



# Three Rivers Little League Meeting Minutes:

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Date: August 13, 2018

**RE: August Board Meeting**

Meeting No.: 11

Meeting Date: August 21, 2018 at 6:30pm

Location: Russo's Pizza, Glenwood Springs, CO

Attendees:

Shaun Baldwin	Cassie Cerise
Tom Barton	Steve Smart
Marni Barton	Gabriella Matus
Jennifer Stott	Tony D'Agostino
Carrey Sims	Lindsey Kirby
Christy D'Agostino	

Distribution: 2017-2018 TRLL Board of Directors

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
11.00	Call to Order at 6:45pm	Information
11.01	Approval of July 2018 meeting minutes; Shaun Baldwin motion, Gabriella Matus seconded, all in favor.	Information
11.02	President Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. District update               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Orchard Mesa is asking for additional help in paying for the All Star State tournament in their district. TRLL has already paid approximately \$1,000 towards umpire fee's for this tournament and this would be in addition to it. The board unanimously agreed to table the discussion until the invoice is received in</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Information

	<p>September and a better idea of the other leagues financial commitment towards these additional fees are known.</p> <p>b. Tom Barton asked that all correspondence from Glenwood Rec be directed to him concerning the outstanding balances owed from TRLL. There has been a lot of mix-up in the actual field usage by TRLL that Tom has been tracking and can accurately address.</p>	<p>Tom Barton/Information</p>
<p>11.03</p>	<p>Treasurer Update:</p> <p>a. Operating account review</p> <p>i. Currently there is approximately \$64,000 in this account with monies still set to come out for Glenwood area field fee's and other minor miscellaneous league bills (porta-potties, All Stars, etc.).</p> <p>ii. This leaves the \$20,000 reserve we set aside in this year's budget, and met, for future capital expenditures to be moved out to a higher interest-bearing account or CD. The board was generally in favor of exploring these higher interest options knowing we would be adding to this in years to come and should not have to access it for another 2-3 years, at minimum.</p> <p>b. Review of Raffle account</p> <p>i. All state fee's have been paid, ticket costs, etc.; leaving an approximate balance of \$19,500 going into the 2018-2019 budget year.</p> <p>ii. Again, the board highly recommends approved expenditures out of this account be geared towards field maintenance and any safety concerns raised in our ASAP.</p> <p>iii. The \$500 Southwest Regional award we won for our ASAP should go towards field maintenance or safety items as well.</p> <p>c. Status of 2016 IRS Tax Return fine</p> <p>i. Christy D'Agostino advised the board that Amy Gill, Tony D'Agostino and Lindsey Kirby have spent quite a bit of time trying to track down tax returns prior to 2014 but after contacting the last three board presidents</p>	<p>Information</p> <p>Christy D'Agostino/Information</p> <p>Information</p> <p>Information/Amy Gill/Christy and Tony D'Agostino</p>

	<p>AND the Baron's and Carrey Sims searching our Crawford Storage shed; that was the farthest back we were able to acquire.</p> <p>ii. Therefore, we could potentially face another fine for the 2017 tax season since we do not have the four years of back taxes to accurately complete the Schedule A.</p> <p>iii. Starting with next year's tax return, 2018, we should have all of the information to correctly file it. Amy Gill did advise this may open the league to an IRS audit.</p> <p>iv. TRLL will be incurring minor fees from our hired accountant, Chad Benson, for submitting the required Schedule A, along with an explanation letter concerning non-compliance, and fine for the 2016 tax season.</p> <p>v. Once 2016 is accepted by the IRS, we will then go directly into submitting the 2017 return, with the Schedule A and another letter explaining we don't have the four-year history to accurately finish it either.</p>	
11.04	<p>Fundraising and Marketing Update</p> <p>a. Marni Barton suggested adding an "All Stars Package" to next year's Sponsorship Packages.</p>	N/A
11.05	<p>Member Forum</p> <p>a. None submitted.</p>	N/A
11.06	<p>Softball Committee Update</p> <p>a. Nothing reported.</p>	N/A
11.07	<p>Old Business</p> <p>a. Eagle County needs to get all of their equipment returned to the Crawford Storage so Tom Barton can inventory everything for next year.</p> <p>b. All Star equipment, this includes jerseys, is also in various stages of return that Tom is working on.</p>	<p>Tony D'Agostino</p> <p>Tom Barton</p>
11.08	<p>New Business</p> <p>a. Review of All Stars Tournaments:</p> <p>i. The overall All Stars budget, expenditures and fundraising for the Juniors Regional tournament was reviewed as follows:</p> <p>1. Juniors All Stars team fundraising amounted to \$1,390 which after the Go Fund Me fee's were taken out when</p>	Information

towards the team van, attending the Isotopes game and \$150 to the assistant coach to help pay for his travel expenses.

2. One of the parents paid directly for player and family shirts while LLI gave a \$100/day for expenses that they parlayed into a team/family meal/event one night.
  3. TRLL's website fundraising, for the same tournament, went into the general operating account and amounted to \$550.
  4. Total known expenditures to date for all of All Stars were as follows:
    - Trading Pins = \$207.99
    - Player T-Shirts = \$401.20
    - District 1 Volunteer Opt Out Fee and Jrs Umpire Fee's = \$1,436
    - Additional Trading Pins for Juniors Regional Tournament = \$207.99
    - 2 Hotel Rooms for 10U All Star Team Coaches = \$147.66
    - Additional Jerseys = \$720.84
    - Hats = \$1,069.00
    - LLI Team Fee's = \$1,000
    - Juniors Regional Tournament Lodging = \$4,560.75
    - Carbondale Practice Field Fee's = \$240
    - Subtotal = \$9,991.43
    - Original All Stars Budget = -\$5,825
    - Additional All Stars Monies approved by board = -\$4,480
    - TRLL Fundraising = -\$550
    - Total Remaining = \$863.57
- ii. Lesson learned at Districts, State and Regional tournaments
1. Many of the teams played together since the beginning of the LL season so other leagues are developing an "A" type of team, that also does club tournaments during the season, and sending those to All Stars to try and achieve greater success.
  2. Many of the other District 1 leagues are smaller geographically and in size than

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ours and thus easier to assemble a single “A” team in every division.

3. Raised an overall philosophical discussion during meeting do we continue to strive for long term player develop, that being sending well rounded players to the high school level for the next step of their baseball “careers” or do we go towards the trend of developing teams for highly competitive play in the here and now?
- iii. The selection process should be better defined next year and completely by age group, instead of division because that doesn’t really match the LLI All Stars model.
- iv. Everyone felt better participation could be had if we could get dates for tournaments earlier from District’s so people could plan with their summer travel better. Unfortunately, we don’t have much, if any, control over that being passed onto us sooner but will approach Districts about it when they start meeting again in the Fall.
- v. Shaun Baldwin, and others on the board, felt we should really try to market this year’s All Stars success locally, and league-wide, to get excitement for the league and hopefully target earlier buy-in to the whole process sooner by parents. It was suggested having the local All Star players, not just the Juniors team, attend a high school football game in the Fall to receive recognition like they do in the Rifle LL area. Each Town Representative would be responsible for arranging it for their own area.
- b. Preparation for annual members meeting next month, September 10, 2018 at the US Bank Building in Glenwood Springs from 6:30-8:30pm was discussed.
  - i. We confirmed that our Constitution states this annual meeting has to be on the second Monday in the month of September. This can change by a vote of the board during next year’s season and re-submitting the

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Constitution to Districts and Regionals for record like we did last year.

- ii. Board turn-over and marketing for new board members was discussed.
  1. Note that ALL board positions are re-elected every season at the Annual Meeting.
  2. Lindsey Kirby stated she will not be seeking re-election for the position of President but is happy to still be involved in coaching locally, special events and marketing for the league.
  3. Tony D'Agostino, Eagle County VP, stated he would like to be involved in TRLL next year to help train someone on the website and game scheduling as well as help run the umpire clinics to continue training in this area of the league.
  4. Tom Barton, Roaring Fork Valley VP, is unsure of he will seek re-election.
  5. Christy D'Agostino; Board Secretary, Registrar and Financial Aid Coordinator, will not be seeking re-election. Citing the general negativity received from members as a deciding factor she felt positive that she had contributed to leaving the league better than when she started as her original goal that she felt was achieved.
  6. With her son aging out of TRLL; Gabriella Matus will not be seeking re-election as the Eastern Eagle County Representative.
  7. Shaun Baldwin, Steve Smart, Carrey Sims, Marni Barton and Cassie Cerise are all still interested in seeking election as Representatives for next seasons board in their respective Towns.
  8. Any board members not already listed above have addressed their future roles on the board of directors previously and are reflected in past minutes accordingly.
  9. Gabriella Matus is developing a letter to send out league-wide about the Annual

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Gabriella Matus

	Meeting elections, position descriptions, etc. to help inform and motivate participation for next months important meeting. Tony or Christy will distribute either via the website or Constant Contact.	
11.09	The next scheduled TRLL Meeting is our annual members meeting on September 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the US Bank Building.	Information
11.10	Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm by motion from Lindsey Kirby and second from Tony D'Agostino with all in favor.	Information