



Minutes of Board of Director's Meeting of SMVLL

A meeting of the board of directors of SMVLL was held on September 20th, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

There were present, representing a quorum of the board:

Mike Michota, Cyndi Nagel, Cora Swanson, Mark Dace, David Boyer, John Holland, Amy Hahn, Eileen Holland, Nick Cozens, Joel Kriwinski, Tim Enoch, Garrett Mitton, Amy Mitton, Dan Briggs, Frank Torriero, Tori Yokoyama, Bryan Ray, Derrick Taylor, Aaron Dak, Jeff Lance

Not present:

Chris Rowe, Greg Ramirez, David Baker, Scott Nagel, Joe Nash, Rich Conser

1. Review and approved minutes from 9/6 meeting

2. Org Chart – Additional board positions

- Dan Briggs, Asst. to Aux President and Asst. to Field and Equipment Mgr.
- Garrett Mitton, Lead Commissioner.
- Single A Commissioner to be filled before 10/4 meeting.

3. SMVLL 2017 season schedule

- Dates discussed.
- Approve 2017 fees at next meeting for spring season.
- Request that board members be present at try-outs to meet and greet families.
- Early registration ends on 10/30. Regular registration ends 11/20.
- 2/25 Opening Ceremonies.
- 2/26 Opening Day - tentative.

4. Fall Ball

- Fall Ball discussed – SMVLL Fall is having a very successful season. Thanks to Joe Nash for doing a solid job as Commissioner.

5. Background Checks – Bryan Ray

- Implementation of new background check procedure is discussed.
- LiveScan is the vendor for the new background check program.
- TCLL has also used this program for the last 2 years with success.
- Any individual volunteering to help at SMVLL will fill out a background check form on the website – go to local mail center to get fingerprints and information is processed through the DOJ.
- Volunteer will incur one-time cost to be fingerprinted. League will pay the cost of the background check processing.



- Background checks will be updated in real time and league will receive notification accordingly.
- Only league assigned Custodians have access to results.
- League to supply a list of local authorized locations for LiveScan.
- Will discuss with LiveScan rep to see if they can send someone out during tryouts.

6. School Marketing Initiatives – Amy Mitton

- Reach out to school principals, PTAs - any avenue to get new sign-ups.
- Use of banners and flyers at schools is encouraged– approval needed from schools.

7. Commissioner Updates: Manager Recruiting – Joel Kriwinski

- Recruitment of managers at every level has begun – much needed support for managers/coaches.
- Goal is 150% of people needed interviewing for positions – it will make the interviewing process meaningful.
- Tools to be provided to managers in order to support better baseball.

8. 2017 Player Fees – Joel Kriwinski

- 2017 fees discussed – SMVLL has the lowest fees in the district.
- SMVLL has not raised fees since the 2014 season.
- Start marketing with incentives, warm-up clinics, more value for money.

9. Team Name Categories

- Use of college/MLB team names discussed.
- Majority of the board agrees to use MLB team names for AAA and below. Majors and above will use college team names.
- Team uniforms and vendor options discussed – uniform samples to be viewed.

10. Board of Directors Attire/Team Uniforms

- Board shirts were discussed.
- Majority of board approves wearing designated BOD shirts.
- Will have mock ups of new shirts at the next BOD meeting.
- Discussed snack bar staff wearing SMVLL t-shirts.

11. Fundraising

- Discussed bowl-a-thon and silent auction.
- Community events to bring league together.



12. Surveys

- 1/3 of South families responded to survey.
- Discussion based on survey feedback.
- Set volunteer expectations at the beginning of the season.
- Volunteer clinics - focus on t-ball, coach pitch and new people for volunteers.
- Parity, volunteerism, snack bar and interleague play were feedback areas.
- All feedback was supportive and constructive / lots of excitement about future.

13. Interleague

- Manager meetings for North/South to discuss local rules.
- Require all managers of North/South to learn and abide by local rules – post local rules on every field.
- Set expectations at the beginning of the season.
- Eliminate inside agreements between managers to assist umps in doing their job properly.

14. League Logos

- Logos viewed and well received.
- Established league logo standards and color standards.

15. Meeting times

- Discussed and will remain beginning at 6:30 pm – majority of board agreed.

16. Sideline Discussions

- Prepping managers for draft prior to tryouts.
- Upper division mentor program – to be further discussed and developed. Possible subcommittee to be created.

17. Gavin Rowe

- GoFundMe created to support the family.
- CaringBridge – for updates on Gavin's progress.
- Fundraiser discussed – 10/23 movie night at YAP, more details to come.

18. Motions

- Approval of additional 2017 Board positions:
Dan Briggs, Asst. to Aux President and Asst. to Field and Equipment Mgr.
Garrett Mitton, Lead Commissioner.
Accepted – Joel Kriwinski
Seconded – Dan Briggs
Vote: Approved, Unanimous – Yes. No member abstained



- Approval for use of LiveScan as new vendor for background checks.
Accepted – Joel Kriwinski
Seconded – Amy Mitton
Vote: Approved, Unanimous – Yes. No member abstained
- Approval of expenses for implementation of LiveScan background checks –
Accepted – Bryan Ray
Seconded - Amy Mitton
Vote: Approved, Unanimous – Yes. No member abstained
- Approval to donate money to Gavin Rowe GoFundMe campaign
Accepted – Nick Cozens
Seconded – Garrett Mitton
Vote: Approved, Unanimous – Yes. No member abstained

Benched Item:

Mid-season tournament

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm