

**Arlington Little League  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 15, 2017  
W&L Room 2002**

**Attendees:** Adam Balutis, John Makara, Kathy Evans, John Bloom, Dana Dougherty, Greg Patton, Usbaldo Angel, Joe Mazel, Ellen Witherow, TJ Egan, Steve Sundbeck, Adam Rasmussen, Nancy Sharkey, Dan Branch, JP Todd, Jason Rizzo, Chris Mooshian, Erin Sonn, Renee Myers, Jenny Hilscher, Todd Reed, Sal Fazio, Jeff Grove, Matt Carlson, Mike Romano, Frank Buono

**Call to Order at 7:23 p.m., Adam Balutis**

January Minutes will be fleshed out (multiple people took minutes at the January meeting) and approved at the March meeting.

**D4Rules Update - Ellen Witherow, D4 Administrator**

Steve Sundbeck questioned the new rule regarding substitution.  
Ellen suggested we submit a request for a waiver for any LLI rule we want to contend.  
Adam suggested we submit a waiver to the current substitution rule  
Steve Sundbeck proposed motion for committee to offer a waiver appealing to charter committee to reverse substitution rule; motion passed unopposed.  
Discussion of new background checking app.

**Finance Update - TJ Egan**

Cash on hand - \$171,000  
No current invoices; a few outstanding refunds  
Tax returns filed  
A few \$50 contributions have been made to families in local baseball community who have lost a family member

**Resources Report-Shirley Brothwell, VP Resources, Theresa Urban, Sponsorship Chair**

As of yesterday, \$27,750 pledged; \$16,500 collected in sponsorship dues  
Keep promoting sponsorship program to anyone you know who owns a business.  
Nationals Day fundraiser--proposed dates in late April or May; 500 tickets (250 in RF corner; 250 in outfield); Motion to sell Nats tickets for the May 20 game made; seconded, approved despite one opposition. (Some members are concerned that there will be a conflict with make-up games.)

**Facilities/DPR Updates- Shirley Brothwell, Adam Rasmussen**

Spring field allocations in progress; new time-stamped system for assigning slots  
Bluemont 3 added to field list (Majors & 50/70 ready)  
Discussion of POPs plan; important that we have representation at the Tuesday, 2/20 meeting to advocate for field space and support DPR efforts to

### **Administrative Updates - Kathy Evans**

Suggestion to turn "Opening Day" to "Opening Weekend"

- Kristina Boehk and Renee Myers have secured the following: VFW Color Guard, police and fire trucks, inflatables from Big Country Amusements, Little Racing Presidents (a couple missing, but majority can attend)
- They are working with DPR on additional amusements and Rocklands on their food truck; almost done but not official.
- The Nats mobile is not available because it is their opening day
- Next action items are national anthem singer, other entertainment (bands, skits, etc.), determining tables for sponsors, stage with Brooke Rental
- Team Parent – welcome letter ... need to find level coordinators
- Preschools – Tanya Schneider has been distributing flyers to preschools and daycares.

### **Operations Update - Jeff Grove**

#### **Commissioner Updates**

**Challenger (J. Makara)** - no news; reminding past participants to register

**Jr.Tee Ball (Chris)** 122 registered players, 16 coaches; 12 teams

**Tee Ball (Sal)** 14 teams, 10 players per team

**Rookies** - no news

**A (Jeff)** - behind on coaches; needs a few more to get to 16 teams

**AA (Rizzo)** 174 players; 16 teams; 11 players/team; 34 coaches

**AAA (Mazel)** 146 players, 16 teams, 19 coaches; coach's meeting schedule to establish expectations

**Majors--?**

**50/70 (Renee)** - 8 teams, coaching slate formed

**All-Stars (Dana)** - Came in under budget last year, due to fan shirts; 2018 budget adjusted slightly based on last year's numbers; \$4621.44 proposal; motion to accept budget as is; passed, with one dissent

#### **Player Agent/STEP Updates --Todd Reed**

335 players for STEP and only 8 volunteers

STEP Sunday on BC 6

#### **Manager's Committee--Rich Mandleur** New background check system

#### **Training Update--Steve Smith--??**

#### **Umpire Updates--Steve Sundbeck**

A few new umpires signed up; happy to contact PTAs/schools to recruit a few more

**Old Business**

Adam would like to discuss Safe Whistles campaign again and encourage Board participation in vote.

**New Business**

Matt Carlson proposed and discussed a concussion awareness training.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:50 p.m.**

Next Meeting: March 15, 2018