



Minutes of the Board of Directors for SMVLL – 1/24/2017

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on January 24, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm.

There were present, representing a quorum of the Board:

Mike Michota, Joel Kriwinski, John Holland, Mark Dace, Cyndi Nagel, Eileen Holland, Amy Hahn, Mike Walls, Nick Cozens, Tori Yokoyama, Ron Grau, Derrick Taylor, Bryan Ray, Joe Nash, Amy Mitton, Jeff Lance, Garrett Mitton, Cora Swanson, Greg Ramirez, Frank Torriero

Not Present:

Chris Rowe, Rich Conser, Scott Nagel, Suzanne McCarty, Aaron Dak, Dan Briggs, David Boyer, Tim Enoch, Jerome Healy

1. Updates – Mike Michota

- AV Manager position has been filed – Ted Tesoriero.
- We are still currently in need of a Head Scorekeeper.
 - Nick Cozens to reach out to a parent from previous season.

2. Financials – Mike Michota

- 98% collected on registration fees.
- Angel Day tickets have already been purchased.
- Sponsorships are way ahead but there are still more areas to be covered for sponsors.

3. Auxiliary/Events – Cora Swanson

- Raffle tickets – The team met and came up with a solution to sell tickets online. We will also be able to download a spreadsheet which will indicate ticket sales for everyone that has purchased.
- Physical raffle tickets - Amy found a website to purchase tickets – motion is brought to approve purchase of 6000 tickets.
- Incentive will be Angel tickets to the player who sells the most tickets.
- We still need raffle items and are encouraged to ask family and friends for donations of services, items, etc.
- We will need a plan in the event it rains for Opening Ceremonies – to be further discussed.
- We will hold off on the dunk tank and save for Closing Ceremonies – due to cold weather forecast.
- A volunteer is needed to sing the National Anthem with one possibly in the works or we may ask for a volunteer from the local high school. Color guards are not available for the ceremonies – but possibility of asking the boy scouts.
- Rental agreement needs to be revised and we will need payment for 50% of the costs.
- 1997 National Champions – Amy Hahn is coordinating with the team re logistics for ceremonies. MVTV – Coaches Corner will possibly interview each championship player with city council and mayor to possibly attend the ceremonies.



4. Sponsorships – Cyndi Nagel

- Total amount of sponsorships so far has been huge success. SMVLL website has been updated with the new sponsors received and the sponsor feed on the website will be put into priority of who paid the most.
- Many Walk-Off sponsors as well - we are very excited to see how many vendors will support our league.
- Melissa Walls' company will provide the refillable mugs for the snack bar. The bigger the mug the better! Cyndi will send out an email to the Board and will include a picture of the mugs for us to vote on.
- Online forms are suggested to be used for payment of sponsors.

5. Snack Shack – Jeff Lance

- We were lucky to not get flooded in the snack bar during the heavy rains. Coke was out to look at layout for installation, etc.
- We still need a cash register and looking at some that are programmable – motion is brought to purchase cash register.
- We will have Coke products, slushees, and Gatorade.
- We have extended our offer to help the North for anything they need with their snack bar due to flooding.
- Feb 4th - 9 am snack bar meeting for kids that want to apply for a job.

6. Uniforms & Apparel – Amy Mitton

- Uniforms have been ordered. We are in a good position to have the uniforms before Opening Ceremonies. Managers will be updated on delivery date.
- Spirit wear is being worked on by Earl – The Sporting Good. All spirit wear products will need a minimum order of 24 items. We are looking to bring that down and absorb the order fee by Earl in order to get orders in.
- Manager/coaches shirts are discussed and jerseys are suggested. Garrett will send out an email to poll the managers to see what type of shirt they would prefer.
- Mark Dace has priced the dry-fit practice jerseys for the kids and adults at \$ with logo for each shirt. Suggestion is to give a shirt credit to the coaches so they are able to pick their own.

7. Communications – Amy Mitton

- Our website has a mobile app (SI Play) available for coaches to manage their teams, schedules, events. It is free and will also synch game scoring with live updates.
- Suggestion to use Rainedout.com which will send a text to the team if there is a cancellation – option to use for communicating.

8. Division/Teams – Joel Kriwinski

- Very impressed with the draft – great experience and excitement all around.
- Some leagues haven't even had tryouts or teams drafted yet.
- Direct any questions to Greg Ramirez and the League Commissioners.



- Scoped the rained-out fields and we have good sun in forecast – will hopefully dry up soon. Earliest is Jan. 30th for the fields to open, we will talk about in-door practice option.
- Scheduling – many questions from managers looking for a place to start working with the kids. Feb 1st is when permits take effect.
 - Template will go out to commissioners to make up the practice schedules.
 - Practice schedules will be out this Wed. and Thurs.
- We will use De Portola, Aurora, Eastbrook, Melinda, and Montevideo as satellite fields.
- Many in-door facilities are available and looking into rates – we are insured by our league anywhere we go for practices.
 - We will vote on as a board for use of facilities.
 - We will create a robust list for indoor facilities to use as a resource.
- Thoughts on conditions for use of indoor facility are:
 - Commissioner should be notified if a team is going to practice at a facility, no use of equipment outside of YAP, all practices count toward weekly limits, fees to be privately funded by team. Injuries/accidents need to be reported to Safety Officer.
 - Plan of management has to be communicated to commissioner and has to be a rainy day.
 - Suggestion to make practice hours fair and it may open the box to additional practice. Limit it to a rainy day only plan for indoor practice.
- Communication to managers re practice should go out to managers starting tomorrow – Division Commissioners should be sending out this info. Discussion on when we should designate practice start date for teams.
- Need to manage how much practice time is being spent. Suggestion is made for a 3 game suspension if a manager is violating the allotted practice hours.

9. Registration – Joel Kriwinski

- Great job to Greg Ramirez and Amy Mitton for making the phone calls to make sure people were in the correct league.
- Registration is closed for Majors with possibility of a wait list. There is room for some of the other undrafted divisions.

10. First Half/Second Half Season – Mike Michota

- We are the only league that has a first half/second half for AAA and Majors. All other teams play straight through and play double elimination, winner is 1st place going into TOC and loser is 2nd place team going into TOC.
- Discussed having this season switch to a straight through schedule.
 - It would be more manageable putting together the interleague schedule with North and other leagues.
 - It would align us with our league and interleaguings. We would interleague in the middle of the season so it is a more meaningful season.
- Benefits are discussed for keeping the first and second half in place.
 - Gives teams that are behind in the first half a chance to improve and possibly get ahead in the second half.



11. Mentor-Sub Committee – Garrett Mitton

- Pairing is in the works and being put together.
- Each Majors and AAA teams will identify two players on their team who are role models.
- Jan 30th managers meeting will outline this program and roll out.

12. Big Al Clinic – John Holland

- Discussion on how much this clinic can benefit all managers and coaches as well as be a great resource. Show of hands indicates the majority of the Board has been to a Big Al clinic.
- Suggestion for the league to purchase a league license. Key is to take advantage of this resource.
 - Better Baseball is like a rainbow – Joel-ism

13. UIC/Rules – Tori Yokoyama

- Local Rules have been submitted to the district and are in review. We will need to amend the rules regarding a straight through season and will resubmit to the district.
- Email went out to managers regarding update on rules clinic and mechanics clinic.

14. Fields & Equipment – Nick Cozens

- All new equipment will be arriving soon.
- Please stay off the fields and if we see other people on the field, ask them to stay off of them. Thanks to the field maintenance workers who have done an amazing job.
- An assistant is needed to help with putting the flags up and all of the championship banners.

15. Safety – Bryan Ray

- Fingerprinting is all approved – 90% of people have given volunteer forms.
- We are in need ice packs and plan to have them available in snack bar along with first aid kits.
- We may have to budget to purchase kits for each team but not to exceed \$ for first aid kits, ice packs and bandages.
- CPR classes and certification is in the works for managers with possible blood drive in exchange for services.
- J-Bands/Flushbands for arm care is discussed and will be followed up.

16. General Topics – Mike Michota

- SMVLL 50th year anniversary that we became an official Little League – Golden Year.
- Welcome Julie Morgan who is now the lead Team Parent.
- Discussion to host 9 year All Star Tournament.
- Feb 12th North/South Managers BBQ – Great way to meet them and create a better playing field. We may make this a mandatory event.
- Managers meeting at the Canyon Crest clubhouse – Jan. 30th at 7 pm.



- Scheduling regular season – would like to put a panel together. Umpiring is huge in getting on the schedule – the earlier letting them know the schedule the better.
- Photo Day is March 5th
- Code of Conduct.
 - We will have the team parent review with the parents. Suggestion is made for it to be emailed for the parents to read and bring to practice. We will need a few different methods to get the code of conduct back. Possibly having them return during uniform distribution.

17. Motions

- Approval of minutes from 1/7/2017 BOD meeting.
 - Accepted – Mark Dace
 - Seconded – Michael Grau
 - Vote: Approved, Unanimous – Yes. No member(s) abstained.

- Approval to remove Dan Briggs' voting rights but to remain on the Board.
 - Accepted – Nick Cozens
 - Seconded – John Holland
 - Vote: Approved, Unanimous – Yes. No member(s) abstained.

- Approval to purchase 6000 raffle tickets for \$ Opening Ceremonies.
 - Accepted – John Holland
 - Seconded – Greg Ramirez
 - Vote: Approved, Unanimous – Yes. No member(s) abstained.

- Approval for indoor practice facility sites and conditions stated below:
 - Only applies to days when YAP is closed
 - Your commissioner must be notified in advance of your practice
 - Cannot use league equipment outside of YAP
 - All practices count towards your weekly limits
 - All facility bookings on a first-come basis
 - All associated fees to be privately funded
 - Any injuries or accidents to be reported to Safety Officer following standard protocol
 - Bobby Crosby, Pitch in Hit, Redline Athletics, BPA, YMCA, Quakes, Primus in Lake Forest
 - Accepted – Jeff Lance
 - Seconded – Cyndi Nagel
 - Vote: Approved – Yes. 1 member abstained.

- Approval to delay indoor practice start to Thurs, 1/26 at 4 pm.
 - Accepted – Garrett Mitton
 - Seconded – John Holland



- Vote: Approved – Yes. 3 members abstained.
- Approval to purchase new snack bar cash register, but not to exceed \$.
 - Accepted – Cora Swanson
 - Seconded – Amy Mitton
 - Vote: Approved, Unanimous – Yes. No member(s) abstained.
- Approval to do a straight through season for AAA and Majors.
 - Accepted – Garrett Mitton
 - Seconded – Mark Dace
 - Vote: Approved, Unanimous – Yes. No member(s) abstained.
- Approval for the league to purchase one year license for Big Al Clinic.
 - Accepted – Nick Cozens
 - Seconded – Amy Hahn
 - Vote: Approved – Yes. One member - 1 member abstained.
- Approval for the league to purchase but not exceed \$ for first aid kits, ice packs, and bandages.
 - Accepted – Joel Kriwinski
 - Seconded – Amy Mitton
 - Vote: Approved, Unanimous – Yes. No member(s) abstained.

Benched Item:

- Need a plan in the event it rains for Opening Ceremonies – to be further discussed.
- J-Bands/Flushbands for arm care is discussed and will be followed up.