

Fairfax Little League BoD November 2011 Meeting Minutes (draft)

- I. Meeting commenced at 7:40pm with 18 Members in attendance.
- II. October BOD meeting minutes were approved unanimously. Request made to send out future minutes in pdf format.
- III. Treas. Report: Related balances in all accounts. Execution report approved unanimously. Treasurer received \$500.00 in sponsor checks. Carl Maahs noted that a proposed budget will be ready to present for Board approval at the January Board meeting.
- IV. Fields & Grounds update:
 - a. Tom Heller and Scott Peirce dug out sections of Chilcott field in LF, CF, and 3B and laid new sod in those areas.
 - b. Tom noted that the league has a \$664 credit with Fisher and Sons (company from whom we purchase bagged products.)
 - c. Lawn mower at Bonnie Brae requires maintenance.
 - d. Randy Darrow noted that the county edged and added new dirt to both fields at Bonnie Brae.
 - e. Question was raised re: water running down path and onto Providence 4 during hard rains and whether league could do something to help divert the water. Tom noted that there was nothing the league could do. This would have to be done by the city.
 - f. Use of paint to line all fields: Tom recommended using paint on grass and lime on dirt.
- V. End of season Spring tournaments for AAA and Majors:
 - a. AAA
 - i. Alex Lennon proposed changing the local rules which state that the AAA champion is determined by the regular season Win/Loss record. He proposed making the AAA champion the winner of the end of season tournament instead (with the regular season record determining the seeding in the tournament.) The goal being to try to encourage AAA coaches to focus more on development of players and less on W/L record.
 - ii. Lots of discussion ensued. Karen McGee raised the question as to the need for tournaments at any level. Randy Darrow suggested using the Juniors and Seniors model.
 - iii. Scott Peirce suggested that everyone think about it for a few weeks and if someone wants to propose a rule change they need to bring it to the Rules Committee. Also, scheduling considerations need to be discussed with Dave Kane.
 - b. Majors
 - i. Scott Peirce recommended not having a tournament for Majors since the regular season is competitive enough and the champion is determined by the regular season record.
- VI. Umpires Subcommittee:
 - a. Determined that a subcommittee was unnecessary. Steve Hals will speak to parents at evaluations in February. Steve needs a separate room (aux. gym or auditorium) and will hold 3 sessions to discuss umpire needs with parents. Volunteer coordinators can also speak to parents during these sessions.
 - b. Alex Lennon will speak with Lisa to finalize the incentive plan for parents who umpire.
- VII. Champions for Subcommittees:
 - a. Travel Team Field Use Policy: Brandon Smith
 - b. By Laws vs. Local Rules: Steve Hals
 - c. Minors Schedule: Alex Lennon
 - i. Already decided upon a 12 game season and 1 hour 30 min. game time limits. This subcommittee just needs to determine how to implement the schedule.
- VIII. Use of orange safety bases: Alex Lennon wants to propose a pilot program to use the safety bases at lower Minor levels. Discussion tabled until January meeting.
- IX. Chartering Single A as T-ball: Question raised about chartering A as a T-ball division. T-ball is ages 4-7. Charter needs to be reviewed and approved.
- X. 17-18 year old team: Randy Darrow asked for permission to speak to SYA about Babe Ruth league. We have 15 17-18 year olds who want to play baseball but there is no other league in District 10 with a big league team. Brandon agreed to have National League charter a big league team. Randy will talk to SYA about Babe Ruth.
- XI. Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.