



Goleta Valley South Little League
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2011

John Nisbet called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Minutes: *Motion and Second to approve the February 9, 2011 minutes. Motion carried.*

President's Report: John Nisbet

- BOD Meeting time change to the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7pm. Location TBD.
- There was an accident on the major field bleachers. Wood rot has weakened some of the planks. The bleachers have been inspected and areas that are affected have been taped-off. We will replace any damaged planks with new ones on the next field maintenance day, which is this Sunday 3/6. Safety Officer (Keith Barker) has filed a report.
- Player Development Clinics: JN will meet with Tom Meyer (UCSB) & Casey Cloud (SB Foresters) on 3/4 to finalize dates & times for these clinics to occur. Details are forthcoming.
- Memorial Day Tournament: JN has contacted Chuck Rose re: the Board's approval of the use of GV Fields. The conversation will continue re: next year's field use at a later date.
- Blood Drive @ GVSLL on Saturday, 4/9/11. SB County is experiencing a blood shortage, so there will be a fun 'competition' v. DPLL, to see who has the most donors. DH will e-blast our parents as the date approaches.
- Memorial Golf Cart: This season a memorial plaque and area at the fields will be designated to acknowledge this donation and possibly others as well.
- Composite Bats: The Evaluation & Draft Committee has met & proposed the following *local rule* be sent to Managers in order to comply with LL International findings.

Dear Managers/Coaches,

As you are all probably aware there has been a significant change to the bats allowed in Little League this year. The change is based entirely on player safety. The change was made for composite bats due to the fact that the ball was coming off the bat at dangerous speeds. Little League International has put a moratorium on the use of almost all composite bats.

As a league we put ourselves in a very dangerous place legally if we do not do everything in our power to make sure the banned composite bats are not being used. The responsibility as a manager is to insure that the 'illegal' bats are never used.

I have attached two links in this e-mail – one is the approved list of composite bats and the other is a list of approved non-composite bats. If a bat does not appear on either list consider it illegal. These lists will be printed out and in the dugout, but I suggest you start checking bats now.

If a batter enters the batter's box during a game with a non-approved bat he is out and his/her manager will be ejected from the game and will have to leave the immediate field area. The bat can be checked at any time during the at-bat. Once the next batter enters the batter's box, the timeframe for a challenge has ended. The only people who can challenge whether or not a bat is legal is the umpire or the opposing manager.

Please contact your Division VP with any questions.

Approved Composite Bats

<http://www.littleleague.org/learn/equipment/approvedcompbatssmall.html>

Approved Non-Composite Bats

http://www.littleleague.org/Assets/forms_pubs/2011ApprovedNonWoodBatList.pdf

Discussion re: why rules to govern rules, manager responsibility, umpire discretion, parents role in complying, safety issues, etc.

Motion and Second to adopt a Local Rule as stated in the Manager/Coach letter re: the use of Composite Bats.

Motion Ammended and agreed upon to change the verbage: "ejection" to "could lead to ejection." Motion failed.

Original Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Furukawa

- Numbers are declining. We need to do a better job of recruiting, advertising & finding more players in the community.
- We should discuss eliminating the Early Bird registration fee next year. Many signed up on the website early, but didn't pay registration fees until the day of evaluations.

Motion and Second to eliminate the Early Bird Registration fee going forward. Motion Carried.

Motion and Second to approve the January & February financials. Motion carried.

Player Agent: Becky Villareal

- Volunteer forms/Background Checks are required for anyone who will be working directly with players. It is imperative that all Managers, Coaches and Board Members comply. Please contact DF or BV.
- T-Ball has a waiting list of approximately 8 children.

Special Events: Kristin Quezada

- Opening Day: Saturday, 3/12, BOD arrival for set-up, 7AM! (KQ will need a few people to load auction items into their cars @ 6:30am.) BOD Photo, 7:45am. HR Derby, 9:30-10:30am. Bake Sale & Merchandise, 9am-2pm. Silent Auction, 9am-12:30pm. DJ, 9:30am-1pm.
- RC will organize all aspects of the BBQ. RH, ES, SB, MK, DD will assist.
- SW will organize the Minor field as a 'holding area' for all teams before they parade onto Major field.
- DH, SW & RS will lead/assign parade of players. *DH will provide JN with a list of Managers/Coaches to be announced in order!
- OPENING CEREMONY: Parade of teams, Presentation of colors/Eagle Scouts, All-Stars Intro, JN Speech, Raffle.
- Can we e-blast parents asking for Special Skills donations for the Silent Auction?
- VP's: Please email Managers and ask for assistance with tear down.
- May 14: PYC & GVSLL will host a joint fundraiser Gala.

Sponsorships: Paul Peterson

- 47 Team Sponsors this year, 23/57 renewals, 5 new Sponsors.
- \$19,405 gathered thus far!

Concessions Subcommittee Report: Christina Songer

- Paulette Rainbolt will be our new Concessions Director. Duties include organizing volunteers, opening/closing, preparing the order with CS.
- Would like to install a combo lock w/ key hidden inside.
- Pre-paid, re-useable cash cards: 100qty=\$2.35, 200+qty=¢.65. League will absorb this cost, should put an end to the problems with manual punch cards.
- Bids are being accepted for a new cleaning company.
- Opening & Closing will be shared with the BOD.

Safety Director: Keith Barker

- Regarding accident on the Major field bleachers, there was a witness, Lisa Streett. No apparent injuries.
- Will replace wood-rotted slots by Opening Day.

Equipment Manager: Dick Drew

- Scorebooks/Score sheets will be in booths for Managers to collect. Will notify VP's to pass along info to Managers.

Umpire in Chief: Drew Hawn

- Umpire Clinics went well. First clinic, 15 people attended. Second clinic, 8 attended. Very well run and received!

Division Officer Reports:

Junior VP: Eric Swanson

- A few challenges with forming new teams.
- Numbers decline at the 13-14 year level for many reasons: transition to 60/90 is tough, kids prioritize activities, move into Jr. High, etc.
- Hope the 50/70 Division will increase number of older players, therefore transitions into the 60/90 Division. Player Development Clinics will be helpful as well.

Major VP: Ross Cope

- Would like to see all Managers please take practice games seriously.

Mini VP: Steve Boelter

- Umpiring mini games does not count for volunteer hours. This is a Mini-Manager responsibility.

T-Ball VP: Steve Woodward

- Thanks to KQ & BV for helping to get this Division up & running.
- Thanks to DD for organizing equipment. Could we add throw-down bases for this Division next year?
- Can we add wait listed players to existing t-ball teams?

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm by John Nisbet.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, 7pm.

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Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Frank
GVSSL Secretary