

Fairfax Little League BoD January 2012 Meeting Minutes (draft)

- I. Meeting commenced at 7:42pm with 23 Members in attendance.
- II. November BOD meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
- III. Dave Schatzman and Mark Murphy were unanimously approved to fill the American League Player Agent and Co-Volunteer Coordinator board positions respectively.
- IV. Treas. Report: Related balances in all accounts. Checking: \$43,924.97; Snack Bar: \$5,418.10; Raffle: \$4,377.02; Reserve Money Market: \$20,004.09. Execution report approved unanimously. FY11 Budget approved unanimously. \$940 received in donations for the Pat Rodio Fairfax Little League Scholarship Fund. Treasurer received \$60.00 in snack bar money; also received \$125 check for golf tournament from Pat Donahue.
- V. Joseph Harmon (PRAB Chair) spoke to the Board about Fairfax City Parks Master Plan to meet city needs for parks, trails, and service delivery.
- VI. National League update: Will need to expand to 5 Majors teams. Need to decide upon 1 of 4 Little League approved options for expansion. Charter done and sent to Little League.
- VII. American League update: May need to expand to 6 Majors teams depending on number of registrants. Managers set for Majors and AAA but need more managers for AA, A, and T-ball. Charter done and sent to Little League. American League takes care of Chilcott field and field needs some work including rebuilding mound (need clay), trimming trees by left field lights, and removing sponsor signs off of poles.
- VIII. Dominion League update: Charter done and sent to Little League. Managers set for Majors and AAA, but need to check on AA, A, and T-ball. Team names for Minors (A, AA, AAA) will be changing to MLB minor league team names to avoid confusion from having the same team names in all levels.
- IX. Director of Jr./Sr. Play: Director resigned and we need to fill the position. Randy can help transition responsibilities to new Director if we find a replacement in time for Spring season. Also need 2 managers for Juniors.
- X. Travel Team Field Use Policy subcommittee update: Brandon will set up a meeting in next week or two.
- XI. By Laws vs. Local Rules subcommittee update: Steve will be finished with review in the next month.
- XII. Minors Schedule subcommittee update: Alex reported that there will be 12 games at the A level and they just need to decide when the games will occur as it will depend on when clinics are scheduled. Game time limits will also be changed to 1.5 hours per game. At Rules Committee meeting will also propose dropping limit on the number of events per week from 5 to 4.
- XIII. Evaluations: Steve will find an adult umpire to speak to parents at evaluations. Steve recommended that we do more in-person registrations to help get more umpires. League Presidents have drafted the eval schedule and will finalize it and announce it at the end of the month. Carl volunteered to call each person who notes an interest in umpiring on their registration. Missy will be at evals with snacks but needs volunteers to help and asked the League Presidents to include this in the emails they send out to remind parents about the evals.
- XIV. Memorial Day Tournament for Pediatric Cancer (Children's Hospital): Brandon and Lisa are on committee for this 200 team wood bat tournament for teams at all levels from age 8-18. Anyone can enter a team for \$600 (tournament fee) plus an insurance fee. Board unanimously approved a donation of \$500 from Fairfax Little League to support the tournament.
- XV. GMU Game Raffle: Instead of Fairfax Little League Day and raffle being held at a Potomac Nats game this year, the Board agreed to hold it at the May 6th George Mason home game. Missy urged League Presidents to pick up any raffle tickets coaches do not pick up at Opening Day and get them to the coaches and to urge all coaches to get the tickets to parents in a timely manner. We will need to get the raffle tickets back before May 6th.
- XVI. Background Checks: All managers, coaches, Board members, and volunteers need to complete background check forms each year. Each league gets 125 free checks from Lexis Nexis. This year

4 states (including VA) refused to put sexual offenders list on Lexis Nexis list so League Presidents will need to manually run checks using another site. League Presidents must run all of the checks.

- XVII. Opening Day: Henry is working with the City and will have more to report at February meeting.
- XVIII. Sponsors: 6 or 7 sponsors have already verbally committed to sponsor teams this Spring. Sponsor signs will be put up at Burke this year.
- XIX. Fields & Grounds update:
- Work to be done on Chilcott.
 - Buying chalk machines, rakes, pitching machines (for single A).
 - Tom will price out cypher locks for doors at Pickett and purchase if not cost prohibitive.
 - Taking one large mower in for annual tune up each year.
 - City has approved 3 new signs at Pickett stating that Fairfax Little League is not responsible for damage to cars if cars are struck by baseballs when parked in Pickett parking lot.
 - Tom also suggested implementing a rule that pitching machines cannot be used on Pickett #5 since this may increase chances of damage to cars in the lot.
 - Tom will get pricing for a cleaning company to clean the Pickett bathrooms.
 - Tom asked about orange safety bases for Minors and Alex responded that if we do this we won't do it until the Fall season.
 - Gates and fences at Pickett need to be fixed.
 - Tom asked if we need to fix the Burke scoreboard, but Brandon responded that Burke may replace it.
 - New safe needed for Burke snack bar.
- XX. Snack Bar update:
- Need help at Burke, Providence, and Chilcott (especially for Sun. Challenger games.)
 - Pest control company coming to snack bars soon.
 - Missy wants to recruit more parents to help manage snack bars.
 - Chicken sandwiches will be sold at snack bars again since they sold well at Pickett.
 - Two soda machines need to be fixed and the sink at Providence needs to be fixed.
- XXI. Fundraising update: Missy raised a concern about coaches not all understanding the raffle process. She volunteered to come to Rules & Safety training sessions to explain the raffle ticket process to all coaches and also suggested posting instructions on the league web site.
- XXII. Equipment update:
- Obtained 5 sets of catcher's equipment through a national program sponsored by Chevrolet.
 - Additional date will be set for Fall coaches to return equipment.
- XXIII. Coaching Coordinator: Bill is talking to George Mason about hosting clinics. 34 of 72 available slots filled for the upcoming Fairfax Little League clinic at VBC.
- XXIV. Safety update: Ryan will send annually required safety report to Lisa and League Presidents for review by end of month.
- XXV. Rules Committee meeting: Scheduled for Jan 22nd 11am – Noon. Items on agenda:
- End of season tournaments (Lennon)
 - Majors draft procedure (Wilkinson) – tentative
 - Dropped third strike – Majors (Peirce)
 - Events limit change from 5 to 4 events per week (Lennon)
 - Disallow use of Pitching Machines for Batting Practice on Pickett #5 (Heller)
- XXVI. Other items:
- Karen raised concern about possibly cancelling the VBC coaches' clinic since new coaches really need something to help them out. We agreed to do both the VBC coaches' clinic and the clinics being organized by Bill Wilkinson.
 - Discussion surrounding Braddock Road land owned by FFL and the need for a subcommittee to explore possible field development options. (5 minutes)
- XXVII. Use of orange safety bases: Discussion tabled until Fall.
- XXVIII. Meeting adjourned at 9:59pm.