

ULLL Board of Directors
Monday, 14 January 2019
7:00 PM
Purcellville Train Station

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

Absent: Patrick Awenowicz, Drew Bishop, Brad Brenneman, Francine Reed, Amanda Rohs, Chris York

Public: None

1. Call to Order and Introductions of Public in Attendance

Meeting Called to order 7:05 pm

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

- Minutes sent out on 1 January 2019 (at 9:19 AM) for review.
- Motion to accept the minutes: Mark, Second: Chris; Minutes approved unanimously

3. Middle School Baseball (Kerry)

- History: About 3 yrs ago, other leagues in District 16 started a Middle School baseball program by chartering teams in the LL Seniors division, and players that didn't get the opportunity to make the teams were then able to play in LL Juniors division. About 2 years ago, ULLL put together a survey getting interest in the Middle School program – there was interest, but there were not volunteers that wanted to run a Seniors / Juniors program in Western Loudoun (nor did anyone want to develop a program in the ULLL that would conflict GLBR locally). This was also discussed by the board in Spring 2018, and there still was not interest in conducting a Seniors / Juniors program in ULLL.
- In Fall 2018, three parents from the Western Loudoun community approached selected District 16 league presidents and asked if it was possible to have kids from the Western Loudoun area to participate in the Middle School Program. In November, the presidents from two leagues in District 16 reached out to Kerry about whether ULLL was going to start a Middle School program. At that time, Kerry re-iterated the ULLL's position – the ULLL will not start a Middle School program. That being said, Kerry also recognized the interest of at least some families in the ULLL geography to participate in the program, and he agreed to help facilitate that happening.
- Because of ULLL being two leagues governed by one board of directors, the only leagues that would be able to adopt the middle school players from ULLL geography to participate on combined teams in a separate league would be leagues with a single charter (LSLL or GFLLB). Because Fauquier County has a scholastic middle school program, further conversations in December continued between the three parents from the ULLL geography, the LSLL President, District 16, and Kerry. The goal was to enable interested players to participate in the LSLL Juniors / Seniors program.
- Important points: The agreement (which was achieved in late December) allowed players that tryout but are not selected to have the option to play the LSLL Junior's program; ULLL will not be involved in the LSLL program (i.e., decisions on managers, coaches, umpires, etc. are made by LSLL... not ULLL). As such, the program is a LSLL-run program, not a ULLL program (as the ULLL does not currently sponsor a big field program).
- Question from the board: What happens if there is a large demand for the ULLL to sponsor a big field program (because of interest)? Answer: At this point, it's up to the ULLL board. The board could choose to adopt it in the future, but recognize that it will affect the existing GLBR program. If there is a ground

swell of parents that will setup and run a Juniors / Seniors program, the board can always revisit it and opt to add those divisions.

- In summary, Kerry re-iterated that ULLL is not sponsoring a big field program, nor involved in operation of the Middle School program at this time. If anyone has questions, please go to LSSL's website.

4. Treasurer's Report (Carri)

- Purcellville Sports Grant – Carri brought up that the Purcellville Youth Sports grant deadline is due soon. They specifically weight the applications which serve all children, not just a select few. We have been awarded a grant from the Town previously. The deadline is fast approaching though. Recommendations were for projects at Haske and LVCC. Jimmy noted that MLB offers grants for fields within 75 mi for Little Leagues. Kerry asked for help in defining projects for the fields. People were going to work to get a list of projects together. Chris C. is going to draft the proposal up and provide it to Kerry for submission.

5. Player Agent's Report (Vacant)

No report provided.

6. Vice President's Report (Mario)

- Spring 2019 Managers – Worked with Donald on setting up the Spring 2019 Managers registration form. This form online ready for use. To date, there are only a few responses.
- LL Volunteer Forms – Sent out an email to all 2018 ULLL Volunteers on 1 January 2019, providing ULLL Volunteer Form link. As of Saturday, 12 January at 6 PM, I processed 64 ULLL Volunteer forms with JDP, of which 51 Volunteers have completed the JDP Background Check process. Working with ULLL Board Members to file them with JDP for both ULLL AL and NL. A big thanks to Donald for all his help with the form!!!
- Spring Registration Flyer – Finalized and sent out Spring registration flier via Peach Jar to the 11 Elem. Schools and 2 Middle Schools in the ULLL area. Looks like the flyer was published by Peach Jar during the first week of January (final cost: \$325).
- Survey Monkey – Finalized and sent out the Fall 2018 Season survey. The survey was sent out on 1 January 2019, and a reminder was sent out on 13 January (with a second planned reminder toward the end of the month). Currently, there are 64 responses to the survey out of ~450 possible responses (~14%). Renewed Survey Monkey account.
- Team Snap – Starting the process for setting up the 2019 Spring season in Team Snap. Ensured the ULLL's account was renewed.
- ULLL Gear Store – Still working with Abbie (Brunswick Hardware) to establish ULLL Store for ULLL-themed gear. She's been working to stand up a website / store for our gear. Worked with her to purchase baseballs for the 2019 year as well.
- Field Improvements / Scheduling – Spoke with PRCS again field allocations for next spring. ULLL's Field Allocations are due on 2/1. Likewise, coordinated with PRCS on mound repairs to Haske Field. If there are other fields that require repair, please submit them soonest so that we can get them on PRCS's list early.
- Sponsorship – Received phone calls regarding possible new sponsors for ULLL; forwarded their information to Drew.

7. Committees Reports

a. Safety (Brandon)

No report provided.

b. Umpires (Amanda and Jimmy)

- Sent out an email at the beginning of the Fall season requesting people to helping with field umpires. This past season, the numbers were way down. Growing concern regarding having enough umpires to help with games. Need to address this problem for the spring season.

c. Coaching Coordinator (Mark)

No report provided.

d. Information Officer (Donald)

- Spring 2019 Managers – Set up Spring 2019 Managers registration form. Form online ready for use.
- LL Volunteer Forms – Set up 2019 ULLL Volunteer registration form. Form online ready for use.
- Renewed Norton Security for the five league officer laptops.
- Posted 2019 ULLL Calendar online.

e. TBD (Kelly)

No report provided.

f. Sponsorship (Drew)

No report provided.

8. Area Representative Reports

a. Hamilton Area (Patrick)

Nothing new to report.

b. Lovettsville Area (Brad)

No report provided.

c. Purcellville North (Chris)

No report provided.

d. Purcellville South (Chris)

- We are experimenting with multiple options to fix the fence bowing at Haske.
- The new drainage has been tested with multiple rain storms & seems to be keeping the backstop are dry.

e. Round Hill (Steve)

- Work to level and resod areas on RH1 damages from flooding was completed Friday 1/11 invoice expected soon (Pictures attached)

- Reached out to both local Coke and Pepsi distributors about replacing cooler for snack bar. I have not heard back from Pepsi. Coke is looking into options and will get back to me soon but seems most likely not an option without buying sizable amounts of soft drinks from the distributor beyond needs.
- Reached out to several local landscaping companies about fixing some of the retaining walls by the right field bull pen and dugout at RH1 as well as extending the bull pen to the dugout but have so not have any plans to move forward.
- Pictures from RH 1 Re-sodding effort



9. Old Business

a. 2019 Calendar of Events

- Little League Road Show in Leesburg on 26-27 Jan, Kerry will send link and encourages everyone who can possibly attend to do so
- Goal on Spring Tournaments (Tentative target dates): AA Champ – 3 June, AAA Champ – 4 June, Majors Champ – 5 June
- Last day of School: Friday, 7 June
- Mario offered to send out a pre-season survey regarding Tuesday-Friday game schedules and any questions folks people wants feedback on; tentative deadlines on survey questions are due by Fri, 25 January

b. Spring 2019 Managers Applications & Volunteer Forms

- Forms are out and on the website
- Mario will send out a reminder email to all Volunteers that both forms are up

c. On-Line Spring Registration, Dec 1 – Jan 31 (Waitlist through late Feb)

- Currently, 255 players registered as of today (14 January 2019)

d. 2019 Welcome Letter

- Kerry to send with registration reminder at the end of January

10. New Business

a. Constitution/Bylaws

- Kerry indicated that there are two things in LL: Constitution (which has to get to sent to the Region) and the Bylaws. The constitution should come back from SE Region, and when it does it will be posted. Bylaws are adopted annually, and consist of the ULLL local rules

b. Financial Assistance authorization

- Kerry requested \$1500 for special need financial assistance scholarships. Jimmy motioned, Chris seconded. Board voted unanimously to pass.
- Brandon asked about players of furloughed employees. Mario requested to extend the early registration fee to those affected pending their reaching out to Donald (Information) and Mario (VP, acting Player Agent). Brandon motioned, Mark seconded. Board voted unanimously to pass.
- Mario will write up an email to all previously registered people to communicate the information.

c. Final determination of Sponsorship amounts: TBall - AAA \$250, Majors \$400

- Mario motioned, Mark seconded; Board voted unanimously to pass.

Next Meeting: (Tentative) Monday, February 4, 2019, Purcellville Library, 7:00PM

- Mario motioned, Mark seconded; Board voted unanimously to pass. Meeting is confirmed for February 4 at the Purcellville Library.