

ULLL Board of Directors
Monday, April 3, 2017

Board Members: Kerry Rice, Cindy Courchaine, Spencer Neillson, Anthony Cusat, Josh Cooper, Francine Reed, Don Fletcher, Bill Mcclary, Chris Kerley, Amanda Rohs, Mario Valenti

Absent: Carri Michon, Spencer Neillson, Randy Nixon, Mark Roudabaugh, Mike Hughes,

1. Call to Order : 7:01pm
2. Introductions of Public in Attendance- **Joe Courchaine**-address board CLL –they list the coaches, managers, and adult game coordinator, this will help with the youth umpire knowing who should be at the plate for the pregame meeting. He is requesting this be listed on our website. Our security issue for us is resolved, and Don thinks we can add this to our website. 2-attended the umpire training any adult umpire working with a youth if a coach wants to come and discuss with a youth umpire they should be escorted by the adult umpire. In the case of two youth umpires he would like the adult game coordinator walk out the coaches. Kerry suggests he bring this up to Chris Kerley. 3- 2 little leagues that have no tolerance policy with umpire abuse he would like to see our league take on no tolerance actions. **Gus Kearney**-tarp discussion with He 1 a field wide tarp is difficult, he suggest small tarps. Is effort worth it if the county closes the fields? County has better equipment to be a bit more selective with fields closing. Scheduling? 7 weeks with tournaments the 30th of May. Schedule compressed and not a lot of wiggle room, how do we (address since we need to play 12 games) with field availability. Teams have to play 12 games to be eligible for tournaments- Kerry tried with the managers of those teams that had only 8 games he tried to reach out to those coaches but had no feedback. Gus not agreeing and Kerry refers to him that he is not the manager of the team in question, the conversation with the manager had taken place and they turned down the offer. Kerry needs rain outs rescheduled and we are going to be more proactive with rescheduling. We are scheduling more games 13 vs the 12 as we did last year. Rookie will have more reg season games because they don't have tournament. We won't have as many games sched for majors and AAA. We work off last day of school and work backwards. Regard to All Stars why not more transparency with process, Kerry says we are working on this, how we select and how we make people aware, not open tryouts. Finances and transparency reports inadequate, do we have an audit? Yes we do and financials are supplied to little league internationals, we have not published out there but she does give us copies for the board. Happy to provide more detail we are not hiding and if there is more we need to provide let Kerry know. **Lamonte Smith** District 16 administrator-misconception of his role- Individual elected by pres. of the district he or she represents-3year term –he is on his 4th 3 year term. Primary job to run district tournaments. I cannot undue decision made in every league, can't change schedule or how you do your all-star elections. He can counsel presidents if and when they have issues.. We are in desperate need of adult umpires, umpires that are paid during the little league season they can't umpire in the district tournament. All umpires for the district tournaments have to be volunteers. Any questions what the district does? Trying to set District tournaments up so they have min of 3 to max of 5 to get to their state locations. Over 5000 children playing baseball and softball in District 16.
3. Secretary Report/Approval of Minutes from last meeting—Francine Mario motion Anthony second All Approved

4. Treasurer Report—Kerry (for Carri) our balance sheet 237 000 assets right now we have all this income and we have not spent any money yet. Year over year is flat we don't budget to increase it. We try to stick to a net zero. This is why we haven't had to increase much on our fees.
5. Player Agents Report—Cindy: Final Spring Registration Numbers 753 we are only league in district that grew this year.
6. Committees Reports
 - a. Safety—Amanda-safety info being distributed. Area towns reps that have concessions please let Amanda know what they need as far as ice packs, and first aid kits. Amanda would like parents and managers at the safety clinic were the doctors would be present.
 - b. Umpires—Chris-87 on roles and only 36 assigned.
 - c. Coaches—Spencer- coach's clinic with Dan went well, poss. 60 coaches there.
 - d. Information Officer—Donald-
 - e. Sponsorship—Randy-absent, all teams have sponsors.
 - i. Finalizing the information to send 99 Pledges so the hit-a-thon can be launched.
 - ii. once that is ready will forward out the info form to the league office and area reps for forwarding to coaches and parents in advance of 99pledges sending their note out.
 - iii. Would like to have everything in parent's hands 19 April. Run this through 19 May.
 - iv. Mario--I need to finalize prizes with you and get prices from your contact. TBD for participation--but probably Cannon's tickets if they'll give them to us again. Next level ULLL shirt. Next level ULLL hat. Final ULLL bat bag.
7. Area Reps Reports
 - a. **Lovettsville—Josh**-request for 6000 dollars for Fralen upgrades and repairs –Josh would like to increase this to \$7000, Kerry will up this to \$ 8000 Anthony motion and Amanda second. All Approved.
 - All teams have been issued team equipment. The following equipment has been purchased this Spring:
 - New catchers gear purchased x4... AAA Reds, AAA Marlins, Rookie Reds and TB Marlins.
 - New helmets purchased for TB and Rookie level teams.
 - Mound cover and home plate cover purchased for LE1.
 - New batting cage net purchased.
 - New marking dust machines purchased one for Fralin and one for LE1.
 - New batting tees purchased x4.
 - New team equipment bags x8.
 - 18 dozen baseballs for various levels.
 - Batting cage net, soft toss nets and L-screens assembled on 3/25.
 - Weather has delayed a formal field clean-up day. New tentative date is this coming weekend 4/8 and 4/15. Projects include rebuilding bullpens at LE1, weeding the batting cage/fence area and reattaching the 1st base dugout roof that completely blew off during a storm earlier in March.

- Working with Mario and PRCS to recut the infield and reset bases to 60' on the Game Club Field.
- Uniforms have been delivered for Majors and AAA teams. Expecting to receive and distribute AA team uniforms in the next day.
- A number of safety issues have been identified on Fralin Field. Requesting funding from the Board in an amount not to exceed \$6,000 to make the following emergency repairs:
 - Repair dugout gates
 - Repair backstop fencing
 - Replace dugout benches
 - Backfill areas of soil erosion with crushed stone
 - Tentative schedule for ULLL/Lovettsville Opening Day:
 - 8:30a Parade Line-up at Lovettsville Community Center
 - 9:00a Parade begins
 - 9:20a Parade arrives at Lovettsville ES
 - 9:30a Opening Day Ceremonies commence on LE1
 - 10:15a Conclusion of Opening Day Ceremonies

- b. **Hamilton—Mark**- concessions still working on it Mark asked for a punch list.
- c. **Purcellville North**—Mike- mounds at Nell Boone and Mountain View need to be fixed. Mario will talk to Chris York.
- d. **Purcellville South**—Bill- trying to get long fence to replace the pole at Haske approx. 3500 dollars, Motion to allocate money to replacing the pole at Haske Mario motion \$4000 to fix fence ole and any other extras Cindy second. All Approved

- Uniforms for AAA, AA, and Majors received and distributed. AA now expected to be completed tomorrow, I will need to pick up and distribute before games.
- While we continue to make cosmetic improvements (seeding, sod, painting) Haske is in good condition for game opener. I presume marking dust will be delivered today. T-ball field needs some work to get it game playable. This will be accomplished this week.
- Haske tarp protocol and volunteer process (install, remove) is in play. No issues to report so far.
- New Haske tractor purchased and delivered to Haske Field.
- Concession stand cleaned and being stocked for games this week. Inspection scheduled for tomorrow. Will continue to use the volunteer staffing system this spring but will consider other options during playoffs.
- Inquiring with Long Fence this week to see if Haske Pole replacement/repair could occur during spring break week. If not, we will defer until after the spring baseball season
- In process of assessing completeness of PS Volunteer forms.
- Opening Day

- e. **Round Hill—Anthony**-Bucket truck coming to trim trees, \$ 2500 for fence repair Can we reach out to travel teams to follow weather policy RH 2, RH 2 is not added to our requested. If

county closes diamond at round hill center then RH2 are closed. Mario motion \$3000 for fence repair at Round Hill Josh second. All Approved.

Items complete:

- Fields have been cleaned and prepped for the season.
- The new roofs on RH1 are complete
- The modifications to the Shed/Concession Stand are 95% complete. A few remaining details, punch list items.
- The concession stand has been sanitized.
- Bullpens, batting cage and warning track on RH1 have been edged and top-dressed.
- Mowing of Fields 1 and 3 will start this week.

In the works:

1. In discussions with local painting contractor to paint the Shed Concession Stand.
2. When conditions permit, local tree arborist to prune white pine limbs out of the field of play.
3. In discussions to secure steel posts for scoreboard installation.
4. Volunteer is working to confirm scoreboard is functional
5. Have requested proposals from local companies for scoreboard installation.
6. Once scoreboard is installed, we will then engage an electrician.

And finally, **Round Hill Youth Sports Requests the following funds be provided by ULLL:**

What and where: to repair the fence along the first base line RH1: \$2,500.00

When: Work can be completed before Opening day if funds are provided.

Why: This repair is needed to protect the health, safety and welfare of our ULLL players and coaches.

Price to include:

1. 100 linear feet of new fencing.
2. And the addition of a center rails to discourage soft toss into fencing.
3. All Labor and materials.

8. Vice President's Report: Volunteer Forms-Updated status-thank you to areas who sent in their lists. Volunteers have to be in first advantage. 225 volunteer forms hopes to cross the 250 mark Little League expects 402 volunteer forms from ULLL. Western fields have been slow to get the county equipment on the fields; Mario asked the county to allow us to make decisions since we have the people and equipment to take care of fields with tarps and tractors, etc. In the (rain line) notes for they will have more specific field closures.
9. Old Business
 - a. LCPRCS Contacts/protocol-3 people in our league Mario, Donald, and Kerry. If you have an issue or question for parks and rec please route it through the 3 mentioned.

- b. Practice Schedules- area reps get them into Donald. Need to provide specific time periods and teams present.
- c. Game Schedules
- d. Sponsor List
- e. Managers/Coaches/AGCs/Umpires/Other Volunteers- Kerry put the plea out at parents meeting.
- f. Rules Meetings- still to be scheduled

10. New Business

- a. Opening Day Ceremonies/Schedules, April 22- LV 8:30 scheduled 9:30-10:15. Games began last year at 10:30 with t-ball. RH-11:00? PS- opening day on to do list. Bill to do after 11. PN-? Town of Purcellville has asked.
- b. Team Picture Day, April 29 schedules will be done after game schedules done for that day.
- c. Purcellville Fireman's Field RFI- as defines includes Haske. Kerry doesn't know the intent of this.
- d. Little League MLB Youth Baseball Days-Washington National days 3 days 4/30, 6/ 5 and t October 1st .. Let Kerry know if this is of interest...
- e. All-Stars—options-these 3 are the ones we have kids participating in option for 8-9 invitational all-star not a formal district tournament ,will start mon 12th of June Mario motion to send and American and national team to the 8-9 tournament Josh second motion. All Approved
 - i. ALL STARS (from SPENCER) we need to get ahead of who will be playing All-stars if possible. I think we should use this method with very proactive communication to parents. This comes from DLL and I think it is a great way to ensure we get enough players and allow parents to plan ahead early. We should send out an All-star registration form no later than May 15.

f. hosting-**ULL 9-11 yo tournament** start wed the 28th of June, **8-10yo Loudoun south**, wed June 21, **little league** wed July 5th hosted by central at freedom park,

g. . Player selection-see below. Kerry has problems with execution of the concept; if we implement this last year we may not have been able to field an all-star team.

ii. **Player commitment – mid May**

All eligible players in Majors and AAA are asked to complete a player commitment affidavit and, if interested in post-season play, to pledge their commitment to the team if selected. Players who are eligible for more than one team have the option of committing to one or both. Example: A League Age 10 playing in Majors is eligible for both the [10/11](#) team and the [9/10](#) team. On the commitment form, he has four options. He may:

a) Make himself eligible for the [10/11](#) team only, and opt not to make himself eligible for the [9/10](#) team if he is not selected for the [10/11](#).

b) Make himself eligible for the [9/10](#) team only, and not make himself eligible

for the [10/11](#) team. A player might do this if he would rather be a primary contributor to the [9/10](#) team than play a limited role on the [10/11](#) team.

c) Make himself eligible for both teams. In this instance, the [10/11](#) team would form their roster, and if the player is selected he is then ineligible for the [9/10](#) team (you cannot be named to more than one team). If the player is not selected to the [10/11](#) team, he then becomes eligible for selection to the [9/10](#) team.

d) Decide not to be considered for either team. Nobody is forced to make a time commitment to play for any of our post-season teams.

- h. Other-tarps-Joe would like RH to purchase one. If we add tarps we have to have people to manage them. Ideally we need second tarp for tournament plays. Please email Chris Kerley when the fields are closed or if there is game time decision then contact Chris Kerley so he can inform his umpires.

Meeting adjourned 9:29 pm

Next Meeting – Monday, May 1, 2016, PURCELLVILLE LIBRARY, 7:00PM

