



Alexandria Little League (A.L.L.)

Regular Board Meeting

March 18, 2013
Lee Center, Alexandria VA

Minutes

In Attendance:

Attending: Owen Barwell, Merrill Biesada, Pete Biesada, Frank Bires, Morgan Broman, Steve Cann, Dave Cheney, Tim Devine, Scott Fox, Art Fries, Bill Gehrig, Sterling Gilliam, Amy Goodrich, Debbi Kelly, Marc Leon, James Meggesto, Paul Miller, Thao Miller, Pam Murphy, Brian Morris, LaRae Narkinsky, David Osinski, Melissa Schultz, Mac Slover, 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 February 19th, 2012 were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Agenda item #3: President's Comments

The President recognized all the hard work and effort by all in advance of the opening of the season and thanked everyone for their contributions.

Agenda item #4: Calendar Review

The updated Spring 2013 ALL Calendar for major events was presented for discussion, with a review of near term events. Concerns over conflicts and attendance at the upcoming coaches and managers meetings were discussed and addressed.

Action for the Board:

- Post the revised calendar on the ALL website;
- Use the commissioner, manager, and coach trees to raise awareness of meeting options; and
- Post safety training presentation on the ALL website.

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

Mr. Bill Gehrig reported on the YSAB meeting:



- Continued concern regarding work needed to be completed by Dominion Power on Simpson Field floodlights was noted; and
- The opening of the Simpson Field restroom facility was still dependent upon issuance of permits, though no long-term issues likely.

Agenda item #6: Board Approval of Majors and AAA player trades

The rules and guidelines of Little League player trades was reviewed and discussed in the context of their application to ALL. Salient objectives of player transfers were agreed upon; namely to improve the interests of the players and the league, and to preserve league parity.

Two player trades, one each in AAA and the Majors, were recommended for approval by Mr. David Cheney to Mr. Sterling Gilliam as President. The Board approved the proposed transfers by unanimous voice vote.

Agenda item #7: Discussion and Approval of Spring 2013 Local Rules

Mr. Pete Biesada offered proposed changes to the local rules for the Spring 2013 season. Following discussion, these proposals were resolved accordingly:

- A motion to remove age restrictions on temporary replacement players was denied;
- A motion to use a courtesy runner for a catcher when there are two outs (to promote a quick innings transfer) was carried by unanimous voice vote;
- A motion to allow new pitchers a maximum of eight warm up pitches, and returning pitchers six warm-up pitches, was carried by unanimous voice vote;
- A motion to retain a continuous batting order was carried by unanimous voice vote;
- A motion to apply the five run maximum to the first three innings only, with a limit to all players on the roster batting one time in the half inning was denied by majority voice vote; and
- A motion to strike a pitch count minimum rest exception (as it was already in the Little League rule book) was carried by unanimous voice vote

Agenda item #8: Sponsorship Update

Mr. Scott Fox provided an update on sponsorship. The success of the VBC Coaches' clinic was discussed and recognized.

Agenda item #9: Opening Day / 60th Anniversary of Simpson Field

Ms. LaRae Narkinsky provided an update on planning and a review of proposed proceedings for the Opening Day ceremony for the season.

Action for the Board: Extend an invitation to the Mayor and members of the Alexandria City Council, to sponsors, and to Mr. Jim Blair (TC Williams HS baseball coach).



Agenda item #10: Field Committee Discussion

After discussion on the challenge AA managers were experiencing finding weekday and weekend practice opportunities, the Fields Committee agree to work with Mr. Mac Slover to find an adequate solution.

Mr. Mac Slover reported that Alexandria City was pushing hard for the completion of the stadium lights at Simpson Field and the opening of the new restroom facility. An appeal to managers for notification of canceled practices was made, in order that field lighting be turned off to save power.

Mr. Steve Cann confirmed the disconnection of the ALL League Hotline, as other forms of communication and notification media are to be used in the future. An appeal to have managers be more responsible for facility locks was made.

Ms. Amy Goodrich reported on the successful delivery of equipment to teams, often providing a hand-delivery service. Significant equipment re-capitalization efforts continue.

Ms. Melissa Schultz recommended the full Juniors' managers roster to the President, and was duly accepted. A motion to approve the roster was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Agenda item #11: Baseball Statistics in Little League Discussion

Mr. Morgan Broman presented a paper on available software tools to facilitate the capture and reposting of player statistics. The ALL Board entertained a discussion on the merits and otherwise of collecting, reporting, and maintaining player and team statistics; the use of these tools was left to the discretion of team managers and coaches.

Agenda item #12: On-line Merchandise Discussion

Ms. Debbi Kelly reported the results of the successful opening of ALL's new on-line merchandise store. To date, approximately \$2,300 in sales have been achieved, with a further \$650 in sales made during tryouts.

Agenda item #12: Treasurer's Report.

Ms. Merrill Biesada provided an update on the current financial position. The ALL financials show a strong cash position from pre-season revenue collections in advance of significant operational expenses (umpires, uniforms etc.) as the league progresses. No risks or issues were identified.

Date of next meeting agreed as April 15th, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 21:16.

Submitted by:

Owen F. Barwell
ALL Board Secretary and Safety Officer.