



## Minutes of Board of Director's Meeting of SMVLL

A meeting of the board of directors was held on December 13, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm.

There were present, representing a quorum of the board:

Joel Kriwinski, John Holland, Mark Dace, Rich Conser, Cyndi Nagel, Scott Nagel, Eileen Holland, Amy Hahn, Mike Walls, Nick Cozens, Tori Yokoyama, Ron Grau, Bryan Ray, Joe Nash, Amy Mitton, Aaron Dak, David Boyer, Suzanne McCarty, Jeff Lance, Frank Torriero, Jerome Healy, Garrett Mitton

Not present:

Chris Rowe, Cora Swanson, David Baker, Derrick Taylor, Dan Briggs, Tim Enoch

### **1. Registration Update – Joel Kriwinski**

- We are up 20 registrations from last year. Review needed to ensure people are in the correct league. Some registration fees still need to be paid. We are a healthy league.
- Largest churn rate was from A to AA – some feedback points to kid pitch.

### **2. Treasurer Update – Rich Conser**

- 73% of people paid their registration fees. The board will continue to collect fees.
- Cash balances are in good shape. There was an issue with credit card machine and we are working to get resolved. Looking into purchasing a card reader.

### **3. Sponsorship Update – Frank Torriero**

- BOD is looking positive for sponsors with good efforts from the BOD. Close to last year for sponsors but we still need to focus on people who need sponsors.

### **4. Umpire Update**

- We will strive to have a good relationship with umpires - game management goes a long way as far as quality of the baseball experience. We will make sure everyone is on the same page, keeping it fun for the parents and kids.
- We would like to try and spread out umpire responsibility - point system and will encourage managers to designate a team umpire.
- Mechanics clinic – South is hosting – managers should attend.
  - Viejo hosting youth umpire clinic.
  - Rules clinic is required by all managers.
  - Suggestion for South host a youth umpire clinic to get more volunteers.
- Discussion for managers to prefill in umpire spots at the beginning of the season. This will make for a more enjoyable season with less stress on the managers.

### **5. Uniforms/Apparel – Mark Dace**

- Demo example is shown for board shirt.
- Question as to whether the board should pay for the board shirts.
- Discussion to reward all managers with embroidered batting jackets.
- Managers will receive coaching shirts as well.



## 6. Fields & Equipment

- New equipment list for 2017 is reviewed. There is a bid on the AAA grand stand for renovation. Eagle Scouts are a possible recruit for the project. SMVLL logo to be painted on the AAA grand stand – great first sight for people to see.
- Items discussed for purchase: Game balls, and Regular Baseballs, Tee-Balls, Tanner Tee, Backspin Tee, Diamond Umpire Equipment, Chest Protector, L-Screen, Fungo Screen, Jr. Hack Pitching Machine, Batting Mat, Rubbermaid Utility Cart.

## 7. Manager orientations – Joel Kriwinski

- Managers are key to success – a manager orientation will be held for AA and Single A after try outs to help them understand the basic concepts, goals of baseball, what are we trying to teach the kids, fun vs. competition, how to run an efficient practice, know what you are allowed and required to do as a manager, better experience, and will give platforms for managers to stand on.
- Discussion to bring up sportsmanship between other leagues.
- Player evaluation form will be rolled out – this will be a tool to use during tryouts to grade players on 1-5 in each area for each player.

## 8. Updates – Michota

- Calendar Review – Picture day is rescheduled to March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> clinic may not happen due to fields possibly not ready. We will explore warm-ups prior to tryouts.
- Improvements to YAP to include painted dugouts, lowered dirt-to-grass elevations, clean up in the batting cage area, new flooring in the snack bar (mid-season – Spring break), restroom improvements.
- 2018 interleague with RMV – possible.
- North LL local rules was approved.
- Angel Day – April 29<sup>th</sup>. Need Angel Day coordinator.
- January BOD meetings will be 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

## 9. Safety Update – Bryan Ray

- LiveScan update – 3 custodians are in the process of DOJ approval.
- District Umpires will have to have a background check.
- Managers will be contingent upon a background check.

## 10. 2017 Manager Slate – Mike Michota

- Mike Michota presented the full slate of managers for 2017 and the slate was approved by the Board.

## 11. Motions

- Approval of minutes from 11/15/2016 BOD meeting
  - Accepted – Nick Cozens
  - Seconded – Amy Mitton



- Vote: Approved, Unanimous – Yes. No member abstained.
  
- Approval of jersey board shirts
  - Accepted – Garrett Mitton
  - Seconded – Amy Mitton
  - Vote: Not approved – No.
  
- Approval of Board providing batting jackets for all managers
  - Accepted – Nick Cozens
  - Seconded - David Boyer
  - Vote: Approved. 4 members abstained.
  
- Approval to sell Gator utility vehicle
  - Accepted – Mark Dace
  - Seconded – Suzanne McCarty
  - Vote: Approved, Unanimous – Yes. No member abstained.
  
- Approval of expenses for fields/equipment - Jr. Hack Attack contingent on sale of Gator
  - Accepted – Suzanne McCarty
  - Seconded – Garrett Mitton
  - Approved, Unanimous – Yes. No member abstained.
  
- Approval of 2017 Manager Slate
  - Accepted – Tori Yokoyama
  - Seconded – Amy Mitton
  - Vote: Approved, Unanimous – Yes. No member abstained.

**Benched Items:**

- Incorporating a pitching station at tryouts.
- Motion to approve board to cover all managers and two coaches for LiveScan fees – to be determined based on cost.
- CPR and concussion awareness classes.