

ALL Mtg – Thursday, January 18, 2018

Equipment Update - Board approved Dan Branch and JP Todd as co-quartermasters. 2018 bat shipment has arrived Casual Adventure and will be transported to ALL storage. All teams will be issued compliant bats by ALL.

Finance - Cash on hand approximately #=\$139,000. Only outstanding invoice is the bat order from Casual Adventure. The Board voted unanimously to increase the budget by \$500 to allow for payments to be made in the memory of league participants. LL dues will be paid in March once the rosters are known.

Sponsorship - Theresa Urban reported that we are up to \$18,500 so far this year.

Reed School Renovation -While the school is being renovated and expanded, it's possible that the baseball field could be updated if we engage.

4MRV - It has been quiet for a few months and meetings have been cancelled. Both Shirley and Adam Balutis urged that the ALL community continue to make the County Board aware that we need two fields at Jennie Dean under any renovation plan.

DPR/Facilities Update - Adam Moose Rasmussen

- The Diamond Field Fund Committee met to review the current fund balance and review potential projects such as improvements to Greenbrier batting cage, and new batting cage for Bluemont #3, and a batters-eye backdrop for Greenbrier #3.
- Winter Facilities Allocation - STEP will proceed on February 16 at Williamsburg; we will advertise the potential for that date to be an outside STEP if needed; 250 hours of indoor space available from 1/7-3/11; AGSA has 100 hours; we asked for 21 hrs; other leagues have asked for more; request to move time up slightly on Sunday
- Spring Facilities Allocation -Expects to have allocations by early February; selections will take place in last week of February; Moose will try to get information earlier to coaches
- Schedule - STEP dates: 2/18, 2/25, 3/4; Draft: 50/70 -2/27, Majors- 3/5, AAA-3/7, Coaching Clinic 2/24 (lower), 3/3 (upper); Picture Day-5/5, Opening Day-4/8; Umpires starts 2/26 (veterans) 3/5 (new umpires); Fields slated to open up March 17; weather permitting, some fields will open March 10.

Operations Update—Adam B.

· Update on D-4 meeting with Ellen, re: Arlington American and Arlington National; attempt to keep both leagues geographically and demographically diverse; need to pay our dues now, but need to wait until March when we can approve teams/rosters

- Opening Day (April 8) applications submitted; Renee Myers & Kristina Boehk are co-chairing OD committee
- Play one Majors and one 50/70 game
- Motion to nominate and approve Casey Mason as A commissioner; seconded and unanimously approved.
- Motion to nominate and approve Wes Bringham as Majors commissioner; seconded and unanimously approved.

Commissioner updates

- Jr. Tee Ball – (Chris) 88 players, off to a good start
- TBall – (Sal) 8 teams, 8 coaches, 2 assistants
- Rookies-- (Seth) 150 players
- A – (Casey)
- AA – (Jason) plenty of coaches, likely will end up with 22
- AAA – (Joe) on track for 16 teams; nothing else to report
- Majors—(Wes/Usbaldo) moving along with player numbers; on track for 16 teams
- 50-70 – (Renee) on
- Challengers-- (John M.) NW Lions Citrus sale at Overlee Pool; enrollment numbers are high; will continue with double headers to accommodate four teams; ATB basketball partnership going well, 2/11; Virginia Beach tournament scheduled for end of March

Manager's Committee—Rich

- Coach meetings going well
- Background checks almost finished
- Need to populate spreadsheets on Ops file with coaches so Rich can initiate background checks on everyone—uploading on Ops file will help Todd verify AL/NL teams for LLI
- New process for background checks next year, will streamline

Training Update – Steve Smith

- Pitching clinic & Catching Clinic, dates TBA
- LL Manual rewritten, final edits being made, will include practice plans, will push content through commissioners and weekly email to coaches

Rules Update – Steve Sundbeck & Mike Romano

Rules will be put to a vote in February; biggest changes reflect bat changes; one change in AAA with respect to passed balls

Players who remain in division for a second year will remain on the same team as previous year

Player Agent/STEP Update –Todd

- Volunteers lined up for STEP
- AAA will be a little more fun and little less formal
- Looking into alternative ways for families to sign up for/Todd to assign STEP time slots: Sign-up Genius, Google Form, etc.

- T-Ball numbers way down, but other numbers are on par or higher than last year
- Commissioners need to have extra coaches on hand to accommodate registration numbers that will swell
- Many families concerned at AAA, Majors & 50/70 that they aren't around for the published STEP date(s); Adam and Todd will blast an email

Safe Whistles Coalition – Jesse Rosenthal

- Collapse of behavioral norms on sidelines of all youth sports; crisis point, due to threats to physical safety to umpires across the state
- “Sports Official Abuse Prevention Act” – increases misdemeanor fine for abuse toward sports official
- safewhistles.com—looking for more support from state legislatures; also looking for support from ALL to become a “champion” of this
- Adam R. motions that we sign on to support “SOAP”; seconded; discussion points raise concern about whether our charter as a nonprofit allows us to endorse legislation; we will consult our league counsel (Frank) to confirm whether or not we can proceed
- Erin will include a newsletter article from Jesse to inform our league members about Safe Whistles

New Business

- None

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