



SMVLL Board of Director's Meeting – 4/19/2018

A Board of Director's meeting was held with the SMVLL Board of Directors on April 19, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm. The meeting was adjourned at 9:41pm.

Board of Directors in attendance included Mike Michota, Amy Mitton, Kristin Dak, John Holland, Amy Hahn, Jerome Healy, Mike Walls, Julie Morgan, Jeff Lance, Joel Kriwinski, Garrett Mitton, Tim Moegen, Mark Dace, Chris Rowe

News and Notes (Mike Michota)

- Fall Ball was discussed at the most recent President's meeting
- SMVLL sent out a call for fall ball commissioners; this will be run by committee
 - District 68 left it up to us on who should run developmental. SMVLL elected to run developmental, District 68 will run the fall ball elite
 - One administrator, one developmental, one fall ball elite
 - Committee members are Jim Kelly, Jim Cordova and John Thines
 - No major changes other than challenges with fields
- Single A kid pitch started
 - Great to have a bucket of balls at the pitcher's mound– shout out to Sager Marshall for this idea
- Registration numbers vs. other leagues was handed out at the meeting
 - 2016 2-year growth is super strong vs. other surrounding teams
 - South is up by +10%
- Moms and Bombs is scheduled for 5/6. Plans are going well; need male volunteers to help out throughout the day
- Need commissioners to start looking at May after the regular season ends to get the end of year tournaments scheduled
 - Single vs. double elimination can be discussed depending on scheduling availability
 - Would prefer to have all teams participate in the tournaments
 - As soon as those dates are scheduled, commissioners to let Jeff and Julie know to get snack bar spots filled
- All Stars manager applications went out Monday and are due next Tuesday
 - Started the process earlier this year
 - Already received a few applications and are visiting practices
 - Gives the BOD an opportunity to look at candidates during the application process and observe them on the field
- Used baseball gear drive going on with District 68
 - Goes to the fire victims in Northern California and flood victims in the south
 - Previous bats, anything baseball related is accepted
 - Need to put out a box on Saturday for games
 - Amy will send out some email communication
 - Due a week from Sunday
- Next District meeting will discuss player agents

- 2 protests – one did not pass, and one did
 - 1 game was an ineligible catcher against North, will pick up in the 5th inning
- Safety reminders going out to the district managers
 - Reminder that it's Manager and Coaches ONLY on the field an hour prior to the game, this is an insurance issue and must be adhered to
 - Manager's or coaches catching is not allowed, kids should always catch and always need a helmet on
 - 2 elbow injuries in the league right now. Determining how serious they are. Both kids play in both travel ball and little league. Need open communication and focus on kid safety
- We did get the 9's All Star tournament. SMVLL is being asked by District 68 to host the 9/10's – challenge is the 8 day overlap which is a challenge to staff
 - Asked for the ability to send out emails for scorekeeper and volunteer sign-ups to offset this
 - No other leagues are offering to host, which is making this challenging
 - Board voted to pass on the 9/10's tournament

Committee Updates:

- Closing Ceremonies (Stacia Chair)
 - Mary Gunderson is our trophy vendor, Stacia to follow-up and get them purchased
 - Need to provide the coach pitch and T-ball rosters to get those started
 - Need to lineup remaining volunteers
 - Sponsorship opportunity – looking to sponsor something that is already an activity
- 2019 BOD Recruiting (Stacia Chair)
 - Voting period is 24 hours before closing ceremonies
 - Online shuts down before opening ceremonies start
 - Paper ballots will be done by beginning of opening ceremonies
 - Would like to cap the board for 25-27 as the max
- Moms and Bombs (Kristin Dak Chair)
 - 67 moms registered as of today
 - Expect to be at 100 again for this year
 - Kristin is identifying resource needs
 - Snack shack is requested to open at 8:30am
 - Most groups are registering for the later scheduled times. Working on this
 - Putting together signage and tail gating area
 - Going to need flag markers, hoping the ball feeder can be the “coach” for that team
 - Ball party will be the kids or moms for that team
 - Need coaches and dad volunteers to help the mom's enjoy their day
 - All bats are legal
- Postseason Tourney (Adam/Mike W. Chair)
 - Go ahead with plans for the 9's tournament starting next week
 - The dates for the 9's are June 16-July 1st
- SMVLL Mascot Selection (Chris Chair)
 - Chris to send out the logos to the board to narrow down the logo options

- Top 5 will go out to the kids and parents for an online vote
- Voting booth at Mom's and Bombs for the names

2018 Calendar Review (Mike Michota)

- TOC is June 2 - June 10
- All stars are June 16 - July 6
- Sectionals are July 14 - July 19
- State is July 21 – July 30
- World Series – August 18 – August 26

Financial Update (Mike Michota)

- Sitting in a positive cash flow situation
- Sponsorships at \$25,000
 - Only one team we needed to put pressure on to close the sponsorship
 - Final banners are being printed

Baseball Ops Update (Joel Kriwinski)

- Single A switch to kid pitch has been going great
 - Pitching has been really good, very high quality
- Catchers/Pitchers clinic went really well
 - Feedback has been really positive
- Big brother program has been on hold due to rain outs and reschedules
 - All assigned and ready to go, email will go out tomorrow
- All commissioners have been doing a great job
- Unique opportunity with Russ on the catching side. We are struggling the most in this position in every division. Suggestion was made to use Russ for future catching clinics; his rates are reasonable and he's a great coach

Umpiring Update (Tori/Jerome)

- Umpire coverage has been very good
- Umpire points have been met by single A through majors as of this morning
- Umpire training with 34 people last Friday, which was really great
- Originally planned for an hour and it went for two
- 3-4 man crews at the drop of the hat has been really, really appreciated by the league

Fields and Equipment Update (Mike Walls)

- Biggest issue is game balls
 - Plate umpire is the only one who is to get game balls – no scorekeepers, or base umpires
 - A/AA only two, AAA and Majors need only three
 - Request for commissioners to send out an email to remind Managers and Coaches of this rule
- Motion was made to purchase 2 left handed catchers gloves

- Motion was made to purchase a new rake for the fields
- Reminder to BOD who are closing the fields to make sure the sheds are locked before they leave

Scheduling Update (Chris Rowe)

- 54 reschedules this year due to the rain, which includes AA cancellations with North interleague games
- Majors is almost done and already scheduled
- AAA has a few left to schedule
- AA/A is caught up

Safety Update / Live Scan Update (Bryan Ray)

- One incident with coach pitch player at Aurora Park with a kid without a helmet hit with a bat. Proper protocol was followed and the player received the proper medical attention
- Incident with a twisted ankle with a kid sliding into home in coach pitch, reminders on a force out at home, kids are not to tag
- Incident with Chico State Majors player with extreme pain in elbow, arm is in a sling and will see a specialist next week
 - Green book rule 193 says that if a team loses any player on the roster through the season for a justifiable reason, a player can be obtained by a player agent to fill the loss. However, local rule says a team cannot add a player with 4 weeks left in the season
 - Date is this Sunday to qualify as 4 weeks left in the season, but player has a doctor's appointment on Monday
 - A discussion around the local rules and options for requesting time extension until Monday to get doctor input on the injury were discussed
 - No motion was made in this matter
- Need to be aware of the issues with kids slipping and falling in cleats playing "butts up" on the fields. Remind players to remove their cleats and not run on the cement

Snack Shack (Jeff Lance and Julie Morgan)

- Request to pick up that back room of the snack bar
 - BBQ is sold, just needs to be delivered
 - Old banners will be thrown away
 - Empty propane tanks need to be dealt with
- Request for phones not be charged in the snack shack including fans and parents
 - Consider putting a sign up titled "authorized personnel only"
- If you are closing, make sure the supervisor thoroughly completed the job and cleans up before they leave. Having issues with coming in to a dirty snack shack which could present an issue with ants and bugs
- A high number of "no-shows" in the snack bar – several teams will not get yearbooks or trophies for those teams until it's fulfilled

Angel Day / Communications / Website (Amy Mitton)

- No updates at this time

- Request to pull aggregate scores for SMVLL vs. NMVLL

Review tabled Items and Votes

- Majors Army played an ineligible pitcher in their win Saturday, April 14th vs NMVLL Broncos. The ineligible pitcher threw 81 pitches on Wednesday, April 11th and therefore was not eligible to pitch again until Monday, April 16th. He threw 86 pitches on Saturday, April 14th, well outside of the rules required days rest for a pitcher age 11-12.
- The ineligible player was called to the BOD attention by the opposing team well AFTER the conclusion of the game, therefore it is not protestable (Rule 4.19d stating that "Protest made due to the use of an ineligible pitcher or an ineligible player may be considered only if made to the umpire before the umpire(s) leave the field at the end of the game)
- Email binding vote was conducted on April 15, 2018. Binding vote was for two motions
 - Motion 1) forfeit Majors Army's win vs NMVLL Majors Broncos of Saturday, April 14th
 - Motion 2) suspend Majors Army Manager Marc Trocchio for one game, Monday April 16th

Motions:

1. Approval of the minutes
 - a. Motion – Amy
 - b. Second – Mark
 - c. Voting: All in favor, no abstains
2. Approval to purchase 2 catchers gloves
 - a. Motion – Garrett
 - b. Second – Chris
 - c. Voting: All in favor, no abstains
3. Approval to purchase a new rake
 - a. Motion – Chris
 - b. Second – Mark
 - c. Voting: All in favor, no abstains
4. Email vote for forfeit of Majors Army's win vs NMVLL Majors Broncos of Saturday, April 14th
 - a. Voting: Majority yes, 3 no, no abstains
5. Email vote to suspend Majors Army manager Marc Trocchio for one game, Monday April 16th
 - a. Voting: Majority yes, 1 no, no abstains