

ULLL Board of Directors
Monday, 10 December 2018

Board Members Present: Kerry Rice, Mario Valenti, Don Fletcher, Francine Reed, Jimmy Hill, Brandon Bonnette, Chris York, Steve McIntosh, Kelly Cunningham, Mark Bauer, Patrick Awenowicz, and Carri Michon and Chris Colio

Absent: Brad Brenneman, Drew Bishop, Amanda Rohs,

Public: None

Meeting Called to order 7:01pm

1. Secretary's Report / Minutes from Last Meeting (Francine)

Minutes sent out by Carri on 21 October 2018 (at 10:48 PM) for review.

2. Treasurer's Report (Carri)

No report provided.

3. Player Agent's Report (Vacant)

No report provided.

4. Vice President's Report (Mario)

- Worked with Donald on setting up spring 2019 registration. Updated ULLL Division document.
- LL Volunteer Forms – Beginning to process the 2019 LL Volunteer Forms. Donald and I got the new volunteer list up and running. Need everyone on the board to fill it out. Need everyone on the board to fill it out / by the next board meeting
- Survey Monkey – Have to finalize the fall 2018 Season survey. Thinking about doing a general survey and seeing what happens this fall. Would prefer to try a general survey (one survey for the league) and see what we get back. Also, worked with Kerry and Donald to try out board online voting via Survey Monkey... looks like it works! That said, we need to redo the funding for Survey Monkey (\$360).
- Working with Abbie (Brunswick Hardware) to establish ULLL Store for ULLL-themed gear. More to come on how that will work long term
- Team Snap – Team Snap was renewed, planning to work with Donald on setting things up for next year. Working with Donald to build up the Team Snap website. For those interested, you can visit: ulll.teamsnapsites.com to see what we've been working on.
- Field Improvements / Scheduling – Speaking with PRCS on the field allocations for next spring. Note: Scott Jenkins Park fields will not be available for use this spring due to some turf issues. PRCS anticipates that they will be ready in the fall. Again, if areas are planning to perform upgrades at fields, please coordinate with myself and Anthony as I'm in communication with PRCS on a number of projects.
- Spring Registration Flyer – Will work to have the spring flyer completed, will register again with Peach Jar and send out the flyer ASAP. Anticipated cost (based on last year): \$350 to \$400.

➤ **Funding Request #1 (VP):** Board allocation for 2018 Spring Flyer – Cost: \$400

➤ **Funding request #2 (VP):** Survey Monkey renewal in December – Cost: \$360

5. Committees Reports

a. Safety (Brandon)

No report provided.

b. Umpires (Amanda and Jimmy)

- Umpires are working on training dates.
- Requested Agenda item: We have to decide is whether or not to go with 1st team sports doing our fundraiser, this year. We have to give them the go-ahead ASAP, so they can have the cards and sponsors ready for the beginning of the season. I assume Kelly will be at the meeting to inform the newer board members. Background: 1st Team Sports has offered to work with ULLL to produce a fundraising campaign that involves making coupon books for local businesses (tailored to the ULLL area) that people can purchase and use throughout the 2019 year. Because of the need to get started on this request (to allow 1st Team Sports to coordinate with local businesses), ULLL must commit to moving forward. The cost (estimated) is \$1000 to produce books.

➤ Funding Request #1 (Umpire): Board allocation for 1st Team Sports Fundraiser (Coupon Books) – Cost: \$1000

c. Coaching Coordinator (Mark)

- Requested Agenda Item: I would like to get the Little League Facebook and twitter site going. I need to know my parameters for the league and what I can and can't post. For now will be all about promoting spring baseball players, coaches, and umpires and also the important dates for registration etc.
- Requested Agenda Item: I would like for the board to have a discussion regarding is playing majors games on Tuesday and Friday this spring. I have a lot of positive reasons why I think this is a good idea and am willing to start the dialogue. I do think it's time for the league to start the dialogue of how to continue to keep our competitive baseball players in little league as well as understand and support our local western Loudoun travel baseball organizations and talk arm health for players who play more baseball then the little league only kid.

d. Information Officer (Donald)

Set up website for Spring Registration.

e. TBD (Kelly)

No report provided.

f. Sponsorship (Drew)

No report provided.

5. Area Representative Reports

a. Hamilton Area (Patrick)

- Mario and Ian were kind enough to help and show me how to tear down the HE fields which is now prepped for the winter (on 2 December)
- This is my first meeting; I would like to add a topic to have an actual opening day ceremony at HE1 for all the Hamilton teams followed by games all day. It would be a great way to start the season and allow the little guys to see the big guys. Also, it would encourage folks to watch the older boys play. Lots of thoughts but wanted to put it out there as I know Hamilton has not done this.

b. Lovettsville Area (Brad)

No report provided.

c. Purcellville North (Chris)

No report provided.

d. Purcellville South (Chris)

- Haske is closed for the winter. Thank you to Mark, Scott and Jimmy for the help!! And an extra thanks to Jimmy for coordinating the backstop work with the FD.
- Still need to run through the concession shack at Haske to clear out any perishable items and mouse proof whatever is left.
- Locks have been placed on the gates at Haske in prep for the drainage work.
- Took inventory at Mickie Gordon. The tractor is in the same shape it was a year ago. I am not sure who owns the tractor but it is in dire need of repair in order to run again. It may be cheaper to get a hand drag and rake.

e. Round Hill (Steve)

- Conducted Clean-up day on November 10th taking down batting cage nets and storing all screen as well as general maintenance
- Met with Premier Turf about correcting drainage and dead grass in left field at RH1 and looking for \$1,151.79 to fix left field issue. I am requesting the amount of up to \$1,500.00 to regrade and sod left field at Round Hill 1. During the past season it became a settling point for a lot of rain and stayed there killing the grass. I am working with rolling green same company that is doing work at Haske. Their quote is for \$1,151.79 but wanted to add some wiggle room for any unforeseen cost.
- Drink Cooler died looking up solutions to fix that including talking to Pepsi to provide new one (old cooler was a Pepsi branded)
- Working on plans with other capital products including: hopefully to be done over the next couple years including.
 - Fix backstop and drainage at RH1
 - Remove old and construct new retaining wall 1st base side and install Gravel Path to bullpens RH1.
 - Fence in area between both dugouts and bullpens at RH1
 - Bleachers at RHE
 - Shed at RHE
 - Create field at RH4 for (Tball only)

➤ **Funding Request #1 (RH):** Board allocation to Re-sod / Re-grade LF in RH 1 – Cost: **\$1500**

6. Summary of Funding Requests for Board Consideration at Monday, 10 Dec 2018 meeting

- **Funding Request (VP #1):** Board funds for Spring Flyer Cost: \$ 400.00
- **Funding Request (VP #2):** Board funds for Survey Monkey Cost: \$ 360.00
- **Funding Request (Ump #1):** Board allocation for 1st Team Sports Fundraiser (Coupon Bks) Cost: \$ 1000.00
- **Funding Request (RH #1):** Board funds for RH 1 LF Re-sod / Regrade Cost: \$ 1500.00

Total Request Summary: \$ 3260.00

7. Summary of Agenda Item Requests for Board Consideration at Monday, 10 Dec 2018 meeting

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- c) Requested Agenda Item: ULLL Coaching Coordinator would like for the board to discuss playing Majors games on Tuesday and Friday this spring.

8. District 16 Meeting Report-Kerry-review of last year we provide funding with dues,

Our district will be (LL) are hosting senior tournament next year early in July.

a.LLSER Road Show Jan 26-27 national conference center in Leesburg.

Umpire clinic concurrent with it-Kerry encouraging as many of us to attend. Jim would like to send and fully fund the 4 trainers for Umpires. Kerry wants us to cover expenses and board members to go. Chris York motion to reimburse the cost of attendance and Brandon second. All Approved

9. Old Business

- a. Fall ball wrap up-umpires paid. No response from single manager assuming umpires were A-plus.
- b. board Roles-no player agent. Kerry has role for Kelly-tournament coordination this spring. Not tournament director. No answer necessary tonight.
- c. winter field closure-please get batting cages down.

d. Feedback on Managers/Coaches Performance-Surveys to be sent- not sent out yet. Mario would like ideas of what individuals may want to add to survey i.e. Umpire info

10. New Business

a. 2019 Welcome Letter-Kerry to send with 2019 spring registration reminder

b. 2019 Calendar of Events-going to change historically first Monday of month has been our board meeting, football has reserved all the first Mondays of the month in 2019. 2 options- 1-2nd Monday, 2- first Tuesday. Jimmy motion for 2nd Monday Mario second all approved.

c. Spring 2019 volunteer Applications-all board members need to submit.

d. On-line Spring Registration active through Jan 31st.

i. walk in registration TBD-none came last year-suspend it? Kerry is not going to hold this event.

ii. Refund Policy reminder/adoption for 2019-as new board we need to adopt the policy-policy has been full refund Feb 15th , for fall it is July 15th, 1/2 refund up to Tuesday before assessments , after that there is no refund. Jimmy asked if we have anything about so many games a parent volunteers for umpiring for example 8 games can we then refund their registration. No there is nothing on registration. Motion for adopting refund policy all approved

e. Meeting Protocols- please send in the reports

f. Consent Agenda approval-

g. Funding request- survey monkey- so we can vote online prior to meeting for non-controversial items, spring fliers-, fundraising cards- work with first teams sports cards are \$20 , cost to us is none. Mario proposes – fundraiser AAA and down 85% goes back to the area the other 15% goes back to league. Majors in national league divide between the 3 areas, in American it is divided between the 2 areas. Motion to pay for survey monkey Mark motioned Steve second. All Approved. Spring flyers Jimmy made motion and Patrick second all approved motion do we do capital project in our league with cards 2nd part how do we allocate the money. Motion is to do fundraiser card all approved.

h. RH1 status-Steve needs drainage for left field. Needs 1500 to regrade both sides of the fence. Mario motion for 1500 for Round Hill to correct drainage issue Patrick second. Jimmy said you will need another 700 due to Miss Utility we will need private contractor. Mario modifies motion to \$2000(per Steve's revised request) Kerry second all approved.

i. Social Media-Mark would like the know parameters? No pictures of kids' faces, names and pictures of players. Keep it informational based, events, highlights and what may be on the website.

j. Majors Play Days- Mark proposed a discussion of Majors game on Tuesdays and Fridays- Arm safety. Also improve some of our majors games previous played on Saturdays because they may not be playing due to saving them for their travel games. Friday games may allow players who may play travel and have weekend travel games better to participate in both Little League games and then their travel game. Kids leaving ULLL to be on Travel.

Kerry one last thing to say we don't usually meet in December, so thank you for giving up a December. Enjoy the holidays. Amanda and Jimmy working on 2 awards for Umpires -Jim Stup and Bill Roth awards.

Meeting Closed 9:45pm Next Meeting-Monday, January 14th 2019, 7:00pm Purcellville Train Station