



Alexandria Little League (A.L.L.)

Regular Board Meeting

January 22, 2013
Lee Center, Alexandria VA

Minutes

In Attendance:

Attending: Owen Barwell, Merrill Biesada, Pete Biesada, Morgan Broman, Steve Cann, Dave Cheney, Tim Devine, Scott Fox, Art Fries, Bill Gehrig, Sterling Gilliam, Debbi Kelly, Marc Leon, Brian McPherson, James Megesto, Paul Miller, Pam Murphy, Brian Morris, LaRae Narkinsky, David Osinski, Melissa Schultz, and Bill Tabor.

Agenda item #1: Call to Order

Mr. Sterling Gilliam, as President, called the meeting to order at 19:00.

Agenda item #2: Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 22, 2012 were approved by voice vote following no discussion.

Agenda item #3: President's Comments

The President recognized and commended Mr. Marc Leon and Mr. Jim Blair (TC Williams HS coach) and his team of coaches for delivering an excellent series of coaching clinics. These clinics were deemed an example of how to demonstrate the vision of a successful ALL program.

Agenda item #4: Calendar Review

The Spring 2013 ALL Calendar for major events was presented for discussion.

Action for the Board: Maintain and post the events calendar on the website.

Agenda item #5: Report of January 14, 2013 Youth Sports Advisory Board (YSAB) Meeting

The President reported on the YSAB meeting. Mr. Mac Slover, Director of Sports, as the City of Alexandria representative was not in attendance at the ALL Board meeting. The Board concluded their discussion with recognition of the current budgetary environment favoring the City of Alexandria's emphasis on cost recovery. Although current field fees are not at risk of immediate rate increases, the Board agreed to be mindful of future potential impacts.



Agenda item #6: Spring Tryouts and Coaching Clinics

Mr. Marc Leon provided an update on the coaching clinics. With a 90 person attendee cap, Clinics 1 and 2 were sold out, with Clinic 3 on target to sell out too. The President again recognized the clinics as a great success. The Board unanimously agreed to award Mr. Jim Blair and his coaching staff a modest award in recognition of such a successful event.

Mr. Scott Fox presented the opportunity for Manager and Coach training to be provided by Virginia Baseball Club for a one-time fee of \$475 to be held on March 3rd and 10th. The ALL Board agreed to support this opportunity.

Mr. Art Fries reported an oversubscription of interest from prospective umpires against forecast demand. The ALL Board agreed to accommodate all interested parties, subject to the assurance of continued quality.

Discussion ensued on the protection of paid volunteers under current liability insurance provisions.

Actions for the Board:

1. To pursue Manager and Coach training provided by the Virginia Baseball Club; and
2. Mr. Bill Gehrig, as legal advisor, to provide guidance on liability insurance coverage with respect to paid volunteers.

Agenda item #7: Sponsorship Update

Mr. Scott Fox provided an update on sponsorship, salient points being:

- All 2012 sponsors have been contacted, with the exception of Jones Lang LaSalle;
- Dick's Sporting Goods will provide a generous discount program as part of their sponsorship support, available on March 9th; and
- Friedman Billings Ramsey will fund \$3K for scholarships and related activities.

Agenda item #8: 60th Anniversary of Simpson Field

Ms. LaRae Narkinsky reported on the opportunity to involve sponsors in recognizing the 60th Anniversary of Simpson Field in 2013.

Action for the Board: Ms. Melissa Schultz to investigate options for sponsors to support a 60th Anniversary banner.

Agenda item #9: On-line Merchandise Discussion

Ms. Debbi Kelly and Ms. Melissa Schultz reported the imminent opening of ALL's new on-line merchandise store. This broadens merchandise products without the need to maintain inventory; intending to increase revenue while decrease effort and cost.



Agenda item #10: Manager Selection Discussion

Mr. Pete Biesada reported the summary of discussion at the ALL Commissioners Meeting, held on January 9th, 2013. He presented a proposed framework for player assignments to divisions.

The President proposed to establish a five person selection committee to recommend player assignments to the President, for presentation to, and approval by the Board. The committee shall comprise four Commissioners and the Vice President as Chair. This was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Agenda item #11: Treasurer's Report.

Ms. Merrill Biesada provided an update on the 2013 budget and current financial position. After some discussion of some budget line items, the ALL 2013 budget was agreed to by unanimous voice vote.

During the course of discussion on the ALL 2013 budget, the Board approved by unanimous voice vote to establish two working committees; the Finance Committee and the Fields Committee. These working committees will address specific opportunities and issues as needed.

The following were selected as opening members of these working committees:

- Finance: Ms. Merrill Biesada, Mr. Dave Osinski, and Mr. Tim Devine.
- Fields: Mr. Steve Cann, Mr. Marc Leon, Mr. Pete Biesada, Mr. Brian McPherson, and Mr. Bill Gehrig.

Agenda items #12: Coordination with Travel Baseball Discussion

Mr. Marc Leon suggested the need to coordinate ALL activities with travel teams to avoid resource conflicts.

The President proposed to meet quarterly with travel team managers to develop a common understanding of a more efficient and transparent process for practice slots and field allocations.

Agenda items #13: Adjournment

Date of next meeting agreed as February 19th, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 21:15.

Submitted by:

Owen F. Barwell
ALL Board Secretary and Safety Officer.