

**Sno-Valley North Little League December Meeting
Final Meeting Minutes
14 December 2015**

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

Attendees: Jessie Willmon, Andrew Rafferty, Gunnar Swanson, Mike Eck, Joe Lyons, Mike Komola, Stephanie Combs, Brett Newell, Nate Veranth, Robby Mason, Corey Lowell, Ryan Hampton, Geoff Jacobson, Sarah McKenzie, and Eric Jeanes.

Introduction: Jesse W. introduced the meeting and presented a general overview of the agenda provided by Eric J with the following items:

- 1) **October Meeting Minutes:** The November SVNLL meeting minutes were approved unanimously by the BOD. Eric J. will post the final minutes onto the SVNLL OneDrive 2015 secretary folder.
- 2) **Gear Returns/Storage Container:** The previous gear return was not successful, so a new date was established for 19 December from 11-3. The existing container must be vacated with all gear moved into the new storage room (Unit #2118 at Carnation Storage). Robby M. will contact previous managers of the date. Quite a few gear bags (~25) have already been returned. Some SVNLL equipment resides at Josh P. residence in the trailer and needs to be transferred to Unit 2118. Eric J. noted that the trailer is currently leaking and some gear was wet when moved to access during Holiday Tree Lighting Festival. Brett N. said that he had the all-star helmets and ice packs from the previous season. The code for the gate is “*” and for key box into shed is “”. The BOD unanimously agreed to sell the old container to a current tenant of the facility for \$300.
- 3) **Big Rock Fields:** Jessie W. indicated that the Big Rock Field Project is still on the table with the City of Duvall and confirmed SVNLL’s financial commitment to the project. A City Hall meeting will be held on 15 December and will be important the long-term viability of the project. Recent budget estimates have escalated and may cause the project to face a public vote as at that level could impact the available budget. Jessie W. indicated that the project, if undertaken, will not be playable until 2017 at the earliest.
- 4) **Sponsorship Plaques:** Jesse W. located the 2015 plaques and hand-delivered all but a few. He will get the remaining plaques delivered before Christmas. Stephanie C. indicated the Duvall Fire Dept. contacted her and are interested in sponsorship activities for the 2016 season.
- 5) **Storage Sheds at Tolt-Mac and Mariner Fields:** Jesse W. noted that he transferred some equipment from the sheds to the new storage sheds at the onset of flooding in the valley. Jessie W. also indicated the sheds to not appear to be in terrible shape and could be retrofitted for 2016 season, instead of purchasing new sheds.
- 6) **All-Star Tournament:** Snoqualmie Valley North is slated to host the 2016 All-Star tournament for 9-10 baseball. Jessie W. relayed to the BOD that previously the tournaments were allowed to be played at a different District 9 location (e.g., Redmond West); however, he would like to host this tournament. He will interface with King County on the availability of Tolt-Mac fields for this purpose. This would likely be an

“all hands on deck” activity and takes quite a bit of planning to successfully accommodate. He will report back to the January meeting with an update.

- 7) **Baseball Trailer Preparation:** see gear returns/storage container, trailer will be moved to Carnation Storage facility.
- 8) **Riverview Education Foundation:** Kappie A. (*in absentia*) and Sarah M. will provide two (2) scholarships for SVNLL registration fees, Mike E. will track scholarships accordingly with the registration.
- 9) **Duval Tree Lighting:** Corey L and Kappie A. (*in absentia*) relayed that the Tree Lighting Festival went smoothly and that the SVNLL booth appeared to be a big hit with the crowd. Kappie A. and Stephanie C. put together a registration flyer that was handed out to interested families.
- 10) **Schedule of Events 2015-2016:** Eric J. and Stephanie C. continue to work on the schedule of events. Many dates currently have a place-holder and will need to be finalized by the January board meeting so this item can be included in the Redbooks that are given to managers when teams are developed. The BOD discussed the option of beginning the seasons a week earlier so that mid-season practices could occur. The SVNLL is severely constrained by field availability, but the general consensus was that this would provide opportunity to work on individual skill segments outside of live games. The BOD agreed to pursue this idea, noting that fields are often available on Friday evenings and that the in-season practice could include multiple teams in the same manner that clinics or camps occur so that participation is maximized.
- 11) **Manager Recruitment:** The BOD acknowledged the need to recruit prospective managers for the upcoming seasons, particularly at the lower age groups. Brett N. and Eric J. scheduled prospective manager meetings (2) for 15 December and 7 January. Brett N. developed a detailed packet of duties and/or job description and schedule of activities will be developed in advance of the prospective manager meetings. SVNLL had approximately 36 teams in 2015 and several managers had more than one team.
- 12) **Registration:** Mike E. updated on the registration progress to date. The preliminary numbers indicate that registration is tracking similar to 2015 (based on weekly mean). The registration process was updated to include the concussion waiver forms whereby the registration is only valid if the form was acknowledged. Stephanie C. included that “kid mail” flyers will be handed out during the December period. Registration can still occur at the player evaluations, but will close to AAA+ individuals shortly after the evaluations conclude.
- 13) **Baseball Pre-Season Clinics:** Josh P. will conduct weekly baseball clinics (league age 10-12) at Cedarcrest High School beginning on 7 January at 5:30-7:30. The clinics will continue on Thursday nights through February 2016.
- 14) **SVNLL Website:** Stephanie C. reported on the SVNLL reorganization. She has utilized other District 9 websites as templates. Stephanie C. will continue to update sections such as policies on manager selection, player evaluations and draft processes, all-star selection process, schedule of events, and FAQ when they become available to her.
- 15) **Player Evaluations:** Ryan M. (*in absentia*) relayed to the BOD via e-mail that the first player evaluation date (9 January) will occur before the January BOD meeting. Brett N. agreed to work with Ryan in developing a list of equipment, volunteers, and evaluators that will be needed to conduct the evaluations. The second player evaluation will occur on 23 January.
- 16) **Redbooks:** Ryan H. communicated the need to the BOD to update the Redbooks for the 2016 seasons. Redbooks will include playing facilities, contacts, local and interlock rules, fundraising information and

anything the managers needs to run the team during the 2016 season. Jessie W. agreed and noted that interlock rules (2016SVNLL will interlock with Falls and Snoqualmie Valley LL's) will be mutually accepted so that an "all-valley tournament" can occur instead of a tournament within SVNLL. To facilitate this, a meeting will occur in advance of the season to include managers from Falls, Snoqualmie, and Snoqualmie Valley North Little Leagues. Eric J. reiterated the need for tournament dates to be included in the schedule of events so that parents are aware of the tournament in advance, instead of at the last minute. The BOD agreed to focus on the schedule and Redbook edits during the January meeting.

- 17) Safety Plan:** Jessie W. updated and submitted the 2016 SVNLL safety plan to District 9. He will upload the plan to one drive.
- 18) Field Schedule:** Mike E. indicated that the field schedule must be submitted to King County by 26 January 2016. Stephanie C. will work with Joe C. and Jon Hepner to update and deliver to King County. As in past season, the master schedule will likely be developed by Scott Birrel from Falls LL.
- 19) Financial Report:** Mike K. relayed to the BOD the 2015 financial report. The current savings was updated to include matching funds on volunteer time from Microsoft. Sara M. noted that many other businesses match volunteer time funds and will provide a list to the BOD. Charter fees have been paid for 2016 and updated with new officers. Eric J. noted that he was able to find proof of insurance online to suffice for manager meetings at the schools but still needs documentation. Jessie W. agreed to obtain Insurance certificate and place on one drive.
- 20) Umpires:** Joe L. presented a one page handout directed at recruiting umpires. Stephanie C. will update the website and Ryan H. will include in Redbooks. Joe L. indicated that he and the district will help with umpire training. The BOD agreed that this should be included in the Redbooks and Manager meeting as umpires will need to be recruited at all AAA and below games during the 2016 season. The SVNLL will sign for volunteer time for high school/boy scouts.

Action Items:

- **19 December** storage shed clean-out and transfer gear to new facility/manager returns begin;
- Brett N. to conduct prospective manager meetings on 15 Dec. and 7 Jan.;
- Josh P. to conduct winter baseball clinics beginning 7 Jan.;
- Jesse W. to continue to interface with King County regarding Mariner and Tolt Mac storage shed replacement and age 9 All-Star tournament;
- Jesse W. to distribute final plaques;
- Jesse W. to obtain proof of insurance documentation;
- Brett N. to provide all-star swag to Kappie A for REF;
- Kappie A. to collect certificates/scholarships and all-star swag for REF;
- Ryan M. to send out volunteer notice to BOD for player evaluations ;
- Eric J. to continue to update the schedule of events to Stephanie C.; and
- BOD to review the 2016 Schedule of Events (attached) and provide hardened dates for outlying events.

Next SVNLL BOD Meetings:

11 January at 7-9 pm;

8 February at Duvall Fire Station 7-9 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 pm.

Meeting Minutes taken by Eric J.

SVNLL 2016 Schedule of Events

15 December	Prospective Manager Meeting #1 at Stillwater Elem. Library 7-8 pm
19 December	Gear organization and container clean-out 11:00-3:00 pm
7 January	Prospective Manager Meeting #2 at Cherry Valley Elem. Library 7-8 pm
7 January	Baseball Clinic at Cedarcrest High School 5:30-7:30 pm
9 January	Player Evaluations and Registration for Baseball AAA+ and Softball at Northshore Sports Complex 1:30-4:30 pm
11 January	BOD Meeting at Duvall Fire Station 7-9 pm
14 January	Baseball Clinic at Cedarcrest High School 5:30-7:30 pm
21 January	Baseball Clinic at Cedarcrest High School 5:30-7:30 pm
23 January	Player Evaluations and Registration for Baseball AAA+ and Softball at Northshore Sports Complex 3-6 pm
28 January	Baseball Clinic at Cedarcrest High School 5:30-7:30 pm
Early February	Manager Meeting Mandatory for Prospective Managers
4 February	Baseball Clinic at Cedarcrest High School 5:30-7:30
8 February	BOD Meeting at Duvall Fire Station 7-9 pm
11 February	Baseball Clinic at Cedarcrest High School 5:30-7:30 pm
Early February	Manager Confirmation at February BOD meeting
18 February	Baseball Clinic at Cedarcrest High School 5:30-7:30 pm
Mid-February	AAA/Coast/Major Draft
Mid-February	AAA/Coast/Major Team meetings
25 February	Baseball Clinic at Cedarcrest High School 5:30-7:30 pm
Late February	AAA/Coast/Major Team Practices Begin
14 March	BOD Meeting at Duvall Fire Station 7-9 pm
Early March	Manager/Coach Clinics at Rijo Athletics
Late March	AAA/Coast/Major Team Practice at Rijo Athletics
Mid-March	A/AA Draft
Late March	A/AA Team Practices Begin
Late March	AAA/Coast/Major Begin Game Play
Early April	AAA/Coast/Major Team Batting Cage Sessions at Northshore Sports Complex
11 April	BOD Meeting at Duvall Fire Station 7-9 pm
Mid-April	Mickey Draft

Late April	Mickey Team Practices Begin
7 May	Opening Day Ceremonies and Team Pictures
Early May	Mickey A/AA Begin Game Play
9 May	BOD Meeting at Duvall Fire Station 7-9 pm
Late May	Post Season Player Evaluations
13 June	BOD Meeting at Duvall Fire Station 7-9 pm
Early June	All Star Round Table Meeting
Early June	All Star Selections Announced
Mid June	AAA/Coast/Major Post Season Valley Tournament
Mid-June	All Star Practices Begin
Late June	District 9 All Star Tournaments Begin
Other	