



Three Rivers Little League Meeting Minutes:

Date: March 27, 2018

RE: March Board Meeting

Meeting No.: 06

Meeting Date: February 5, 2018 at 6:30pm

Location: US Bank, Glenwood Springs, CO

Attendees:

Lindsey Kirby	Shaun Baldwin
Josh Wolman	Steve Smart
Tim Loupe	Jason LaPointe
Cassie Cerise	Carrey Sims
Erik Mazur	Tom Barton
Marni Barton	Gabriella Matus
Tony D'Agostino	Christy D'Agostino
Shane Larson	

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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
06.00	Call to Order at 6:32pm	Information
06.01	Approval of February 2018 meeting minutes; Gabriella Matus motioned, Tom Barton seconded, all in favor.	Information
06.02	President Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. LL District Meeting Update - Inter-league update with CRVLL discussed. Will be at all levels except at Major/Minors with a heavy travel schedule in the Juniors division. b. Fielded 29 teams total; the same as last year 	Information Information

	<p>but numbers in divisions were different; more teams in some and less teams in others.</p> <p>c. Stressed the leagues new documentation and resolution procedures regarding conflicts with a coach, player, umpire or spectator. There is an Incident Report that needs to be filed immediately and can be obtained through the league secretary.</p> <p>d. Hard stop on meeting tonight at 8:45pm</p>	<p>Information</p> <p>Information</p>
06.03	<p>Treasurer Update:</p> <p>a. Operating account should have a lot of money in it currently due to sponsorships and registrations.</p> <p>b. Raffle account is about fully spent because there was an approximate \$8,000 shortfall in the expected balance at the beginning of the 2017-2018 Season.</p> <p>c. Cassie and Carrey still have outstanding items slated for their communities that will need to be determined how they are funded at this point.</p>	<p>Information</p> <p>Information</p> <p>Information</p>
06.04	<p>Fundraising and Marketing Update:</p> <p>a. Fundraising commitments to date are over \$55,300 right now with tri-county sheriff departments all sponsoring a team as of today.</p> <p>b. Marketing Committee update by Lindsey:</p> <p>i. Town representatives to start actively helping August Wittenberg pursue team sponsorships – reference Christy D’Agostino’s 3/2/18 e-mail on the subject for businesses to contact.</p> <p>ii. Reviewed what teams have sponsorships and what teams still need it.</p> <p>c. Please turn in all the banners generated for registration to Tony D’Agostino or Tom Barton to store for use next year. Eagle County, Cassie and Carrey felt they helped generate registration in their area; Tom</p>	<p>Information</p> <p>Time Loupe, Gabriella Matus, Erik Mazur, Tom Barton, Cassie Cerise, Carrey Sims and Steve Martin</p> <p>Information</p> <p>Information</p>

	Barton did not.	
o6.05	<p>Softball Committee Update – Shane Larson not present at time of discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Inter-league play schedule finalized yesterday b. It is intended for softball to play a tournament Opening Day at the Gypsum Sports Complex, so they can be close to the event in Eagle and come over and participate as games allow. 	<p>Information Information</p>
o6.06	<p>Member Forum</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Todd Raarup and Steve Marolt presented, without interruption from board. This was an address to the board and no official action needs to be taken on items discussed. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aspen area is struggling to find the right number of players to properly field teams for games. 2. Feels registration deadlines end too early because of our winter community and related youth activities. 3. They do not want to turn away players for participating in multiple sports or to even wait list them because they believe we need to be attracting high-level athletes. 4. Believe LL should not be about competitiveness but keeping the program alive up through high school. 5. Thinks our “restrictions” (team size and registration deadlines) are discouraging kids from playing the game of baseball. b. Lindsey thanked them for coming in to express their concerns <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our schedule is really dictated by LL’s schedule to end season by a certain time to start All Stars and works backwards from there. 2. Lindsey touched upon Player Pool option the league can offer them this year for 	<p>Information</p>

	<p>fielding better team numbers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. It was conveyed that TRLL's biggest hurdle is to get players registered first so we can account for them from the beginning and plan accordingly. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> c. Steve Smart conveyed that his philosophy was to include as many children as possible and has always tried to place every player who showed interest. He further explained that higher numbers on teams can turn the kids who are committed to baseball off d. Tom Barton encouraged both gentleman to participate in the board directly to help shape these thoughts into a productive reality because their concerns and input has been discussed many times in the past. e. Concluded that they are not being critical of board but are just passionate on issues. 	
o6.07	<p>Old Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Opening Day Planning Update <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Christy D'Agostino will send out a save the date e-mail tomorrow after all registrations have been confirmed tonight 2. TRLL has received \$9,000 in sponsorships for the day 3. Currently Pursuing an insurance policy for the day 4. Have confirmed most vendors except food 5. Apparel booth touched upon; the customization options available that day, 6. Town reps need to push parent volunteer opportunities for afternoon activities and team announcements at the start of each game needs to designated. b. Carrey Sims asked about acknowledgement of Shane Sherrick's passing this past fall. Also, asked to make sure player jerseys from 	<p>Christy D'Agostino</p> <p>Information/Tom Barton</p>

	<p>last year's season be given them in commemoration.</p> <p>c. Apparel, raffle tickets, and coach's binders are slated to be passed out on March 26th.</p>	<p>Information</p>
<p>o6.o8</p>	<p>New Business</p> <p>a. Knowledge of League and House Rules</p> <p>1. Game time limits</p> <p>a. Minors: 1:45 minutes, once you get to 1:30 minutes no additional innings can start.</p> <p>b. Major/Minors: 2 hours max, and have to finish full inning</p> <p>c. Intermediate: 2 hours max and have to finish full inning</p> <p>d. Juniors: 2:15 max, and have to finish full inning</p> <p>e. Softball: 2 hours and have to finish full inning</p> <p>2. Bat donuts at on-deck circle are not permissible in Intermediate and Juniors, bat sleeves are permissible in these divisions only.</p> <p>3. Balks were discussed and it was agree to put the work out with umpires and coaches to be somewhat lenient the first few weeks of the season and during that time-frame the pitcher will receive one warning before being called on it.</p> <p>4. Game cancellation procedures due to inclement weather</p> <p>a. Prior to start – please be aware of travel times, practice times, etc.</p> <p>b. In-game: Umpires input on the safety of the situation is considered, local rep is called to confirm then report the score, and inning, to them for record. Then both parties and agree to call</p>	<p>Information</p>

- game.
 - c. Regional Vice Presidents can be called to stop games if local representative is not available.
 - d. Coaches handbooks will include contact information for all these parties.
5. Bat Rules Reminders to all coaches and umpires. Conveyed that there will not be a warning if they enter the home plate with an illegal bat they will be immediately called out.
 6. Confirmed if a team shows up without nine-players to field the team then it is a forfeit. If the team does not show up without prior pro-active communication with the coach and local Town Representative about re-scheduling opportunities, the game will be considered a forfeiture and not eligible for make-up.
 7. 10-run rule does not apply until the fifth inning in Intermediate and Juniors because there are seven total innings.
 8. Carrey Sims motioned, and Erik Mazur seconded with all in favor except for Steve Smart and Gabriella Matus abstaining.
- b. Umpires
1. Insurance – will place an informational item on the Horizon WebRef site about what insurance the league does, and does not, offer for umpires to acknowledge
 2. Game Rates confirmed as follow:
 - i. Baseball: Behind the plate = \$45/game and field plate = \$35/game
 - ii. Softball will go to \$50 behind plate and \$40 in field.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Gabriella Matus motioned, Tim Loupe seconded and all in favor 3. Tom Barton would like to have the coaches submit grades for not only umpires but coaches as well. How does this work on Horizon WebRef and a system will need to be developed and implemented by TRLL? c. Lindsey will be developing Player Pools for all the divisions; please advise on placement of players within these pools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Only open to currently registered players for those that want extra play time ii. Will not be opened to current wait list players at this point of the season. d. Tony D'Agostino finished the 122 page A Safety Awareness Program (ASAP) for TRLL. It is required by Little League and due to Districts by the first of March. It has been submitted and approved. A copy will be e-mailed to all the coach's. e. TRLL has received the inter-league proposal from CRVLL and needs to be reviewed and approved by the board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Minors – play at Elk Elementary ii. Intermediate – play at Roan field complex in Rifle iii. Juniors – play at Roan field complex in Rifle iv. These are part of our total league games and thus count towards your standings v. Gabriella Matus motioned, Lindsey Kirby seconded with all in favor f. Town Representatives and Player Agents to 		<p>Tom Barton</p> <p>Lindsey Kirby</p> <p>Information</p> <p>Information</p> <p>Information</p>
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present any potential player placement issues; in particular

- i. Waiver of 7-year-olds into TRLL – Diezel Dion (GWS), Caleb Ragan (Basalt)
 - ii. Waiver of 15-year-old eighth graders into TRLL – Jackson Kiser (GWS)
 - iii. Placement of a player into a division above or below their league age - Carbondale has 10-10yo's going into minors as "never ever's".
 - iv. Teams overly large (14+) or small (10 players) – Carbondale has large rosters at each division to combat forfeitures that happened last year. Aspen has 11 on their Jrs team.
 - v. Advise on over-sized apparel requirements – will be needed for intermediates in Eagle, GWS, and Basalt
- g. Field availability for practices and games generally discussed along with home team field locations – league trying out a new scheduling software.
- h. Carrey Sims conveyed that if Crown Mountain Park does not get a requested mill levy initiative passed to fund their infrastructure they will either shut down or start charging for fields. TRLL pays for field prep now, not for games and practices. So asking TRLL for \$500 to help fund advertising the local citizens initiative. Tabled for board vote via e-mail when more information can be included about how the donated money is going to be spent by the citizen group.

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06.09	The next scheduled TRLL Meeting is April 2, 2018 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at US Bank	Information
06.10	Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm by motion from Tony D'Agostino and second from Christy D'Agostino with all in favor.	Information