

Anderson County Little League Minutes  
January 14, 2015

In Attendance:	Gabe Uebel Jonathan Cole Jesse Drury	Eric Grubb Dave Siria Brian Wooldridge	John Davis Steve Lewitt Johnny Gehefer	Bart Lewis Mark Lilly	Adam Castle Travis Daniels
Absent:	Suzie Castle Tommy Rice	Wayne White Greg Wells	Todd James Brandon Carney	Tiffany Azzinaro	Lindsey Drury

Quorum – Quorum was Present for the January 14, 2015 meeting of the 2015 Anderson County Little League Season with 14 voting Members Present

Fields – Mark motioned to order 2 loads of field dirt at an estimated cost of \$2,800.00 to complete the field 1 & 2 restoration project. Adam seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by all present. Eric is going to order and report back the board on delivery date and final cost.

District Meeting - Bart motioned that we oppose the combining of charters in Lexington and Richmond; and that we explore moving to District 5, if at the District meeting on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, it is so moved that charters be allowed to be combined for Lexington and Richmond. David seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by all present. Gabe is going to attend the meeting on Sunday and report back to the board. The board agreed charters should be based on the current population of the existing charters, so that larger areas do not have an unfair advantage in regards to eligible players.

Budget - Bart motioned that we accept the 2015 Budget as presented by the Executive Committee. Brian seconded the motioned and the motion passed unanimously by all present. A copy of the 2015 budget is attached.

Challenger League - Bart informed the board that there will be an informational meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at the Community Resource Building in the Anderson County Park for prospective families. ACLL will be one of several groups that will have a table with information for families with special needs children. Further, Bart informed the Board that he will be exploring an opportunity to attend a similar meeting Franklin Co to further expand the size of the Challenger League in the 2015 season. Further, two of the local television stations in Lexington would like to do a special program to highlight the Challenger League in Anderson County. This will require a week night game in May, rather than a Saturday game. All were in agreement and expressed gratitude for Bart's efforts and continued support of the Challenger Program.

ACLL Bank Account at Main Source Bank – Jonathan motioned that we add Adam Castle to the signatures for the Anderson County Little League bank account held at Main Source Bank in Anderson County. Eric Grubb seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously by all present.

Parent/Draft Results Meetings – Gabe discussed the need to follow through with the suggestion that we have a parent meeting with each division of the spring season. It was suggested that draft results and coaches be announced for each team to generate interest in attending. We have tentatively scheduled these meetings to occur on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> for 1 hour for each of the respective divisions. (CP 5/6, CP 7/8, Minor, and Major) At this meeting we will discuss player, parent, and coach expectations, roles, and league philosophy. It is our sincere hope that the meeting will be attended by players, coaches, parents, and league officials. John will be working to secure a location, develop the program details, and form a committee to outline the event. John will report back to the Board at the next meeting with details.

UK Fundraising – We are going to add an additional named insured at a cost 27.00 to our existing insurance policy with Little League International for the purpose of meeting the required insurance provision of the UK Fundraising program. This discussion was tabled until we submit the insurance premium for the 2015 season. Motion need prior to moving forward.

Field 2 Portable Mound – Tabled until next Meeting. Funding was approved in the 2015 Budget for the purchase pending approval of the final costs.

Spring Tournaments – Tabled until next meeting. Discussion of \$500 fee for rental of fields to outside groups affiliated with the league. (Affiliated defined as an active league member i.e. board member, coach, etc.) Group discussed that we could close our concessions and the group would work closely to use the umpires associated with our league, collect their own gate, provide their own concessions and insurance and in return pay \$500.00 for use of facilities. If field supplies beyond line chalk are required the group would be responsible for a charge reasonable to reimburse the league for the cost of those products. The board would like a legal contract to be drawn up and signed and proof of insurance be provided by the group to utilize the fields be provided. Further discussion was around the number of open weekends and the need to have league tournament or tournaments. The intent of the leasing the fields for \$500 is to encourage travel teams or clubs to continue to value their participation in the league and further strength relations with travel teams and clubs.

Time Line for Spring Season – Tabled until next meeting. Discussed Opening Day of April 11<sup>th</sup>, possible open weekends, ending the season by Season to End on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Gabe and Dave are working possible league dates to be presented at next meeting.

CP 5/6 10 Week Program – Tabled until next meeting. Discussed adopting the Little League International recommend practice program for this age group. CP 5/6 would practice for 2 or 3 weeks then practice and play for 8 to 10 weeks. The focus of this age group would be to teach them the game and have fun. Discussed opening the program to 4 year olds, allowing advanced 6 year olds to play up in the CP 7/8 Division, targeting ECC for enrollment, having information sessions for prospective parents, providing coaches with practice drills, curriculum, target goals, and practice agendas. This would be supported by the information on Little League Coach Website and allow new coaches to plug into the program. Further suggestions included reducing the number of players per team to 9, limiting outfielders, removing the catcher position, not keeping score for games, shorting the base lengths, and using Court Street Fields for practices during the course of the regular season.

New Age Determination Rules – Tabled until next meeting. Discussed the impact on divisions. Overall positive affect on division sizes with increased minor league age 9 players resulting in 10's and 11's moving up to Major. Major impact of league age 7 for prior year that now would be league age 9 for 2015. Explore the allowing some children to remain in CP 7/8 if they were not ready to move the minor. All agreed this is difficult to determine and easily manipulated in the past. Gabe recommend implementing as presented by Little League International and allowing those you want to move up be allowed and not allow children to move down unless extreme case is presented to board for review. Further discussion is required at the next meeting.

Site Survey- Jessie is working on the updated site survey. Not due until early March. Jessie will report back as needed.

Officer Transitions – All present were comfortable with roles and required items for 2015.

Marketing Plan – Discussed the need to have face to face contact with potential families. Discussed going to ECC, Emma B. Ward, Turner, and Saffell to hand out flyers in person in the mornings and afternoons, placing enrollment signs in the pick-up line area, sending flyers home with students, attending Rec basketball games, Walmart/Kroger on the weekends, and placing New paper ads to increase exposure for the league and improve player numbers. Further discussion at the next board meeting.

Meeting Adorned at 7:10, meeting began at 6:10. Motion to adjourn by Bart, seconded by John all in attendance were in favor. Motioned Carried.

Not Discussed in New Business:

990 IRS Forms, On Line Registration, Opening Day Committee, Sponsorship Forms,

Next Exec Meeting: 1/21/5 at 6:00 Wild Turkey Trace

Next Board Meeting: 1/28/15 at 6:00 Wild Turkey Trace