

ULLL Board of Directors
Monday, 4 February 2019
Purcellville Library

Board Members present: Kerry Rice, Mario Valenti, Steve McIntosh Francine Reed, Drew Bishop, Brandon Bonnette, Brad Brenneman, Jimmy Hill, Mark Bauer, Patrick Awenowicz, Chris Coli, and Kelly Cunningham

Absent: Don Fletcher, Carri Michon, Amanda Rohs, Chris York,

Public: none present

Meeting 7:11pm

Area Representative and Committee Reports (as of Sunday, 3 February 2019 at 11 PM)

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

- Minutes sent out by Kerry on 27 January 2019 (at 4:36 PM) for review. Brad motion to approve, Steve second. All Approved

2. Treasurer's Report (Carri)

- Report provided (to be distributed at meeting) low end about 100,000. Brad asked if safety has budget and yes.

3. Player Agent's Report (Vacant)

No report provided.

4. Vice President's Report (Mario)

- LL Volunteer and Request to Manage Forms – Sent out an email to all 2018 ULLL Volunteers on 1 January 2019, providing ULLL Volunteer Form link. As of Sunday, 3 February at 11 PM, I processed 114 ULLL Volunteer forms with JDP, of which 92 Volunteers have completed the JDP Background Check process. Working with ULLL Board Members to file them with JDP for both ULLL AL and NL. Again, a big thanks to Donald for all his help!!!
- Spring Local Rules, Opt-Out Form Info, and Pre-/Post-Game Expectations Documents – Sent them out for Board Review on 27 January. Final proposed version sent out on Sunday, 3 Feb.
- Survey Monkey – Sent out the fall 2018 Season survey and two reminder emails (one on 13 January, one on 27 January). Currently, there are 108 responses to the survey out of ~450 possible responses (~25%). Renewed Survey Monkey account.
- 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.

5. Committees Reports

a. Safety (Brandon)

- Nearly finished with the updates of the safety plan for 2019, will be submitting it to Kerry for review shortly.
- I'm planning to visit each field in February and plan to share my note/findings with each of the respective area reps

b. Umpires (Jimmy and Amanda)

- Amanda Rohs, Erik Rohs, Randy Kushner, Chris Kerley, two youth umpires, and Jimmy Hill attended the SER Umpire rules clinic at Xerox this weekend. Plenty of good info was shared. We need to request a \$55 dollar reimbursement to this list (Randy Kushner, Chris Kerley, Amanda & Erik Rohs, Jim Hill, Ann Marie Fennelly for her son Ryan, Lisa Cammarota for her son Tony – totaling \$385)
- We are scheduling a clinic of our own, in Feb. Except Super Bowl Sunday, we are working some plate clinics at FC from 7-8.
- Meeting Topic Request: Request a discussion on adding language to ULLL Local Rules that allows for the removal of a parent's player if the parent is ejected / removed from a game.
- Meeting Topic Request: Due to some recent literature from Williamsport and Warner Robbins; we need to find a way to "at least on paper" stop paying umpires. There is a considerable amount of differing opinions on how to handle the situation. Paying them means filling out tax forms. Liability is also an issue. As paid umpires they are not covered by Little League Insurance, and could easily sue us for injuries not only on the field, but in transportation to or from. One thought, I tend to lean towards is "Scholarshipping" them. I'd love to hear some other ideas.

c. Coaching Coordinator (Mark)

- Meeting topic request: I would only like a quick discussion to make the coaches clinic more beneficial to all coaches than what's currently in place

d. Information Officer (Donald)

- Spring 2019 Managers – spring 2019 Managers registration form in use.
- Registration – 625 players registered as of Sunday, 3 Feb at 11 PM
- Posted 2019 ULLL Calendar online.

e. Tournament Coordinator (Kelly)

No report provided.

f. Sponsorship (Drew)

No report provided.

6. Area Representative Reports

a. Hamilton (Patrick)

Nothing to report.

b. Lovettsville (Brad)

No report provided.

c. Purcellville North (Chris)

Nothing to report.

d. Purcellville South & Middleburg (Chris)

Nothing to report.

e. Round Hill (Steve)

- Continuing to prep for the season by getting sponsors, recruiting managers, and make improvements to the Round Hill fields and gear
- Tentatively set Round Hill Clean-up day for Saturday March 16th 10am-1pm

7. Summary of Funding Requests for Board Consideration at Monday, 4 Feb 2019 meeting

➤ No Funding Requests

Total Request Summary: \$ 0.00

8. Old Business

- a. Spring 2019 Managers Applications & Volunteer Forms- 25 -26 applications in.
- b. On-Line Spring Registration, Waitlist through late Feb—extend Period w/ no Late Fees? Mario would like to extend early registration through Feb 15th because you get a full refund up to that day. Jimmy motion to extend the early registration to Feb. 15th Jimmy second. All Approved.
- c. Furlough Deferments—4 to date; received VERY positively. Mario suggest we check in the the 4 people before assessments. Mario and Donald will take care of this.
- d. Constitution—Updated Approved version received/distributed (to be posted on Web)was approved by SE region
- e. Review of 2019 Road Show Highlights—Jim/Amanda/Kerry- Jimmy spoke about it people from all over and very informative.

9. New Business

- a. Adoption of 2019 House Rules
- b. Skills Assessment, February 23-24 @ Fielder's Choice
- c. Spring numbers/projected teams—moving target. Removed the requirement for 8 12yo on a team, but we would like to keep it at 8. 4 majors American League at this time. National League 4 majors poss. 5. AAA RH-1, PS 2 AA Rh 2/3 PS 2. Rookie American League PS-2/3 RH 2 CP PS 5/6 ,RH-2/3 TBall PS 4 RH 4/5 NL H-AAA ½ LV-1 PN-1ish, AA H-2/3 LV 2 PN 1 Rookie H-1 LV-1 PN-1 Coach pitch H-4 LV-2/3 PN-2 T-Ball H-2 LV-3/4 PN-2
- d. Need for Managers—Area Reps: Key week to recruit; application on line/background checks complete in advance of next Monday's meeting

10. Summary of Agenda Item Requests for Board Consideration at Monday, 4 Feb 2019 meeting

- a) Requested Agenda Item: Coaching Coordinator would like a quick discussion to make the coach's clinic more beneficial to all coaches than what's currently in place. Mark spoke about coaches clinic and how do we get it more of a discussion/share knowledge especially directing toward young assistants, assistant coaches etc. on how drills are run, hearing experienced coaches talk of how they have run practices, on field maintenance and a suggestion was made to hold coaches clinic at a field. Shoot ideas to Mark.
- b) Requested Agenda Item: Umpire in Chief requests a discussion on adding language to ULLL Local Rules that allows for the removal of a parent's player if the parent is ejected / removed from a game. Little League rules currently allow an umpire to remove a manager, player or coach. Our code of conduct allows the umpire to remove anybody at the field. Motion if parent ejected then player child would be removed from the game on that team Mario abstained vote 2-9 against. motion on local rules as stated All Approved

- c) Requested Agenda Item: Umpire in Chief requests a discussion on determining a way to “at least on paper” stop paying umpires. There is a considerable amount of differing opinions on how to handle the situation. Paying them means filling out tax forms. Liability is also an issue. As paid umpires they are not covered by Little League Insurance, and could easily sue us for injuries not only on the field, but in transportation to or from. One thought, I tend to lean towards is “Scholarshipping” them. I’d love to hear some other ideas. Open ended scholarship, looking for ideas. Drew can’t change language of scholarship, 1- can arbiter generate 1099? Yes 2- insurance if we want to pay there is a liability and finding a company that will cover age’s 12-13yo. Mario interjects it’s been 15 min Drew and Jimmy to speak offline and get questions to give to Mario and Kerry so they can investigate further.

Next Meeting – Monday, February 11, 2019, Purcellville Train Station, 7:00PM
(MAJORITY OF MEETING CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR MANAGER SELECTION)