

## **MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS'S MEETING OF SMVLL**

A meeting of the board of directors of SMVLL was held on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

There were present, representing a quorum of the board:

Suzanne McCarty, Bill Greenfield, Dane Taylor, Dan Briggs, Brian Ray, Jeff Lance, Michael Michota, Kim Price, Debbie Andrews, Ken Hira, Nick Cozens, Jack Sullens, Jeff DuChateau, Joel Kriwinski, Tim Moegen Haig Masurilian & Aaron Dak

Not present, but on the board:

Richard Conser, Derrick Taylor

### **District Representative Discussion:**

The following representative from District 68 were present: District 68 Administrator Ezio Petrella, John Yates, and UIC Sam Griffith

- Ezio gave an overview of their role within Little League and stressed the importance of community and parental involvement in the league.
- District 68 is proposing a District wide inter-league for AAA and Majors. We should discuss and decide as a league if it is something we want to participate in.
- Discussed the topic of merging North and South leagues. He discussed pros/cons of playing Divisional vs. as one larger league if that happens. Board to discuss further during regular meeting.
- Communicated division updates around 50/70, Jr., Sr., and Big League teams.

### **Interleague with North**

- Board discussed and approved interleague play with North during the 2015-2016 season.
- Schedule would need to be confirmed by December.
- No manager can be involved with scheduling.
- Interleague rules need to be reviewed.

### **Possible Merge with North**

- At Saturday's President's meeting the group discussed possible mergers, health of leagues and boundaries.
- Board President's for North and South, as well as District agreed it would make sense with current numbers to merge for the 2016-2017 season.
- It would put the combined league at ~630. That is compared to Ladera at ~1000, Santa Margarita at ~900 and San Clemente at ~1,000.
- There are many questions that yet need to be answered, such as would we have 2 All Star teams? Would we play divisionally? Or as one large league?
- Board agreed to progress forward towards a merger. Next steps are to prepare to go to membership vote (registered parents, etc.), then the necessary business paperwork and new business structure (new charter, rules, board, etc.) would need to be completed.

### **Background Checks:**

- Suzanne got more information regarding the enhanced background checks. Pricing is less than originally thought - \$30-40 per person instead of \$96 per person.
- Other leagues are using it for managers, coaches and team moms.
- We discussed also have board members and anyone who would be on the field with the kids. To be discussed further.

#### **Registration:**

- Joel gave an update on registration numbers. So far 46 are registered. Expecting that number to go up as we approach end of early-bird pricing and with in-person registration. Expecting ~300+ total by November closing.
- Lots of new interest at the T-ball/Coach Pitch level.
- Coaches will be reaching out to last season team to encourage them to register early.

#### **Community Communication**

- Discussed the need for increased communication and transparency on decisions made by the board. Many times the concerns parents have could be alleviated if they had more information about why something was decided.
- Shared the 'Unspoken Truths about Little League' document that Jeff D. and Dane created. This information highlights the positives and value of playing Little League vs. Pony/Travel leagues. This information will go out in the Friday email.

#### **Uniforms**

- Aaron gave an update on uniforms and showed samples of what was available.
- He showed the various options for the different divisions.
- T-ball and Coach Pitch will have dry-fit shirts this year instead of t-shirts.
- Majestic, the only MLB vendor, has a design that may not work this year. The logos of the MLB teams would have polka dots throughout them. Discussion was had as to whether we go to college teams for the lower divisions to avoid having to use this design.

#### **Website:**

- Website could not be renewed on a monthly basis, so renewal was done for existing site Oct. 11, 2015 – October 11, 2016.
- Website has been updated with events & new graphic.
- Facebook page has been updated. Please send Debbie anything you'd like posted or communicated.

#### **Equipment:**

- Nick submitted a proposal for new equipment, including a new pitching machine. He found a new vendor that sells to the local high schools that is giving us better pricing.
- Board agreed to purchase the equipment.

#### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> where we will begin reviewing league documents. Please review current documents on the website before next meeting to prepare.

#### **Motions**

1. Approval of October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes  
Motion Accepted – Joel Kriwinski  
Seconded – Jeff DuChateau  
Vote: Approved, Unanimous – Yes, no member abstained
  
2. Approval of Interleague with North  
Motion Accepted – Jack Sullens  
Seconded – Ken Hira  
Vote: Approved, Unanimous – Yes, no member abstained
  
3. Approval of 2016 Equipment Purchase of \$6,066.  
Motion Accepted – Bill Greenfield  
Seconded – Joel Kriwinski  
Vote: Approved, Unanimous – Yes, no member abstained

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