

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

A meeting of the board of directors of SMVLL was held on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 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, Derrick Taylor, Jeff DuChateau, Joel Kriwinski, Tim Moegen & Haig Masurilian

Not present, but on the board:

Aaron Dak, Richard Conser

### **Board Administrative Topics:**

- Reviewed board members and respective roles.
- Notification that Jeff Johnson resigned from Board this week.
- Executive Board announced: Dan Briggs, Dane Taylor, Jeff Duchateau, Rich Conser, Suzanne McCarty. The Executive Board is appointed by the President to discuss topics as needed outside regular board meetings. This board has no voting power. All votes are brought before the entire board.
- Discussed the fact that SMVLL board members cannot service in the same role on another non-profit. (e.g. Treasurer for one org cannot be Treasurer for another to avoid conflict of interest)
- Discussed Mgr/Coach ratios with regards to board membership. At least 51% of the board has to be non-coaches/managers.
- District meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.
- District board members will attend SMVLL next board meeting. Prepare any questions/discussion topics to address with them.
- Discussion over possibility of merging with North. Other leagues in District 68 have merged so it may be a possibility for North/South to merge. More discussion to be had on this topic.

### **Background Checks:**

Discussed the policy around background checks for managers, coacher, team moms, anyone else interacting with SMVLL children. The league currently used First Advantage, which does not fingerprint. Discussed using a new service that works with the Dept of Justice that Trabuco Canyon and San Clemente uses. This service fingerprints and not only runs initial background checks, but also monitors and alerts if anything occurs with the person during the period they are volunteering. Board agreed we should do all we can to protect our children and we need to have further discussion on how to absorb or pay for this enhanced service. Cost is \$96/volunteer and could potentially be up to 500 people if all division volunteers went to the enhanced Dept of Justice system. This is a ~\$50,000 expense that we have not budgeted for. Dane Taylor recommended we start the new system at the Coach Pitch and each year more and more volunteers would be covered to avoid the expense impact in one year. Suzanne to get more information from TC and SC leagues on how they have implemented and paid for this service. To be discussed further at next board meeting.

**District Events:**

- District will sponsor a Tailgate Party at Angel Day this year w/hotdog & drink for players
- District is interested in putting on a Majors Pre-Season Tournament. Board agreed we would be interested in participating.

**Upcoming Dates:**

Discussed the upcoming season fees and set dates for key events:

- Opening Day: Friday February 26, 2016
- Registration for 2016 Season: Early bird discount effective October 9-30. Registration closes November 20.
- Try outs: January 9/10, 2016,
- Makeup tryouts: January 12, 2016
- Discussed fees for this season. SMVLL has had no increase in many years. Considered lowering fees a bit for lower divisions because their games don't get rescheduled and uniforms cost a little less, and raising fees slightly for upper divisions.
- Fees for 2015-2016 are:
  - o \$155 (T-ball / Coach Pitch)
  - o \$175 / \$200 (A / AA)
  - o \$195 / \$215 (AAA / Majors / Jrs)
- There will be an in-person registration from 6-8 p.m. on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at All Star Pizza.

**Sponsorships:**

Mike Michota presented the 2016 SMVLL Sponsorship Plan w/Draft pricing that he needs to present to the city for approval. It includes Team Sponsorships as well as Field Sponsorships. Last season SMVLL raised \$8100 in sponsorships. This year the goal is to double that number.

**Website:**

Board discussed the current website which comes up for renewal October 11, 2015. Fee is \$575/annually. Feedback is the current website seems dated and is not very user friendly. Bill Greenfield has reviewed another site package (<http://www.sportngin.com/>) that may be easier to use/maintain and has a better user experience for our baseball families. Bill and Debbie will review options around whether we can go month to month to get us past registration, so we do not have to migrate sites during the registration process. They will update the board on migration recommendation at the next meeting.

**Snack Bar:**

Discussed the snack bar and some of the items the city is going to do to get it ready for the upcoming season including eliminating the ceiling tiles and sealing the building. Members should send Suzanne an email with any items that need to be put on our 'needs list' for the city.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be Monday, October 19th where we will begin reviewing league documents. Please review current documents on the website before next meeting to prepare.

**Motions**

1. Approval of September 15, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion Accepted – Nick Cozens

Seconded – Bill Greenfield

Vote: Approved, Unanimous – Yes, no member abstained

2. Approval of recommended registration dates and fees

Motion Accepted – Jack Sullens

Seconded – Joel Kriwinski

Vote: Approved, Unanimous – Yes, no member abstained

3. Approval of 2016 SMVLL sponsorship plan to present to the city

Motion Accepted – Bill Greenfield

Seconded – Nick Cozens

Vote: Approved, Unanimous – Yes, no member abstained

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