



Minutes of Board of Director's Meeting of SMVLL

A meeting of the board of directors of SMVLL was held on November 15, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

There were present, representing a quorum of the board:

Mike Michota, John Holland, Joel Kriwinski, Amy Mitton, Dan Briggs, Tori Yokoyama, Mark Dace, Mike Walls, Garrett Mitton, Cyndi Nagel, Scott Nagel, David Baker, Bryan Ray, Jeff Lance, Nick Cozens, Amy Hahn, Eileen Holland, Greg Ramirez, Suzanne McCarty, Frank Torriero, Jerome Healy, Derrick Taylor, David Boyer, Joe Nash

Not Present:

Cora Swanson, Ron Grau, Tim Enoch, Chris Rowe, Aaron Dak, Rich Conser

1. Ezio Petrella – District Administrator for District 68

- Elected by league presidents to be District Administrator.
- Discussed background of District 68 org chart.
- Responsibility is to make sure all leagues operate under rules and regulations of baseball.
- Discussed All Star and voting process, which can be different for every league.
- Difficult to run a Little League – a lot that needs to be accomplished to run smoothly.
- 49% of BOD can be coach/manger in any division.
 - President is sole person to appoint mgr/coaches – can accept recommendations or choose not to.
 - Files on parent letters re coaches in the past – can influence selection process.
- Discussed other District 68 programs.
 - Scholarship program for kids in need to help with financial assistance in order to play baseball.
 - Challenger program for special needs kids.
 - Assistance with military kids – carpools, etc.
 - Assistance for returning veterans.
- Feeder teams can go into Junior National but at the end of the season, all kids need to go back into their boundary league.
- Ladera is hosting 50/70 league – SMVLL should discuss to see if any interest.
- Healthy league is 200 – 450 players. SMVLL is a healthy league.
- Rule waivers discussed – all waivers go to Williamsport for approval.
 - Question asked – Suzanne re 11 players on Majors team – waiver will have to be submitted.

2. Michelle Cole – District 68 Lower Division ADA / Social Media

- Discussed her job responsibilities.
 - Focus is getting the cities involved in order to help Little League.



- Works with nonprofits in the cities.
- Offers to spread any information that we need throughout the city.
- Santa visit – will be promoting Little League during event.
 - Crafts for kids – helps to engage in talking with people about baseball.
- Wood bat tournament during Spring break – will allow common pool play.
 - Majors division will play on regular size fields.
- Families encouraged following District 68 on social media.

3. John Yots – District 68 Challenger Program Director

- Challenger teams – made up of 7-8 teams that represent District 68 to play at Angels Stadium – it is a wonderful event.
- Would like for SMVLL to spread the word re Challenger Program.
- Great program – open to kids from 5 years to early 20's.
- Leagues with Challenger teams – Rancho, San Clemente, RSM, Viejo, Ladera. If there is not enough kids for an entire team within our league, they will be placed on a team in another league.
- Challenger games are played in between Major games within that league.

4. Sam Griffith – District 68 Umpire In Chief

- Discussed new bat rule – effective 1st of calendar year of 2018 - all current bats will be outlawed and will have to have the USAA baseball stamp in order to use.
- USAA Baseball will run pitch count – every state has pitch count rules.
- Little League has stopped Big League – it will end at age 16 with Seniors.
- Greatly appreciates clinics that SMVLL runs.
- Gave a thank you for the items donated that were taken to children in Europe – uniforms, baseball gear, etc.
- Discussed a district wide Little League program within Little League for teens.
- Junior Nationals is open boundaries, however the coach would need to be in boundary within league.

5. Updates – Mike Michota

- Webcam / WiFi installation at YAP has been discussed with North and moving forward with the plan will be further discussed.
- LiveScan – application resubmitted and approval is expected soon.
- District 68 UIC meeting to be attended by Michota, Healy, Yokoyama and DuChateau.
- BOD meeting schedule change for December to 1 meeting - now on the 13th at Peppinos at 6:30 pm.
- Survey from baseball clinic went out in less than 48 hours – thanks to Amy Mitton.
- Permit applications submitted for Spring and 9U All Stars.
- SMVLL website – thanks to Cyndi Nagel for keeping current.
- Fall Ball wraps this weekend - special thanks to Joe Nash as Fall Ball Commissioner.



- Would like to promote the Elite program for next Fall Ball.
- Survey for Fall Ball to submit the week of 11/28.

6. Baseball Clinic Recap – Joel Kriwinski

- Baseball clinic was a great turn out – spirit was fantastic with many volunteers.
- Survey results came back with positive feedback.

7. Registration Update – Greg Ramirez and Joe Kriwinski

- Great results so far for registration. There are some registration fees still currently due.
- Baseball clinic was a huge help in getting new sign-ups.
- Big growth in Coach Pitch due to marketing and feedback.
- Trending for success.
- Registration can't be technically closed until after tryout.

8. Manager Applications – Garrett Mitton

- Nov. 20th is the deadline to submit manager applications.
- Manager applications are looking good with some follow up still needed to fill spots.
- Manager recruitment is most important - leads to "Better Baseball".

9. Santa's Arrival – Amy Mitton

- Tuesday, November 22nd from 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm.
- Volunteers needed to help run booth.

10. Big Brother – Mentor Sub-Committee Report – Garrett Mitton

- Great meeting – members are very passionate in making this a big success.
- Goal/Mission Statement: To develop a positive, fun environment, cultivating league camaraderie for South Kids by teaming young and older Ballplayers to build confidence, friendships, leadership traits and technical baseball skills.
- Open items re combining Majors and AAA together.

11. Sponsorship – Scott Nagel and Frank Torriero

- Trending well but all of BOD needs to step up to get at least one sponsor.
- We will get many "No's" and we will need to talk about why it's important to sponsor our league.

12. Financial Update – Mike Michota

- Finances are in good shape.

13. Board Shirts – Mark Dace

- We will have a full mock-up of our proposed board shirts on Nov. 22nd.



14. Bat Rules

- Email blast is discussed to send before the holidays in order to address new bat rule changes.
- Bat trade concept is suggested.

15. Second clinic – Joel Kriwinski

- Possible dates are discussed – including December 18th.

16. Holiday Party

- BOD Holiday Party at the Mitton residence w/spouses invited and pot luck - Saturday – Jan. 7th

17. Motion

- Approval of minutes from 11/1 BOD meeting.
 - Accepted – Joel Kriwinski
 - Seconded – Suzanne McCarty
 - Vote: Approved, Unanimous – Yes. No member abstained.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.