decided to hold this event. Giant sponsorship? Any visits? January is the month that they allocate monies.

## 6. Area Reps Reports

a. Lovettsville- Josh-absent

b. Hamilton-Mark- the Ryan and Tanner Michon's Hamilton Concessions/Press Box Eagle Project build has continued to move forward with power run to the building during Christmas break. (A big Kudos to Dude Moxley being very instrumental in this process) At least 20,000 donations between Dominion power and Leo Construction. Footers for the order platform were also dug and inspected during the holidays. Concrete will be poured for those footers this Wednesday evening.

c. Purcellville North-Mike status on the MV improvements (Chris York update)-Main question do we shut field down in spring or do it in the summer. Can Chris send email to Mario about the confirmation from the principal from the county to say it is a go.

d. Purcellville South-Bill- need locksmith to get into the kitchen. (Will need a drink cooler). Cindy spoke to mayor last season he mentioned if you contact Pepsi or Coke and we sell their products they may donate one to the league.

e. Round Hill-Anthony-1- Concession stand storage building repairs and dugout roof improvements at field 1-Contract signed awaiting favorable weather for roofing repairs to begin. Materials delivered soon. 2-Door to storage building broken into, do not think anything missing. 3-inappropriate snow art done on the field last week. 4-Request baseball equipment funds from Hit-a-thon. (Estimated prices and preliminary quantities)

7. Vice president report- 2017 every league must register all volunteers. Mario will send list of last year's volunteers and he will send copy to area reps. Your volunteer coaches are not volunteers until Mario and Kerry let you know. Mario will send you a list of returning volunteer forms. Provide update two

parks going under construction this spring 1-Lovettsville and plan on having lights 2-Hamilton Scott Jenkins- closed for spring going to put at least 3 more fields- 40/60 and 50/70 fields and a soccer field. County wants to know if league will be using Nell Boone, Mickey Gordon and Lucketts Elem/community center. Mario wants to make sure if we say we are using these fields then we must be using them. Decision to be made by Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 8. Old Business

a. 2017 Calendar of events- Still working on finalizing the dates. Currently Feb 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> assessments. March 14<sup>th</sup> managers safety clinic and soon after will hold parent meeting. Practices Monday March 20<sup>th</sup> with games more than likely starting before spring break. Picture day-April 29<sup>th</sup> or May 6<sup>th</sup>. Playoffs to begin after Memorial Day.

Spring 2017 Managers application& Volunteer forms-electronic

c. on-line registration –Dec 1-Jan 31<sup>st</sup> wait list through late Feb.

d. Walk in registration-Jan 28<sup>th</sup> location TBD

e. Survey Monkey renewal-motion for \$600 for renewal for survey monkey Spencer Motion to approve \$600 for renewal of monkey survey, Randy second. All Approved.

f. Train Station fees-Kerry still to send formal note from the league

g. 2017 Welcome Letter-Kerry to send mid Jan

h.2017 Background check

i. 2017 Youth Sports league request-Kerry request 1000 to the town

k. Middle School/Big Field-Kerry still to follow up with individuals to report back next month on big field future. See New Business #f.

## New Business

- a. New 2017 Little League Rules- one foot in batter's box-local league with have option for batters to leave one foot in batter's box. Kerry recommends we match green book. Intentional walks it counts as 4 pitches against the pitcher. Special pinch runner rules-only use special pinch runner twice in the game. Stealing and relaying of signs can be ruled unsportsman like by the umpire. Language in rule book about fights for the umpires use. Mandatory background checks, residency requirements have changed, 17 items have been grouped into three groups and you will need one from each of the three groups.
- b. B. Policy: How to handle requests to play in other areas. Coach Pitch and T-ball levels-Kerry is going to table this at the moment.
- c. C-financial assistance protocol-Mario motion 1500 to be used for financial assistance, Bill second. All approved. Don no problem with amount questions about how we award it because

he sees same name year after year. In the past we do some measure of due diligence, Kerry will approve and they are asked to pay player fee.

- d. Coaching selection/Recommendations based on last season feedback (Survey Monkey) please provide any information about coaching selections if you have concerns about the individual to Kerry Rice.
- e. Financial determination of sponsorship amounts-Mario motion to increase sponsorship \$50with \$300 for t-ball through AAA and \$400 for Majors. Carri opposed due the small business being hit up by all the groups in the area for sponsorships. Spencer suggests if we up the fee then add banner. Public commented on Wife sponsored last year and if we up the fee he would be inclined not to sponsor as many but would rather pay the increase of the hat fee, etc. Mario will withdraw his motion. Amended motion 250 and 400 same as last year. All Approved.
- f. GLBR request-reaching out to our 13yo graduates of Little League to let them know registration will be opening up. He would like feedback from our survey; Kerry is not going to share our emails.

Meeting adjourned 8:44pm

Next meeting Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 Library 7:00 pm