

**Sno-Valley North Little League January Meeting
Final Meeting Minutes
8 February 2016**

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

Attendees: Jessie Willmon, Mike Eck, Joe Lyons, Mike Komola, Stephanie Combs, Joel Combs, Brett Newell, Nate Veranth, Robby Mason, Ryan Hampton, Ryan Mundy, Sarah McKenzie, Eric Jeanes, and Josh Polacek (guest).

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

- 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:** Joe L. indicated that 20-25 sponsorships are in hand, comprising enough for the upper divisions for the 2016 season. Sarah M. agreed to take over the sponsorship role that Joe L. had previously worked on. Joe L. will provide sponsorship data base to Sarah M. Mike E. will revise the sponsorship auto-pay option on the website and change the interface so that it is more user friendly through the website.
- 3) **Equipment:** Eric J. noted that new batting tees discussed at the previous meeting are in the storage facility. Robby M. inquired about additional equipment purchases for upcoming season, noting that there was a need for (at minimum) new baseballs (practice and game), wiffle balls, ice packs, and first aid kits based on visual observation during equipment transfer from container to storage shed. The group developed a list of equipment that is typically contained in gear bags that are handed out to managers at the start of the season. Robby M. will reconcile the list with what is currently in the storage shed, the remainder of which will be purchased through Jeff at Risan Athletics who will provide purchase order to Mike K. for subsequent payment. Eric J. noted that he would stop at Risan and speak with Jeff Millikin to initiate the equipment ordering process. Brett N. indicated that he has an equipment bag and some All-Star gear to return to the storage shed.
- 4) **Registration:** Mike E. updated the BOD on the registration progress to date. A couple of individuals have cancelled their registration while a couple families have re-registered at the upper division levels, while one child suffered a broken arm. Ryan M. noted that we should move forward with 124 players at the upper division baseball levels ((27 (LA12), 25, 38, 32, and 2 (LA 8)).
- 5) **Manager Selection/Roster Size:** The number of players on team rosters was based upon the above registration figures. Approval for exceeding the LL mandate number of LA 12 players on a roster by District 9 came with the stipulation that all SVNLL Major division teams carry roster size of 13 players. The BOD wanted to create flexibility at the Coast Division for late registrations, thus agreed to roster size of 12 players on two teams and 13 players on the third team. Eric J. indicated that he would take the roster size of 13 on his team. The AAA teams had roster size of 12 players on all four teams, also allowing roster flexibility should late registrations occur. The following managers were selected by the BOD for baseball and softball upper divisions at the 27 January meeting:

Baseball:

Major (roster size=13);

Josh Polacek,
Paul Chase, and
Shawn Bracewell.

Coast (roster size=12, 12, 13);

Jim Fowler,
Mike Komola, and
Eric Jeanes

AAA (roster size=12);

Rob Thompson, and
Josh Polacek

Softball:

Coast;

Mike Eck.

AAA;

Joe Lyons, and
Andy Rafferty

Amy Vliem and Jed Smith each offered to manage AAA baseball teams. Both Amy V. and Jed S. were selected unanimously as managers by the BOD for the AAA division during the 2016 season. Jessie W. will contact all managers immediately of their appointments. Several roster permutations were discussed by the BOD for each division, noting that the Major roster size was set at 13 by District 9 and that two LA-8's are children of AAA managers. The following break-down was agreed upon unanimously by the BOD:

	LA 12	LA 11	LA 10	LA 9	LA 8	Sum
Major1	9	4				13
Major	9	4				13
Major3	9	4				13
Coast1		4	8			12
Coast2		4	8			12
Coast3		5	8			13
AAA1			4	8		12
AAA2			3	8	1	12
AAA3			3	8	1	12
AAA4			4	8		12
Total	27	25	38	32	2	124

- 6) **Field Scheduling:** Jessie W. previously submitted a preliminary field schedule to King County. Joel C. indicated that he has been in contact with Jon Hepner regarding field game/practice assignments. The BOD indicated that there will be certain black-out dates for school and other community events including the SVNLL Jamboree on 7 May. Snoqualmie Valley fields will be apportioned to baseball and softball by division after the drafts occur. The field apportionment will occur in similar fashion to 2015; i.e., by division and BB or SB. Mike E. reserved 4-5 eight-hour long blocks for team practice(s) at Perrigo and Grass Lawn parks so that upper division teams have opportunities on turf fields. Numerous fields in the

valley have bases that are no longer in usable playing condition. Andy R. (in absentia) will inventory valley field bases and the BOD agreed unanimously to purchase their replacements. Approximately ½ pallet of field dry and chalk remain in storage from the 2015 season at J.P. Landscape storage facility. The BOD agreed that this will suffice for the 2016 season. Snoqualmie Valley fields were approved for conditioning by J.P. Landscape for the 2016 season by the BOD at the 11 January 2016 BOD meeting. Field conditioning will include but is not limited to tilling and smoothing infields, weed prevention, and minor fence/backstop repairs. J.P. Landscape will condition the following fields (N=6) for the 2016 beginning during the week of 15 February:

- a. Cherry Valley Elementary (1 field);
- b. Stillwater Elementary (2 fields);
- c. Big Rock (2 fields); and
- d. Carnation Elementary (1 field).

Eric J. noted that the pitching mounds located at Tolt-Mac and Mariner fields are showing their age. The BOD agreed unanimously to replace baseball mounds on an as-needed basis. Andy R. (in absentia) to inventory and advise the BOD on their condition. An additional portable mound is in storage at J.P. Landscape storage shed. Mike E. indicated that Tolt-Mac is in need of 3-4 pitching plates for softball. The BOD agreed on the purchase for the 2016 season.

- 7) **Upper Division Baseball Draft:** The 2016 SVNLL upper division baseball draft will occur on 10 February at the Duvall Fire Station from 6-10 pm. The draft will be attended by the BOD and the ten appointed managers. The major division draft will occur first, followed by coast, and then AAA division. Managers will then notify families of their selections in preparation for team meetings. Ryan H. indicated that Redbooks and rules manuals are prepared for the draft.
- 8) **SVNLL Jamboree:** The SVNLL Jamboree will occur on 7 May. The Jamboree will feature two baseball games and two softball games in 2016. All teams will come from the upper divisions. Kappie A. and Corey L. are heading the 2016 Jamboree but were both absent for this meeting.
- 9) **Interlock:** Mike E. indicated that the softball interlock meeting will occur in a couple of weeks. Jessie W. will call interlock members to notify them of the baseball team break-down. The baseball interlock meeting will occur at a later date and include all managers of upper division teams.
- 10) **Uniforms:** After the baseball draft, the managers will select their team names. Major and coast divisions typically select major league teams, while AAA select minor league teams names. Sarah M. indicated that the uniform sponsors will be cross-referenced with local sponsors that may have children on a team. Uniform sizes are then cross-referenced to player evaluation sizes so that the sizes will cover the breadth of kids in the division. Major teams are allowed to choose their uniform numbers, while coast and AAA division receive uniform Nos. 1-14. Sarah M. also indicated that all kids in the upper division will receive major league quality hats for the 2016 season.
- 11) **Website:** Stephannie C. indicated that the website updates are continuing throughout the season. The BOD agreed that all information that currently resides on OneDrive will eventually be placed on the website. Everyone is working on converting old hard-copy documents to electronic documents to facilitate this change.

- 12) Schedule:** Ryan H. asked for several schedule changes for the minor divisions. Eric J. agreed to move the March BOD to 7 March. Ryan H. will host the Mickey draft at his house, while Eric J. will look for a venue for the AA/A draft that occurs on 12 March at 10:00 am.

13) 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,
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,

10 February	AAA/Coast/Major Draft Duvall Fire Station 6-10 pm (managers only),
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,
7 March	BOD Meeting at Duvall Fire Station 7-9 pm,
12 March	A/AA Draft at Duvall Fire Station 1000-1200 hrs,
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:

- Ryan H. to provide copies of Redbooks to managers on draft date;
- Ryan H. to identify potential minors managers through registration;
- Jessie W. will remove helium tanks and transfer container to new owner;
- Jessie W. to provide Robby M. initial equipment needs for 2016 season;
- Jessie W. to interface interlock members on team break-down for 2016 season;

- Jessie W. to notify managers of their selection for 2016 season;
- Eric J. to arrange for room for AA/A draft and new BOD meeting 7 March;
- Eric J. to stop at Risan to initiate 2016 equipment purchase;
- Joe L. to provide sponsorship list to Sarah M.;
- Robby M. to verify existing equipment and obtain PO from Risan for outstanding equipment needs;
- Robby M. to begin equipment bag set-up
- Robby M. to meet with Risan on additional equipment needs for the 2016 season and provide purchase order to Mike K.;
- Brett N. to return All-Star gear and equipment bag to storage facility;
- Sarah M. to check on uniform combinations for the 2016 with team break-downs;
- Mike E. to purchase softball pitching plates;
- Mike E. to check on auto pay for sponsorship on website;
- Andy R. to inventory bases at fields and order appropriate replacements; and
- Andy R. to inventory pitching mound condition and advise BOD on replacement if needed.

Next SVNLL Meetings:

- 3 February at Cherry Valley Elementary Library 6-10 pm – AAA/Coast/Major Draft
- 10 February Major/Coast/AAA Draft at Duvall Fire Station 6-10 pm (BOD and manager only)
- 7 March at Duvall Fire Station 7-9 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 9:45 pm.

Meeting Minutes taken by Eric J.