

**Sno-Valley North Little League October Meeting
Secretary Meeting Minutes
12 October 2015**

Meeting Call to Order: 7:00pm by J. Willmon.

Attendees: J. Willmon, A. Rafferty, J. Lyons, K. Ayers, M. Komola, J. Combs, S. Combs, B. Newell, R. Mundy, N. Veranth, R. Mason, C. Lowell, E. Jeanes, and S. McKenzie.

Introduction: Jesse W. introduced the meeting and presented a general overview of the agenda, beginning with a summarization of the 2016 SVNLL Board of Directors, generally following the agenda items as they were presented:

1) 2015 -2016 SVNLL Board of Directors: The 2016 SVNLL Board members and corresponding roles are:

- President - Jessie Willmon
- Secretary - Eric Jeanes
- Treasurer - Mike Komola
- Info Officer / Web Master - Stephanie Combs
- Registrar - Mike Eck
- Safety Officer - Gunnar Swanson
- Umpire in Chief - Joe Lyons
- Equipment - Robby Mason
- Scheduling - Joe Combs
- Fields - Andrew Rafferty
- Sponsorship - Joe Lyons w/ assistance from Stephanie Combs
- Events - Kappie Ayers, Corey Lowell
- VP for Baseball - Nate Veranth
- BB Player Agent AAA and up - Ryan Mundy
- BB Player Agent AA and down - Ryan Hampton
- Coach Development -Gunnar Swanson and Stephanie Combs
- Player Development - Brett Newell
- BB Uniforms - Sarah McKenzie
- VP for Softball - Mike Eck
- SB Player Agent - Stephanie Combs

2) Gear Returns/Storage Container: Jessie W. indicated that a climate-controlled 10'X20' storage room will be available to SVNLL in several weeks (Carnation Storage/\$220 per month). It was the consensus that managerial gear returns should occur after the new storage facility is available to prevent mold or mildew to the equipment. Jessie W. will check on the exact date that the new facility which will trigger the timing of managerial gear returns to R. Mason. R. Mason indicated that he is available Tues/Fri evenings (5:30-7:30) and all day on Sundays throughout the next month to handle managerial gear returns. A brief discussion was held on gear inventory and old container storage clean-up, which will become an agenda item for Nov meeting when the new storage facility should be available.

- 3) **Storage Sheds at Tolt-Mac and Mariner Fields:** It was the consensus of the BOD that both sheds need complete replacement. C. Lowell will obtain estimates for two ready-made storage sheds (10'X12') including delivery to each field and a vote will occur at the Nov. meeting for approval. Some discussion occurred regarding repair, but Jessie W. indicated that both are generally beyond repair at this point. C. Lowell checked on pitching mounds located at Tolt-Mac and Big Rock; both mounds are now in secured locations. He also spoke with King County and they indicated that the Falls City Honkers (semi-pro baseball team) may renovate Mariner field for their use which could impact SVNLL game play in the future. Jessie W. sent an email for clarification regarding this and storage shed to the King County point of contact.
- 4) **Big Rock Field:** SVNLL's contribution will likely be closer to \$70-\$75k, B. Newell indicated that the increase is still feasible within SVNLL's current budget. Jessie W. retrieved the quad and loading ramps from Big Rock shed before the shed was vandalized and now resides in his shed. The quad will eventually be moved to a new shed at Big Rock field.
- 5) **District 9 News and Notes:** Jessie W. provided the SVNLL BOD an update from the District 9 president meeting which occurred on 8 October. District 9 wanted SVNLL to spread the word that Special Needs participation is available at the Eastlake Facility for anyone that resides within District 9. A flyer will be developed as well as a note on the registration pamphlets for distribution. Jessie W. indicated that the Big A/Little A clinics will occur at Eastlake High School on 24 January 2016. The clinics are free to the public for Little League families/Managers/Coaches. Stephanie C. will note the date on the SVNLL web site and FB pages will help from Jessie W. League age date will likely change again to 31 August, subject to vote held in Williamsport this week. The league age date change is an attempt is to limit Little League to younger players (12 yr old maximum age) and so that they kids may participate with their classmates. The new league age date of 31 August. **For players born on or before 31 August 2005**, the new age determination date of 31 August will be effective starting with the 2018 Little League Baseball Season. For the 2016 and 2017 seasons, these players will use the 30 April age determination date. **For players born on or after 1 September 2005**, the new age determination date will be effective immediately, starting with the 2016 season. This was the same implementation during the 2015 season whereby players turning 4 to 9 years old during the 2015 calendar year use the 31 December league age determination date. That implementation remains in place, except instead of using 31 December, you will use 31 August. Jessie W. indicated that umpires will not be available for SVNLL AAA and below divisions for the 2016 season. He encouraged all to get the word out to families in advance so that they can attend some training and/or locate prospective umpires that will volunteer their time. SVNLL must provide tournament qualified umpires for end of season all-star events. The tournament qualified umpires can't be umpires that were paid during the regular season. Joe L. indicated that he enjoyed the experience and believes that many would find the experience fulfilling. The BOD agreed that the lack of umpires for AAA and below games should be point of emphasis to all families involved in those classifications for the 2016 season.
- 6) **Baseball Trailer Preparation:** Kappie A. relayed to the BOD that the Jr. Football Cubs Red football team will clean out the baseball trailer located at Josh P. residence on 18 October.
- 7) **Riverview Education Foundation:** Kappie A. asked the BOD to consider a donation to the REF. The BOD unanimously agreed to donate one baseball scholarship, one football scholarship, and a swag bag to the River Education Foundation Fundraising event.
- 8) **Calendar of Events:** It was indicated that numerous families that were new to the SVNLL did not receive a schedule of events during the 2015 season. Eric J. suggested that a "general schedule of events and associated dates" be compiled and posted on the SVNLL web site and FB pages that contain links to other

documentation. Jessie W. referenced previous meeting minutes that could be adopted into said schedule as follows:

- a. **Registration** will go live on 1 December 2015 with tiers presented by Ryan M. as follows:
 - i. Mickey \$75 reg. fee (no late fees);
 - ii. A & AA \$110 reg. fee (\$25 late fee on 3/1/16);
 - iii. AAA/Coast/Major \$170 reg. fee (25 late fee on 1/25/15);
 - iv. Family Discounts \$15 off for second child;
\$20 off for third child;
\$25 off for fourth child.

Mike E. (Registrar) was absent, however the proposed 2016 registration fees/family discounts presented by Ryan M. were moved by Joe L. and seconded by Kappie A.; the vote passed unanimously. Jessie W. indicated that SVNLL has one of the least-expensive registration fees in District 9. Ryan M. indicated that scholarships are typically donated by SVNLL to families that can't afford the registration fees as our policy is that no kid will be turned away by SVNLL. Typically the registration is advertised via lawn signs, constant contact, and kid mail. The SVNLL web site and FB pages will also advertise registration activities under the direction of Stephanie C.;

- b. **Christmas Tree Lighting** is scheduled for 4 December. Mike E. was absent but provided an e-mail indicating that the date and possible activities that will be discussed at November BOD meeting.
- c. **Player Evaluations** for baseball AAA and higher and softball will occur on 9 January 2016 (1:30-4:30) and again on 23 January 2016 (3:00-6:00 pm). The evaluation dates were reserved by Ryan M. at the Northshore Sports Complex. All players are encouraged to attend player evaluations. Some discussion was held regarding make-up dates and how to handle missed evaluations. That discussion was tabled for the November meeting;
- d. **Player Clinics during the off-season** will once again be handled by Brett N. Brett N. will set these up for end of January 2016 at the Cedarcrest Gym and provide information to Stephanie C. for distribution.
- e. **Manager Selection** typically occurs after registration in February so that an accurate count of number of kids and teams can be obtained;
- f. **Manager/Coach Clinics** are typically conducted before the season at Rijo Athletics (early March). B. Newell purchased the Rijo Coaches DVD set in 2015. The Rijo Athletics Coaches Clinic is offered free to leagues that register at least ten coaches/mangers. Numerous members highly recommended the Rijo Manager/Coach clinics or DVD set as a way to construct efficient practice routines;
- g. **Draft** typically occurs after the manger selection has occurred and passed BOD in February. The BOD discussed the need for transparency in the draft as numerous comments (either real or perceived) occurred during the 2015 season. Eric J. suggested that the rules of the draft be posted to the SVNLL web site and linked to the FB pages for complete transparency before registration commences.

- h. **Team Meetings** under the direction of the manager typically occur prior to the first practice in early March;
- i. **Practices** typically occur earlier for AAA/Coast/Major classifications compared to Mickey, A, and AA classifications. AAA/Coast/Major team practices usually begin in mid-March;
- j. **Team Practice/Clinics at Rijo Athletics** will also be handled by Brett N. Brett N. will contact Rijo Athletics for team practices that typically occur in March/April at Rijo Athletic Complex;
- k. **Games** typically occur earlier for AAA/Coast/Major classifications compared to Mickey, A, and AA classifications. AAA/Coast/Major games usually begin in late March and are usually completed by late May, while Mickey, A, and AA classifications begin game play in April and are completed by early June;
- l. **Batting Cage Sessions** will also be arranged by Brett N. These session(s) are typically offered to AAA and above classifications during the season in April and occur at Northshore Sports Complex;
- m. **Opening Day Ceremonies** are typically scheduled for the first Saturday in May. Jessie W. will contact Cedarcrest re: availability of the baseball field. Kappie A. will direct schedule of activities;
- n. **All Star Selection** typically begins in late May with the post-season evaluation. The SVNLL BOD agreed that further transparency could be obtained by documenting the All Star selection process prior to registration commencement. All star practices typically commence immediately after the selection. The District 9 All Star Tournaments usually begin in late June.
- o. **Post Season Valley Tournaments** for AAA/Coast/Major classifications occur after the season has been completed. Games/rainouts are usually completed by early-June for AAA/Coast/Major classifications and the Valley Tournament occurs in mid-June;
- p. **District 9 All Star Tournaments** historically occur in late June. Teams advancing from the District can move onto State Tournaments.

Action Items:

- Jesse W. to check with Carnation Storage on new storage facility availability date;
- Jesse W. will contact King County re: Mariner shed replacement and field renovation;
- Jesse W. will contact Cedarcrest High School re: opening day ceremony dates;
- C. Lowell to obtain estimate for two ready-made storage sheds plus delivery to Tolt-Mac and Mariner fields;
- S. Combs will develop Special Needs flyer/notification of availability at Eastlake Facility;
- S. Combs note Big A/Little A clinic on 24 Jan 2016 at Eastlake High;
- K. Ayers to clean baseball trailer;
- K. Ayers to collect scholarships and swag for REF;
- Brett N. arrange and to provide off-season clinic information at Cedarcrest Gym to Stephanie C.;
- Brett N. to arrange and provide in-season clinic at Rijo Athletics information to Stephanie C.;
- Brett N. to arrange in-season batting cage session(s) for AAA and above classifications at Northshore Sports Complex;
- Brett N./Mike K./Andy N. to sit down and discuss previous budget and book keeping processes;
- Eric J. to reserve Rose Room for November (9 November) and December (14 December) SVNLL BOD meeting and Duvall Fire Station for January (11 January) SVNLL BOD meeting (

Next SVNLL BOD Meeting to be held at Rose Room on 9 November

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Eric Jeanes