

SMVLL Board Meeting
Thursday, March 31, 2016

Suzanne, Nick, Joel, Bill, Haig, Mike, Kim, Jeff D, Bryan, Jack, Dane, Jeff L

Ken – arrived at 7:45

Meeting to order 6:35

- North board voted not to merge with us.

District Update:

- Ezio Petrella, district administrator, in attendance to address questions regarding merger.
- North board has vote not to merge with South.
- Rancho MV and Viejo are not merging next season.
- Divisional play is currently in place with Santa Margarita, Ladera, and San Clemente.
 - Ezio stated that we would be forced into divisional play if merged with North.
- Little League – if you are divisional next season, you are locked into divisional
- Ezio stated that 150-700/800 players is a normal compared to others across the country. 300 players is considered a very healthy league.
- General membership has to approve a merger. If general membership for either league is unhappy about decision that was made by the board, they would have to vote out current board, implement new board, and then re-vote. The general membership has the right to request an audience with the board, they can petition written, spokesman and present to the board.
- Discussion regarding redrawing boundaries to allow SMVLL to have LaPaz, thus gaining a middle school. Ezio stated there was no issue.

Approval of Minutes from March 7th

Motion: jack

2nd: Derek

All yes – approved

Sponsorships:

- Michota reported that all sponsorships are done. Majors field is full, 3 more banners on AAA. 80-85% collected already. Only 2 teams did not get a sponsor and Michota is working with them.

Umpires:

- UIC reported that local rules says umpire points must be signed up for by March 31st.

- Board is not in favor of suspending anyone unless last resort. We have to start pushing pressure on these guys; reps need to help out.
- Suggestions of eliminating practice until you get to the minimum point level

Angel Day:

- League sold 500 tickets, sold back 50 we didn't sell; we are in sections 102 and 103; Trout farm
- Free soft drink and hot dog for players from district;
- We were the second highest selling league
 - We got two on field positions which will be auctioned off - \$1 per ticket
 - Bat boy – full uniform from angels
 - Run out on the field and meet a player
 - Only district 68 coming that day
 - Parking lot opens at 10
 - Stadium gates open 1-1/2 before the first pitch; 11:15 is when the parade starts; only kids, managers, coaches; have to be in jerseys and have to wear hats; no cleats

Player Agent/Draft Procedures

- Jack Sullens asked to speak with the board regarding concerns about teams being equitable and tryout/draft procedures.
- He presented a tiered draft program to the board.
- Currently tryout/draft procedures were explained
- Discussion about board making decisions based upon what is in the best interested of the majority of the players.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.