

Fairfax Little League BoD October 2011 Meeting Minutes (draft)

- I. Meeting commenced at 8:45pm with 16 Members in attendance.
- II. September BOD meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
- III. September 28, 2011 Annual Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
- IV. Treas. Report: Related balances in all accounts. Treasurer received \$500.00 in sponsor checks.
- V. Fall Ball update: Season going well despite several rainouts.
- VI. Dominion League update: Dominion President Alex Lennon introduced Steve Davison as new Dominion Player Agent.
- VII. Fields & Grounds update: Question was raised re: use of paint to line all fields going forward. Discussion tabled until November meeting.
- VIII. Fundraising update: Still have a few prizes to distribute from raffle. Golf Tournament participation was low (48 participants) but decided to schedule another Golf Tournament for Sept. 2012. Discussed option to allow parents to sign up for Golf Tourn. at time of Spring baseball registration.
- IX. Coaching Coordinator update: Bill Wilkinson reported on coaches' clinic held for single A coaches led by Bill and Rick Freeman (Fairfax HS Head baseball coach.) 5 of 9 single A coaches attended. Session was focused on helping coaches to teach kids the game of baseball. For Spring season, want to get permit from City to use Fairfax HS practice field and work toward the goal of having bi-weekly clinics.
- X. Umpires: Discussion re: how to recruit more adult umpires. Discussed recruiting at evaluations in February. Also discussed the possibility of offering an incentive to parents who umpire by giving them a discount off of the next season's registration fee for their kids if they serve as the home plate umpire for at least 5 games during the season.
- XI. Subcommittee to discuss use of fields by travel teams: Randy Darrow volunteered to join Scott Peirce and Mike Wolk as a member of this subcommittee.
- XII. Subcommittee to review Bylaws vs. Local Rules: Scott Peirce, Steve Hals, and Bill Wilkinson volunteered to be part of this subcommittee.
- XIII. Goals for Spring season: Discussed the following goals for the Spring season: 1) Recruit more adult umpires; 2) Identify another location to develop a new field (e.g., Fairview may be an option to develop a field for AAA or below); 3) Lights for AA (and lower) fields (suggestion was made for league to attend a Mantua MCA meeting to raise the idea of adding lights to Pickett #2.)
- XIV. Spring Calendar: Draft calendar presented to Board. Evals scheduled for Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> (Sunday of Presidents' Day weekend.) Discussion re: limiting intraleague games to 3 games against each team for AA and AAA and re: changing A schedule to reduce the number of evenings kids have games/practices each week. Suggestion to reduce number of games to 12 and to reduce game time limit to 1 hour 30 mins. Discussion of these two items will be taken up by a subcommittee made up the following volunteers: Scott Peirce, Alex Lennon, Brandon Smith, Kevin Shook, and Karen McGee.
- XV. Use of orange safety bases: Discussion tabled until November meeting.
- XVI. "Opt out" cost for volunteering: Discussed whether \$25 fee was the right amount. Consensus was that we don't have enough historical data to make a judgment on this yet and will keep it at \$25 for Spring 2012 season.
- XVII. Meeting adjourned at 10:40pm.