

Guilford Little League

800 Village Walk #213 - Guilford, CT 06437 (203) 453-5497

Board Meeting

Guilford Community Center – December 3, 2018

Meeting Notes

- **Present:** Mark White, Chris Loban, Therese DeMatteo, Thomas, Phil Kikosicki, Alexandra Gross, Greg Aulenti, Jordan Reinhold, Carly McGrady, Steve Ruotolo, Fred Rosa, Levy (new player from Branford) and his mother
- **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Chris Loban at 7:34 pm.
- **President Report (Chris Loban)** – district meeting didn't occur yet. There are three new presidents in the different districts. Cromwell is moving out of our district. Haddam and Killingworth are looking to merge their little league programs in 2020. Registrations are ready to go live this weekend. Looking to change some costs and set the early-bird discount of \$25 (expires in February 15, 2019) across the board. Proposing softball at \$95, 4-6 year olds at \$75, 7-8 year olds at \$125, and 9-12 year olds at \$175. Compared to other towns and lacrosse, these seem fair and all agreed. Should we consider letting 7-9 year olds for the first time play for free? Other parents may not think it's fair, so we'll hold off for now. Should we offer an incentive to moms and dad that head coach? We'll look into getting them a nicer shirt. Greg Aulenti suggested socks for kids although the pants are long, so they wouldn't be seen unless we switch to snickers. AAU is doing instructional work and there's a good turnout. Dan Tafro and Chris Loban are collaborating and the league is insulated, but Chris suggests we add to the bylaws that we would not schedule any AAU game until we meet a certain threshold of league participants (95%). This would protect the league and be a formal documentation of the arrangement. This would prevent what happened to the Clinton league. Chris will write-up proposed language and distribute for vote. Discussed the challenge of finding new umpires. Also, the board needs to evaluate some current umpires for this season.
- **Financial update (Thomas Steffen)** – account balance to-date is just shy of \$63K. In November, total income was \$0 and expenses included PCA contract, field maintenance, insurance, trash, internet, Quickbooks, and registration refund. We paid charter fee. We also looked into the reason for the higher umpire costs (incremental \$5K) – it's largely due to the \$25 paid to younger umps. Someone will be tasked with checking Arbiter each month to ensure the umpires are being allocated and paid properly and within budget.
- **Operations (Fred Rosa)** – no update.
- **Equipment (Phil Kikosicki)** – 15 bags still out. He will follow-up.

- **Sponsorships (Chris gave update)** – Kim Vigliotti will co-chair with Jordan Reinhold. Formal fundraising will start in January, although Jordan will get the form from Fred and start contacting businesses now. Kim or Chris will send thank you letters to last year’s sponsors.
- **Social (Chris gave update)** – will post registration to social and newspaper once open. Chris will purchase and post sturdy signs and visit pre-schools to increase enrollment.
- **Winter Clinic** – will outsource these clinics to be held on Saturday morning at CT Sportsplex.
- **Softball (Alexandra Gross)** – going to World Softball Convention at Mohegan Sun and deciding on type of bats.
- **Meeting adjourned:** 8:34 pm. Next meeting on Tuesday, January 8th in the Faulkner Room at 7:30 pm.