



# Three Rivers Little League Meeting Minutes:

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Date: December 8, 2017

**RE: December Board Meeting**

Meeting No.: 03

Meeting Date: December 4, 2017 at 6:30pm

Location: US Bank, Glenwood Springs, CO

Attendees:

Carrey Sims	Lindsey Kirby
Cassie Cerise	Erik Mazur
Tony D'Agostino	Christy D'Agostino
Tom Barton	Amy Gill
Shaun Baldwin	Gabriella Matus
Steve Smart	Coley Campbell

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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
03.00	Call to Order at 6:32pm	Information
03.01	Approval of November 2017 meeting minutes; Gabriella Matus motioned, Erik Mazur seconded, all in favor.	Information
03.02	President Update	
	a. Registration Launch upcoming on December 11, 2017	Information
	b. Responsibility to E-mail Correspondence	Information
	c. Coaches and Umpire Clinics Status	
	a. 2/2 and 2/3 coaching clinic – 4 clinicians with MLB Minnesota Twins minor league affiliation will be	Information

	<p>running the player/coach audit portion of the clinic</p> <p>b. Date for Roaring Fork Valley coaching clinic is still TBD</p> <p>c. 2/10/18 from 10am-4pm set for Eagle Valley Umpire Clinic located at WECMRD Field House in Edwards</p> <p>d. 2/11/18 from 10am-4pm set for Roaring Fork Valley for umpire clinic</p> <p>d. Status of Glenwood Springs Vogelaar Field re-use letters of support by local TRLL members</p> <p>i. Tom just encouraged members to write into City of Glenwood Springs in any format. Send out a constant contact e-mail to league for members in e-mail, coaches.</p> <p>ii. Tom will e-mail Lindsey persons contact information</p> <p>iii. A general letter from TRLL will be good to send</p> <p>e. TRLL Participation in Eagle Turkey Trot</p>	<p>Information</p> <p>Information</p> <p>Information</p> <p>Tom Barton/Tony D'Agostino</p> <p>Tom Barton/Lindsey Kirby</p> <p>Information</p>
03.03	<p>Treasurer Update</p> <p>a. Monthly update on expenditures – not much activity right now</p> <p>b. Raffle Update</p> <p>i. First and second quarter filings has been approved</p> <p>ii. Third quarter filing was rejected, so must be careful with using debit card out of this account. Which is necessary for large equipment purchases.</p> <p>iii. Susie Campbell has not had a chance to go on Secretary of State website to start her licensing</p> <p>iv. Coley asked if more tickets could be available for sale this year because</p>	<p>Information</p> <p>Information</p> <p>Amy Gill/Information</p> <p>Information</p> <p>Information</p>

	<p>they ran out last year; Tony reiterated that we hope to address past raffle issues by having Team Parents oversee them like in years past.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>v. Maybe even have a high selling award this year. Bat, glove, pizza party, etc.</li> </ul> <p>c. 1099 Preparation for Umpires and Vendors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Tony will pull a report from Horizon Web Ref software for Amy</li> <li>ii. 1099's and 1096's is due by the end of January 2018</li> <li>iii. It was re-visited again how these volunteers are insured, if at all</li> <li>iv. Verify with league's insurance provider if our policy provides them with liability insurance like our coaching volunteers</li> </ul>	<p>Amy Gill/Information</p> <p>Tony D'Agostino</p> <p>Amy Gill</p> <p>Information</p> <p>Lindsey Kirby</p>
03.04	<p>Fundraising and Marketing Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Fundraising commitments to date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Valley View Orthopedic wanted exclusive sponsorship rights for the whole league which was not reasonable with TRLL's community development goals to create a program representative of all communities. Further, their sponsorship amount would not cover eliminating remaining incoming sponsorships from health-related organizations that are needed for funding other programs in the league.</li> <li>ii. Sponsorships confirmed to date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Steadman Hawkins Clinic will sponsor jerseys for \$10,000+</li> <li>2. Vail Health will sponsor hats for \$2,500</li> <li>3. Anonymous bat sponsor for \$15,000</li> <li>4. Anonymous spring training</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Information</p> <p>Information</p>

- sponsor for \$5,000+ (umpire and coach's clinics)
5. Anonymous sponsor has agreed to under-write the Opening Day event.
  6. Team Sponsorships to date
    - a. Belmont Deli and Jockey Club for \$500
    - b. John and Doris Kirchner for \$500
    - c. Trick Threads \$500 in kind donation
    - d. Vail Storage \$500 in kind donation
- iii. Marketing Committee update by Lindsey Kirby
- a. Lindsey will also be meeting with the Vail Rotary Wednesday morning
  - b. No members had other sponsor leads to add at this time
  - c. Next item to tackle is raffle prizes. Could be a combination of money, golf membership, ski pass, etc. Some members felt the non-monetary prizes were a big sales driver last year. Unfortunately, last year's golf membership to Ironbridge was never able to be collected by the winner so having any of these prizes in hand prior to the Raffle is desirable in the future.
  - d. Cassie Cerise pursuing a grant from the Aspen Thrift Store with a focus on lowering registration fees and providing

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	financial aid for \$2,500-\$5,000	
3.05	<p>Softball Committee Update</p> <p>a. Voting Member of Board – no interest has been expressed thus far so possibly will convey needs via committee</p> <p>b. Softball Clinic in Eagle County on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Will be a 50/50 partnership between WECMRD Field House/Clinician and TRLL</p>	<p>Information</p> <p>Information</p>
03.06	<p>Old Business</p> <p>a. No new interest was expressed, nor conveyed by current members, for open Board of Director and Support Volunteer positions. Coley did convey that JB Fuentes is still in the area after-all and possibly interested in the Umpire Coordinator position again.</p> <p>b. Jersey and hat pricing status</p> <p>i. Jerseys – 4 spot heat transfer printing at approximately \$10,100 with 5 spots at \$10,600 with 8-day production timeline. Discussion again on why we are moving away from MLB licensed apparel by Steve and Shaun</p> <p>ii. Hats – tabled until next meeting because Lindsey forgot samples and will coordinate with Tom in the meantime. Tom would like to keep them simplified unlike last year’s full logo</p> <p>c. Website programming input for upcoming registration launch included</p> <p>i. Include school attending. Motion to only include this into registration with Erik making motion, Tony seconding, all in-favor with Tom opposed.</p> <p>ii. Some board members were worried about asking what town they want to play in because families may manipulate stacking a team in a certain</p>	<p>Information</p> <p>Information</p> <p>Information</p> <p>Information</p> <p>Tony D’Agostino</p> <p>Information</p>

	<p>area or eliminating enough players to properly field teams in others</p> <p>d. Coley Campbell would like to revisit the registration fee refund policy for team managers</p> <p>i. Refunding the early bird \$225 registration fee would be \$6,525 in lost revenue, were will those monies be pulled from?</p> <p>ii. Options considered:</p> <p>1. Full refund to team Managers at end of season up to \$225; with approval from Town Representative after participation is verified by Town Representative also. Team Managers with no players in the program will not be subject to a \$225 payment.</p> <p>2. Refund of \$100 to each team Manager at end of season with approval from Town Representative after participation is verified by Town Representative also. Team Managers with no players in the program will not be subject to a \$100 payment.</p> <p>3. No refunds awarded to team Managers and if this is a hardship on their family they can apply for Financial Aid and more monies can be moved into this category</p> <p>ii. After all options reviewed; a motion was made to provide a team t-shirt and a jacket/sweatshirt to two coaches per team instead of a money refund by Lindsey Kirby with Steve Smart seconding, all in favor except for Tom and Cassie. These additional apparel</p>	<p>Information</p> <p>Information</p> <p>Information</p> <p>Information</p>
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costs will be funded out of the reserve of the operating budget unless a sponsor can be found to under-write it

e. Review of Master Administration Calendar

- i. Collection of all outstanding school spring break, 8<sup>th</sup> grade continuation and last day of school dates were due. Aspen, Carbondale and Glenwood Springs area representatives still have dates outstanding that need to be turned in
- ii. Reviewed all modified dates, a new calendar will likely be re-issued in the coming weeks due to the amount of modifications in the month of February and March of 2018
- iii. Season schedule discussion
  - 1. Keep March board meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> with previous weeks draft schedule staying as originally proposed
  - 2. Eagle County teams to play each other from 3/31 through 4/6
  - 3. Opening Day league-wide on 4/7/19
  - 4. Then while Eagle County players are on break at the end of April the Roaring Fork side plays each other to make up for the late start at the beginning of the season
  - 5. The regular season must end around 6/1/18 because of the lack of fields across the league starting the first of June
- iv. Update by Cassie Cerise and Tony D'Agostino on naming Carbondale field after Steve Martin. Cassie still discussing with Town of Carbondale and mentioned a new baseball facility is in their future master plan where

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	<p>this may be able to be addressed. Tony still pursuing less expensive plaque options.</p>	
<p>03.07</p>	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Develop League-wide financial aid policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Generally agreed to remove the Financial Aid tab along the left side of the website and from the registration process so it could be specifically used for those in need</li> <li>ii. More programming will try to be implemented into the website to keep it a purely online program to manage the exorbitant amount of time it took to communicate back and forth with applicants last year</li> <li>iii. When discussing application timelines, it was agreed to move up the Early Bird Registration end date to 2/16/18 and have that be same for Financial Aid</li> <li>iv. Tony clarified that we are offering aid, not scholarships</li> <li>v. Lindsey Kirby made a motion to approve offering aid up to 50% of the Early Bird Registration rate, with sibling tiered rates applied per our normal registration policy, up to our \$5,000 Financial Aid budget. Gabriella Matus seconded and all were in favor</li> <li>vi. It was further discussed that the Financial Aid Coordinator can, or should consider the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consider extreme hardship applicants on a case by case basis if more than 50% is needed but in general all applicants need to put some money towards the program</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Information</p>



- to guarantee interest and participation throughout the season
- 2. Encouraged to try and keep funds available for late registrants in need (through 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week in March)
- 3. Strive to distribute funds evenly between all towns in the league

b. New Equipment Update by Tom Barton for approval of necessary expenditures for upcoming season.

- i. Encouraged to source new and safe gear.
- ii. Tom will present numbers between now and January meeting for board approval.
- iii. Members asked to beef up medical kits, maybe Marni or The Steadman Clinic can help contribute/improve

c. Status of field improvements, as approved in the annual budget, were reviewed.

- i. In general Tony and Tom can facility ordering
- ii. It is up to the local representatives to get approval, or coordinate installation, at their fields and if this cannot be achieved to find another area in need of improvement or turn the monies back over for other towns
- iii. Status of field improvements as approved in the annual budget: Tony and Tom can facilitate ordering
  - 1. Town of Basalt – Crown Mountains approved improvements will fall under this area. Carrey needs to confirm with the school district if home-run fencing will be allowed at her locations
  - 2. Tony will research what LLI

Tom Barton

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- requires at dug-outs for safety (roofs and protection at seating)
- d. Policy and limits on spending/approval procedure were agreed to as follow:
    - i. If it has been approved in the budget an expenditure doesn't need any voting follow-up
    - ii. Emergency powers to President for timeline critical necessary expenditures
    - iii. All other expenditures require board approval at a regular meeting or if a special meeting is called by the Secretary or President as outlined in the League Constitution
    - iv. Agreed to provide a per diem and mileage to members who attend District meetings who incur additional personal costs to represent the league at these monthly meetings
  - f. Interest in having a separate meeting about how to handle local Drafts in January was well received; if there is information on how to use the website to facilitate it.
  - g. Development of an anti-bullying policy was discussed, and interest was expressed to gather more information about the "Together Against Bullying" initiative through Friends of Colorado.

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Christy D'Agostino

Tony D'Agostino/Lindsey Kirby

03.08	Member Forum – no requests submitted	N/A
03.08	The next scheduled TRLL Meeting is January 8, 2018 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at US Bank.	Information
03.09	Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm by motion from Coley Campbell and second from Tony D'Agostino	Information