



Alexandria Little League (A.L.L.)

Regular Board Meeting

May 20th, 2013
Lee Center, Alexandria VA

Minutes

In Attendance:

Attending: Owen Barwell, Merrill Biesada, Pete Biesada, Frank Bires, Steve Cann, Dave Cheney, Tim Devine, Greg Everett, Sterling Gilliam, Amy Goodrich, Debbi Kelly, Marc Leon, Brian McPherson, James Meggesto, Pam Murphy, Thao Miller, Brian Morris, LaRae Narkinsky, David Osinski, Melissa Schultz, Mac Slover, and John Sullivan.

Agenda item #1: Call to Order

Mr. Sterling Gilliam, as President, called the meeting to order at 19:05.

Agenda item #2: Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 15th, 2012 were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Agenda item #3: President's Comments

The President noted that this was the penultimate Board meeting before the summer break, bringing the chance to think about opportunities to improve upon in the upcoming season.

The President welcomed Mr. John Sullivan, a sports intern accompanying Mr. Mac Slover.

Agenda item #4: Calendar Review

The updated Spring 2013 ALL Calendar (version 8) for major events was presented for discussion, with a review of near term events.

Potential inequities and timing of the current playoff format and timetable were discussed. No changes to current plans were made; though the opportunity for improvement in the upcoming season was noted.

Agenda item #5: Report of May 13th, 2013 Youth Sports Advisory Board (YSAB) Meeting

Mr. Sterling Gilliam reported observing a continued and concerted effort of the City of Alexandria to understand the issues and concerns from all disciplines of youth sports, including baseball. The



YSAB meeting drew members of the city council and the school board, and in increasingly seen as the key forum to provide visibility of issues and concerns.

Agenda item #6: Conduct issues and follow-up

The ALL has experienced six ejections to date. Although after concluding further reviews of the ejections with some remedial action, it was noted that in the aggregate, the increase in investment and training for ALL umpires is generating a return in the quality of team management and game officiating.

To provide more formal governance to address conduct issues in the future, a motion was passed by unanimous voice vote to create a Conduct Committee to address such issues. The Conduct Committee shall comprise the three ALL Commissioners, the Chief Umpire, the Umpire Coordinator, and the Player Agent. The Conduct Committee will be responsible for considering matters of conduct, and to make recommendations to the Board president and Vice President for resolution.

Agenda item #7: All Star Manager Selection Committee Report

After discussion, a motion was passed by unanimous voice vote to select the following All Start Managers:

- Age 9-10's: Mr. John Kelly
- Age 10-11's: Mr. Marc Leon
- Majors: Mr. Roger Blain (with Mr. Will Dunbar as Assistant Manager).

Agenda item #8: All Start Player Selection

After discussion, a motion was passed by majority vote for players to vote for their top six selections, not including themselves or their teammates, for the All Star team.

Agenda item #9: Select Team Discussion

After discussion, it was agreed to proceed with two AA Select Teams. The format will be for players to pick players for two teams, with two practices, concluding with a game and a picnic to follow.

Agenda item #10: Summer League Discussion

After discussion, it was agreed that the proponents of a summer league prepare a discussion paper further outlining a proposal for a summer league, to be presented at the next ALL Board meeting.

Agenda item #11: Sponsorship Update

Mr. Sterling Gilliam reported on a very successful year for sponsorship. The contribution of sponsors is to be recognized in an advertisement to be placed in the Alexandria Gazette.

Agenda item #12: Gala Update



Ms. Pam Murphy provided an update on the Gala, and encouraged ALL Board members to use their personal networks, including the Commissioner and Manager trees to encourage attendance.

Agenda item #13: Merchandise Sales and Concessions Report.

Ms. Debbi Kelly provided an update on merchandise, in particular reporting on a new, full-time, on-line store offering many products available to order complete with a two-day delivery service.

Agenda item #14: Treasurer's Report

Ms. Merrill Biesada provided an update on the current financial position.

Agenda item #15: Field Capacity Issues

The President introduced a discussion on potential field capacity issues for the upcoming season, and that Mr. Steve Cann and Mr. Mac Slover were cognizant of this, and are investigating likely impacts.

Date of next meeting agreed as June 17th, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 21:03.

Submitted by:

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ALL Board Secretary and Safety Officer.