



Minutes of the Board of Directors for SMVLL – 8/31/2017

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on August 31, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

There were present, representing a quorum of the board:

Mike Michota, Amy Mitton, John Holland, Mike Walls, Joel Kriwinski, Cyndi Nagel, Jeff Lance, Bryan Ray, Rich Conser, Tori Yokoyama, Garrett Mitton, Mark Dace, Jerome Healy, Julie Morgan, Jeff Lance, Adam Scalero, Kristin Dak, Chris Rowe, Tim Nogen, Stacia Garner

Not Present: Greg Ramirez, Derrick Taylor, Brian Ilg

1. Election of League President – Mike Michota

- Current league President Mike Michota called for nominations for 2017-18 League President
- Amy Mitton made a motion to nominate Mike Michota
- Rich Conser seconded the motion
- No additional candidates were nominated and the Board was called to vote
- Vote: Approved, unanimous – yes. No member(s) abstained

2. Board of Director Positions – Mike Michota

- Mike Michota presented Tim Moegen to the board as Assistant Player Agent
 - i. Accepted - Bryan Ray
 - ii. Seconded – Mark Dace
 - iii. Vote: Approved, unanimous – yes. No member(s) abstained
- Mike Michota presented Brian Ilg for appointment on the Board of Directors
 - i. Accepted – Garrett Mitton
 - ii. Seconded – Joel Kriminski
 - iii. Vote: Approved, unanimous – yes. No member(s) abstained

3. Organizational Structure – Mike Michota

- Mike Michota shared the organizational structure with the Board of Directors
- Opening in Sponsorship Director:
 - i. Request to the Board to help identify the right person for the role
 - ii. Board discussed engaging with parents to provide opportunities for smaller volunteer commitments and value any type of volunteering can bring to the success and experience of the league
 - iii. Board discussed the possibility for an assistant position to help with sponsorships given the importance and commitment necessary to fill the role

4. Auxiliary/Events – Amy Mitton

- New structure allows for broader group of volunteers to participate in events without having to hold a board seat

- Sign-up genius and email communication asking for volunteers will be used throughout the season
- Request for board members to identify opportunities where additional help can be provided outside of the board member role

5. Snack Shack – Mike Michota

- Snack shack will be undergoing renovations this fall
- Call for volunteers from the auxiliary committee to assist with moving snack shack equipment into storage to accommodate the renovations

6. 2017 Year in Review – Mike Michota

- 100+ responses to the member survey
- Grew membership with significant growth in youngest divisions
- Launched new league logo and branding standards
- Safety improvements
- Improved player photo packages
- Eliminated fund raisers with modest fee increases
- Increased community events
- Improved and cost efficient uniforms and apparel
- Expanded and engaging opening ceremonies
- All facilities purged, organized and detailed
- Snack shack enhancements
- Improved inter-league relationships
- Fields and equipment improvements
- Record registrations for 2017 fall ball

7. 2018 Goals – Mike Michota

- Succession Planning
- Continued, enhanced inter-league play
- Mascot name – this will go out to a popular vote with league members
- Town Hall Meeting(s)
- Continued hosting of All-Star tournaments
- Baseball clinics- next steps / building on 2017 clinics
- Refined scheduling process with an earlier start date for the process
- Single A Kid Pitch – yes or no
- Revisit local rules
- Launch LiveScan for parent volunteers
- Assess field and equipment needs
- Spirit wear – build program
- Continued Snack shack improvements

8. Financial Update – Rich Conser

- Remain a healthy and well-funded league
- Year-over-year increase in available funds compared to same time last year, resulting from:
 - i. Minimal increase in registration dues
 - ii. Increased sponsorship participation

iii. Successful snack shack sales

9. LiveScan for Parent Volunteers – Bryan Ray

- League will publish the list of “approved volunteer” names. League will keep this list updated on the website
- All volunteers in direct contact with children will be required to complete LiveScan
- League will pay the \$15 FBI fee, \$20 cost attributed to volunteers
- Certification will last for four years
- Request to Board of Directors to finish LiveScan approval process before the next board meeting on 9/18/2017
- LiveScan’s completed for other organizations (including school districts) do not transfer to Little League volunteerism
- Formal written notification is required by volunteers who leave the league to remove their name from the monthly report

10. Division/Teams

- Fall ball Elite program – need clarification on bat size rules. Adam Scalero has emailed for clarification. Once received, league needs to email managers on the ruling
- New bat rules go into effect spring of 2018
 - i. Board discussed possibility of funding the purchase of a few bats for each team
 - ii. League consideration for a bat program in partnership with Earl. Mike Walls and Mark Dace to work on forming this partnership. No formal vote required on this topic at this time. Future vote will be required if expenses are necessary
- Rule clarification for player agents who are also managers was discussed
 - i. Mike Michota to follow-up to determine the proper application of this rule
- Discussion on the need to establish a protest committee if a protest happens during a game
 - i. Board discussed the proper escalation path is first to UIC. If left unresolved, it goes to the Executive board and on to District
 - 1. Follow-up is a 1:1 with Mike and Elitso to request waivers
- Equipment audit is required to determine needs for the upcoming season
 - i. Mike Walls and John Holland to conduct a facility walk and report back to the board on equipment requirements
- Potential for expanded clinics – dates TBD
 - i. Clinics being considered include “dust off” clinic for baseball fundamentals open to registered and non-registered league members and a catcher/pitcher clinic.
 - 1. Potential to add a “bat day” to this where Earl can be present for kids to try new bats prior to purchase

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 19 at 7pm at NPM.