



Three Rivers Little League Meeting Minutes:

Date: September 12, 2017

RE: September Annual Members Meeting

Meeting No.: 12

Meeting Date: September 11, 2017 at 7:00pm

Location: Glenwood Recreation Center, Glenwood Springs, CO

Attendees:

Carrey Simms	Tom Barton
Cassie Cerise	Marni Barton
Tony D'Agostino	Lindsey Kirby
Steve Smart	Nate Grinzinger
Josh Wolman	Christy D'Agostino
Todd Raarup	Tim Loupe

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Distribution: 2017 TRLL Membership

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
12.00	Call to Order at 7:40pm	Information
12.01	Introduction by President	Information
12.02	Approval of August 2017 meeting minutes; none to approve.	Information
12.03	President Address: 2016-2017 Season Overview	
	a. Operating account currently has approximately \$30,000 in it and resides at Alpine Bank.	Information
	b. Raffle account currently has approximately \$22,000 in it and resides at Alpine Bank.	Information
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- c. Nate Grinzinger believed all major TRLL expenditures have been paid to date. He advised there may some miscellaneous umpire payments that could continue to trickle in otherwise everything should be current.
- d. The current property assets owned by TRLL was touched upon with focus from local town representatives on potential equipment and field improvement expenditures for the next season as follow:
 - 1. The batting cage at the Crown Mountain facility needs to be replaced.
 - 2. Basalt Middle School is anticipated to need a fence for their batting cage (unique pole sizes), mound, bases and home-run fence.
 - 3. Fencing and a cage is needed in Glenwood.
 - 4. Poles for the snow fences used as home-run fencing needed throughout league field locations.
 - 5. Eagle County also mentioned that they would likely need a couple more mounds because only 2 of the 4 they have stored are useable and with eight teams over 7 field locations they did not have enough for practice and play.
- e. Tony D'Agostino reported on behalf of Raffle Coordinator, Amy Gill, that the league brought in approximately \$30, 181 from last season's Raffle. It was confirmed that all but \$1,000 needs to be spent by May 1, 2018.
- f. Nate conveyed that the website this past year was the best it has even been due to Tony D 'Agostino's efforts and encouraged members to spread the word to use as a good reference about our league, programs, etc.
- g. Lindsey Kirby spearheaded an effort this past

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season to sell TRLL apparel on our website from a local supplier. Lindsey conveyed that the mandatory pre-order caused unnecessary delays and was a lesson learned going forward along with possible simplifying the number and color options of apparel offered.

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- h. A Fundraising Committee update was given.
 - 1. Past year focus was to take the previously required sponsorship of \$750 per team off the coaches' responsibilities and was largely successful.
 - 2. It is Nate's hope to have a committee again next year if there is enough interest.
- i. Last season's marketing and branding efforts included:
 - 1. The "Let The Kids Play" initiative with a zero-tolerance harassment policy on behalf of umpires and coaches.
 - 2. Holy Cross Electric and Alpine Bank each donated \$2,500 towards our Raffle prizes and hope these examples will help move forward future donations from companies.
- j. The need for a 50/70 Division in our league was discussed as it was a topic brought up by parents repeatedly last year who didn't understand the advantages the division offers our league.
 - 1. It was reiterated that this division specifically fills a gap for 12 and 13-year-old who used to struggle from the big jump in field size, and rules, when transitioning from Majors to Juniors.
 - 2. National statistics show this age group has the largest sport drop-out rate in the nation and it is TRLL's hope that this division helps bridge baseball field size

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changes to keep players encouraged and interested in the sport.

- k. The All Stars season was reviewed and TRLL's teams generally finished 1 and 2 in all the individual outings.
- l. Nate expressed an interest in continuing with an umpire clinic prior to the start of next season; as was done this past year.
 - 1. General improvement was seen, although the number of umpires went down.
 - 2. He would recommend setting aside approximately \$5,000 in the budget for this next season.
- m. Nate also expressed interest in having several coaching clinics ahead of next season as well.
 - 1. Coaching applications could be filled out at these clinics and provide valuable resources and tools to coaches ahead of the start of the season.
 - 2. He would also like to recommend setting aside approximately \$5,000 for these free clinics in next seasons budget.
 - 3. He would like to oversee coaching and umpire development to help spread what is taught from year to year.
 - 4. Steve Smart and Marni Barton also expressed an interest in having player camps and clinics hosted by TRLL throughout the entire year; in particular prior to the start of the season. It was noted that Eagle County has been able to host more of these than other parts of the league. It was also commented that these camps and clinics for the players could be a good venue for coaches to come

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	<p>and view/audit to learn from as well.</p> <p>n. A list of members admitted to regular membership for preceding year was at meeting for any member interested in viewing it.</p>	
12.04	<p>The general election of the Board of Directors began with discussion of open positions, requests from members for descriptions on what the positions entailed and a lot of discussion about the appropriate number of voting members to best represent TRLL's diverse geographic league.</p> <p>a. Regarding the number of Vice Presidents Proposed; it was agreed that for each side of the league (Eagle County and Roaring Fork Valley) was likely appropriate. Whereas a Softball VP should probably be a larger committee representing all geographic regions of the league. It was the members hope that with a Softball committee that portion of league play could be strengthened in the near future to assure its viability.</p> <p>b. Election of the President for the 2017-2018 season was brought to the floor with a motion by Steve Smart for Lindsey Kirby to assume the position of President of TRLL, a second by Marni Barton, with all in attendance in favor.</p> <p>c. The election for the position of Vice President is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roaring Fork Valley: Steve Smart motioned for Tom Barton to assume this position for the 2017-2018 season, followed by a second from Lindsey Kirby, with all in attendance in favor. 2. Eagle County: Carrey Simms motioned for Tony D'Agostino to assume this position for the 2017-2018 season, followed by a second from Tom Barton, with all in attendance in favor. <p>d. The election for the position of Secretary was next with Steve Smart motioning for Christy D'Agostino to assume this position for the 2017-2018 season and Carrey Simms seconding the motion. All present were in favor.</p> <p>e. Discussion of the position of Board Treasurer</p>	Information

	<p>was reviewed with the potential for two candidates; one Susie Campbell and secondly Amy Gill. Carrey Simms conveyed she was not sure what level of interest Susie Campbell had in the position and Lindsey Kirby conveyed that her direct discussions with Susie she preferred to “shadow” Amy Gill this year for this position, as well as that of Raffle Coordinator, since she has not been involved with Board and these rolls in the past. Nate Grinzinger and Steve Smart expressed concern with Amy Gill assuming the position as it would put 4 of the 5 positions being considered at tonight’s meeting out of the Eagle County area. Tom Barton, Carrey Simms, Casey Cerise and Tony D’Agostino all expressed they had no concerns because of the qualifications and history the Eagle County candidate brought to the board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. Christy D’Agostino reviewed Amy Gill’s qualifications since she was unable to be present due to an illness; while most other board members were personally familiar with Susie Campbell’s qualifications. g. The election for the position of Treasurer of the board was then brought to the floor with a motion by Tony D’Agostino, seconded by Cassie Cerise, with all in favor. 	
12.05	<p>Election of the remaining board of directors was not able to occur due to the venues time constraints as well as general agreement that it should occur at the October board meeting, which is the beginning of the 2017-2018 season, per TRLL’s Constitution. TRLL’s Constitution states that the remaining “officers” are to be elected by the Board at this meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. At that meeting all remaining board of director’s positions (currently 12 positions) will be filled based on individual members interest. b. The members and directors present at the meeting are encouraged to have their local members attend this meeting to appropriately fill these positions. c. Steve Smart did nominate Josh Wolman for the position of Town of Aspen Player Agent; which can be voted upon at the next meeting. 	Information
12.06	<p>The next scheduled TRLL Meeting is October 2, 2017 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Location to be confirmed 2</p>	Information

	weeks prior.	
12.07	Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm by motion from Marni Barton and second from Tony D'Agostino.	Information