

MINUTES
East Lyme Little League (ELLL)
Board of Directors Meeting
January 25, 2015

A meeting of the members of East Lyme Little League (ELLL) Board of Directors was held at VFW Niantic, CT.
League President Rob Tukey called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members:

Brad Beckham, Chase Bradley, Mike Dreyfus, Ray Elmer, Joel Farrior, Walt Gwisc, Kellie Hayes, Josh Hibbard, Brian Kelly, Christopher O'Brien, Kevin Robinson, Robert Tukey, Steven Wei

Stan Piper [excused absence]

Public:

RJ DeCosta

Review and Approval of minutes for December Meeting

Tabled to Next meeting

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (TUKEY):

- Discussed Big AI coaching clinic – confirmed for March 20th Grasso Tech
 - Satisfies League obligation for coaching curriculum
 - Board recommending attendance for **ALL LOWER LEVEL COACHES**. An announcement will go out to all coaches; Rob and Chase to coordinate with Brad on communication and identify additional participants.
- League is chartered for 2016
 - Andrew noted we need certificate of insurance for HS field use, Walt provided, also need to send to Dave Putnam for EL Town
- Taxes filed for 2015. Money owed addressed by Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Gwisc):

- Treasurer provided copy of current state of budget
 - Walt provided update on finances and reviewed monthly expenses
 - Follow-up with electricians (Gada/Jorgensen) to talk about electricity usage; goal to save \$1500-\$2000. Continue to investigate
 - Noted that Vendor Service must be turned on for credit cards to work on website – *since completed*

OLD BUSINESS:

- New Website up; still need communication on app
- Still completing league calendar
 - Dates to be firmed up for hitting clinics with Coach Biggs. Feb 20th and 27th tentative.
 - Board decided not to play on the Saturday and Monday of Memorial Day weekend.
- Brad put up new publicity signs for registration

NEW BUSINESS:

- Registration committee
 - Walk-in Registration times will be Jan 30th & Feb 6th at ELMS Cafeteria
 - Mike, Rob, Brian, Joel, Brad to staff table
 - Need follow-up to obtain wifi access
- Discussion of number of Majors teams for 2016 Season
 - Based on league numbers and quality of play the board opened discussions on whether to stay with 6 teams as in 2015 or consider reducing to 5 teams for the 2016 season
 - Assuming about the same registration as 2015, the number of total returning majors players combined with those additional new 12 year olds arriving from AAA this year, was weighed against the total number of roster spots needing to be filled (possibly 66, 60, or 55 depending on decision).
 - The caliber of play for 2015 was discussed

- The impact on development of bringing up younger players early, and the impact to the minor levels was discussed
- Group noted the importance of using the coaching curriculum materials specifically Big Al
- **Motion to set number of teams for Majors level at 5 not with specific number of players on rosters for 2016 to be reviewed on a yearly basis. Made by Andrew C; Second by: Chase B. Motion Carried**

- Manager Selection Committee
 - Rob commended the work of the committee
 - Committee recommended the following individuals as managers:
 - Bradley
 - Dreyfus
 - Elmer
 - Piper
 - Tukey
 - **Motion to accept selections Brian K; Second by: Josh H. Motion Carried**
 - Committee to have additional conversations w/ each manager as required
 - Noted that members should now begin to look at AAA managers.

- Chase suggested restarting the 12yr old Fenway Park trip for softball/baseball with league covering cost. Discussion tabled.

ADJOURNMENT

- **Motion to Adjourn: Walt G Second by: Steve W. Motion Carried**

Respectfully Submitted by
ELLL Secretary Stan Piper* & ELLL President Rob Tukey

**minutes recorded by Josh Hibbard in Secretary's absence*