

**Sno-Valley North Little League January Meeting
Draft Meeting Minutes
27 January 2016**

Meeting Call to Order: 7:00pm by Jessie W.

Attendees: Jessie Willmon, Andrew Rafferty, Mike Eck, Joe Lyons, Mike Komola, Stephanie Combs, Brett Newell, Nate Veranth, Robby Mason, Ryan Hampton, Ryan Mundy, Eric Jeanes, and Rob Thompson (guest).

Introduction: Jessie W. introduced the meeting and presented a general overview of the agenda that was focused on team apportionment and manager selection:

- 1) **Storage Container:** A few items still reside in the old storage container; Jessie W. will pick up helium tanks and then officially turn over the container to the new owner.
- 2) **Sponsorships:** 20-25 sponsorships are in hand, the remaining sponsorships were apportioned amongst BOD with help from Joe L., and Josh Polacek.
- 3) **Equipment:** Eric J. noted that the storage shed contains many molded rubber “Jugs-style” batting tees. He suggested that we try a new product that is locally produced and appear to be more durable and easily-transported in equipment bags. He indicated that 10 batting tees would cost \$700 if picked up. The BOD voted unanimously to purchase 10 Cage Pro tees; Eric J. to request purchase order and deliver to Mike K. for payment. Andy R. suggested that some of the Jugs-style tees should be removed from the storage shed and placed in each equipment box at fields in the valley, the BOD agreed. Robby M. inquired about additional equipment purchases for upcoming season, noting that there was a need for (at minimum) new balls and first aid kits based on visual observation during equipment transfer from container to storage shed. Jessie W. agreed to provide Robby M. a list of equipment needs so that he could reconcile with what is currently in the storage shed, the remainder of which is typically purchased at Risan Athletics which will provide purchase order to Mike K. for subsequent payment.
- 4) **Registration:** Mike E. updated on the registration progress to date. The preliminary numbers indicate that approximately 117 kids are registered for AAA-Majors BB which is up slightly from 2015 levels. There are currently 26 twelve-yr-olds registered, likely leading to four major baseball teams. The possibility exists that LL will grant approval to allow more than 8 twelve-yr-olds on each major team. Jesse W. will pursue the subject and attempt to get approval before the draft which is scheduled for 3 February. If LL approval does not arrive before the draft, SVNLL will have four major teams, three coast teams, and three AAA teams for the 2016 season (10 teams total). Under this scenario, multiple league age-11’s will skip the coast division and move to the major division for the 2016 season. The managers for BB were selected based on the final scenario (4 major teams); one manager position will be eliminated/re-assigned if the three team scenario is approved by LL. Softball registrations yielded three teams, one at the coast division and two AAA teams. The board unanimously agreed to waive the late fees through the end of registration for AAA/Coast/Major (31 January). Mike E. also noted that a few late registrations typically occur just as some families cancel and request a refund.
- 5) **Player Evaluations:** Like the 9 January evaluation, the 23 January player evaluation ran smoothly according to all BOD’s in attendance. The BOD agreed that players that were not able to attend one of the two player evaluations should (if time permits) be evaluated during the softball and baseball player winter clinics held at CHS batting cages. Mike E. noted that several player evaluation participants have yet to

register and will circle back to confirm their registration. Ryan M. will provide evaluation results by 30 January to BOD.

- 6) **Field Apportionment:** Jessie W. submitted a field schedule to King County. Field will be apportioned to baseball and softball by division after the draft occurs. The field apportionment will occur in similar fashion to 2015; i.e., by division and BB or SB. Mike E. will contact both Perrigo and Grass Lawn parks to schedule practice times on turf fields.
- 7) **Manager Selection:** The merits of three versus four major BB teams were discussed and the general consensus of the BOD was that it would be preferable to have 3 major teams so that LA 11's would not skip the coast division completely; however exceeding 8 twelve-yr-olds on a roster can only be approved with the permission from LL. Bearing that in mind, managers for BB were nominated based on the four team scenario; one manager position will be eliminated/re-assigned if the three team scenario is approved by LL. Accordingly, the following managers were nominated by the BOD for baseball and softball upper divisions:

Baseball

Major (4 or 3)

- Josh Polacek
- Paul Chase
- Shawn Bracewell
- Brett Newell

Coast (3)

- Jim Fowler
- Mike Komola
- Eric Jeanes

AAA (3 or 4)

- Rob Thompson
- Josh Polacek
- ??????
- ??????

Softball

Major (0)

SVNLL major girls will play in Redmond LL

Coast (1)

- Mike Eck

AAA (2)

- Joe Lyons
- Andy Rafferty

The appointees were agreed upon unanimously by the BOD, noting the contingency that BB divisions could be altered by LL decision on major roster limitations regarding the number of twelve yr-olds on each team and the need for additional managers at the AAA division. The Major Division is listed in order of approval. Ryan M. and Mike E. will examine player registration lists to identify potential managers (N=2 or 3) for the AAA baseball division.

8) Schedule of Events 2015-2016: The 2015-2016 SVNLL schedule events:

- 4 November Softball Player Pre-Season Clinics at CHS Batting Cage 5:30-7:30,
9 November BOD Meeting at Duvall Rose Room 7-9 pm,
16 November Softball Player Pre-Season Clinics at CHS Batting Cage 5:30-7:30,
1 December Online registration begins (also offered at player evaluations) with the following fee tiers:
Mickey \$75 reg. fee (no late fees);
A & AA \$110 reg. fee (\$25 late fee on 3/1/16);
AAA/Coast/Major \$170 reg. fee (\$25 late fee on 1/25/15);
Family Discounts \$15 off for second child;
\$20 off for third child; and
\$25 off for fourth child.
- 2 December Softball Player Pre-Season Clinics at CHS Batting Cage 5:30-7:30,
4 December Duvall Tree Lighting SVNLL booth 6-9 pm,
14 December BOD Meeting at Duvall Rose Room 7-9 pm,
15 December Prospective Manager Meeting #1 at Stillwater Elem. Library 7-8 pm,
7 January Prospective Manager Meeting #2 at Cherry Valley Elem. Library 7-8 pm,
7 January Baseball Player Pre-Season Clinics at CHS Batting Cage 5:30-7:30,
9 January Player Evaluations and Registration for Baseball AAA+ and Softball (1:30-4:30) at Northshore Sports Complex,
11 January Softball Player Pre-Season Clinics at CHS Batting Cage 5:30-7:30,
11 January BOD Meeting at Duvall Fire Station 7-9 pm,
14 January Baseball Player Pre-Season Clinics at CHS Batting Cage 5:30-7:30,
21 January Baseball Player Pre-Season Clinics at CHS Batting Cage 5:30-7:30,
23 January Player Evaluations and Registration for Baseball AAA+ and Softball (3:00-6:00) at Northshore Sports Complex,
24 January Big Al Coaching Clinic Hidden Valley Fieldhouse, Bellevue 8 am-4 pm,
25 January Softball Player Pre-Season Clinics at CHS Batting Cage 5:30-7:30,
27 January Manager Confirmation Meeting at Duvall Fire Station 7-8 pm,
28 January Baseball Player Pre-Season Clinics at CHS Batting Cage 5:30-7:30,
31 January Registration Closes for AAA/Coast/Majors,
1 February Softball Player Pre-Season Clinics at CHS Batting Cage 5:30-7:30,
3 February AAA/Coast/Major Draft Cherry Valley Elem. School Library 6-10 pm,
4 February Baseball Player Pre-Season Clinics at CHS Batting Cage 5:30-7:30,
8 February Softball Player Pre-Season Clinics at CHS Batting Cage 5:30-7:30,

8 February	BOD Meeting at Duvall Fire Station 7-9 pm,
11 February	Baseball Player Pre-Season Clinics at CHS Batting Cage 5:30-7:30,
15 February	AAA/Coast/Major Team meetings,
18 February	Baseball Player Pre-Season Clinics at CHS Batting Cage 5:30-7:30,
22 February	Softball Player Pre-Season Clinics at CHS Batting Cage 5:30-7:30,
25 February	Baseball Player Pre-Season Clinics at CHS Batting Cage 5:30-7:30,
25 February	AAA/Coast/Major Team Practices Begin,
1 March	AAA/Coast/Major Team Practices at Rijo Athletics,
1 March	AAA/Coast/Major Team Batting Cage Sessions at Northshore Sports Complex,
6 March	Manager/Coach Clinics at Rijo Athletics,
12 March	A/AA Draft,
14 March	BOD Meeting at Duvall Fire Station 7-9 pm,
21 March	A/AA Team Practices Begin,
28 March	AAA/Coast/Major Begin Game Play,
2 April	Mickey Draft,
11 April	BOD Meeting at Duvall Fire Station 7-9 pm,
20 April	Mickey Team Practices Begin,
6 May	Mickey A/AA Begin Game Play,
7 May	SVNLL Jamboree and Team Pictures,
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 Tournaments,
Mid-June	All-Star Practices Begin,
27 June	District 9 All-Star Tournaments Begin.

Action Items:

- Jessie W. remove helium tanks and transfer container to new owner;
- Ryan M. to collate and submit BB evaluation scores by 30 January;
- Jessie W. to provide Robby M. initial equipment needs for 2016 season;
- Robby M. to verify existing equipment and obtain PO from Risan for outstanding equipment needs;
- Eric J. to obtain PO for batting tees from Cage Pro;

- Jessie W. to interface with LL regarding roster limitations at baseball majors division;
- Ryan M. and Mike E. to identify potential AAA baseball managers through registration;
- BOD (all) contact potential sponsors;
- Mike E. to coordinate turf field practice schedules; and
- Andy R. to transfer 2-3 existing Jugs-style batting tees from storage shed to field storage boxes as well as obtain inventory of storage box contents.

Next SVNLL Meetings:

3 February at Cherry Valley Elementary Library 6-10 pm – AAA/Coast/Major Draft

8 February at Duvall Fire Station 7-9 pm

14 March at Duvall Fire Station 7-9 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 pm.

Meeting Minutes taken by Eric J.