

**Alexandria Little League
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, December 19, 2011
Lee Center**

Attending: Merrill Biesada, Pete Biesada, Morgan Broman, Tim Devine, Mark Gerade, Scott Fox, Bill Gehrig, Sterling Gilliam, Walter Hill, Marc Leon, Brian McPherson, Brian Morris, John Ray, Rusty Rhodes, Melissa Schultz, Bill Tabor, Steve Cousins and Bob Mannel.

Meeting called to order by Bill Gehrig at 7:05 p.m.

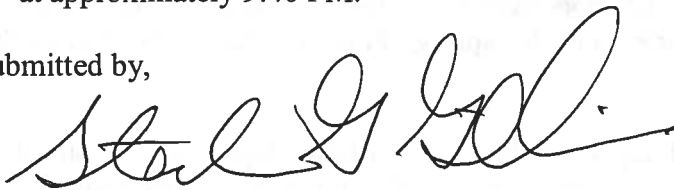
Minutes from the November 21, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Mark Gerade to approve November minutes was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Agenda Discussions:

- The practice of posting of A.L.L. Board Meeting minutes to the website was discussed. It was the sense of the Board that posting of the *approved* minutes would be worthwhile in keeping interested parties informed about League activities. It was agreed that A.L.L. would start posting beginning with the November 2011 minutes.
- Bill Gehrig debriefed the District IV meeting held on December 8, 2011. No significant issues of concern for A.L.L.
- Bill Gehrig and Mark Gerade discussed the Field Allocation meeting held with Mac Slover on December 14th. Both felt the meeting went well and that A.L.L. was given sufficient field resources to execute the spring 2012 season.
- John Ray brought up the issue of Majors expansion. Based on demand, there may be a one or two team increase (7 or 8 total) this spring. Final registration numbers will dictate.
 - Given this increase will impact the mechanics of the Majors/AAA Draft, it was agreed that a subcommittee comprised of Bill Gehrig, Melissa Schultz, John Ray, Mark Gerade, Brian Morris, Pete Biesada and Rusty Rhodes would present options to the Board for execution of the spring draft.
 - Discussion about the Juniors division ensued. Given that a 2012 increase in Majors participation will likely result in a 2013 increase in Juniors play, Bob Mannel suggested looking at the health of the current Juniors division.
- Calendar issues were discussed with the second Majors/AAA tryout date at Episcopal High School still to be determined.

- Coaching Clinic: Bill Gehrig and Greg Everett are working with Coach Jim Blair to set up a League coaching clinic to be held in advance of the spring season. Further details will be presented at the January Board meeting.
- A draft of the 2012 Field Guidelines was distributed for review.
- Melissa Schultz and Merrill Biesada reported on their concessions subcommittee work.
- Volunteer support to staff the concession stand was discussed. Melissa Schultz graciously agreed to act as the liaison to the teams in an effort to secure better parental support.
- The condition of both Simpson bunkers was discussed. Both are in need of a cleanout / rehab. Bill Gehrig intends to discuss with Mac Slover about future options, and is working with Mac on obtaining a second equipment locker.
- Tim Devine presented options from various vendors to design a new A.L.L. logo. Three designs will be presented at the January meeting for selection. Goal remains to have merchandise available by early March.
- Sponsor fees were again discussed. Morgan Broman agreed to provide a "Sponsor Fee Schedule" so that the Board can better understand the various levels of sponsorship available.
- Merrill Biesada provided the Treasurer's report. Numerous line item modifications were discussed for consideration in the final budget.
- A motion to adjourn was seconded and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:40 PM.

Submitted by,

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Sterling Gilliam
Alexandria Little League Secretary