



GOLETA VALLEY SOUTH LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Date 12/12/11

Present	Absent		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	President	Gary Furukawa
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vice President	Steve Boelter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Secretary	Kevin Halleck
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer	Tony Winterbauer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Information Officer/PR	Melissa Frank
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Player Agent	Becky Villarreal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Umpire In Chief	Ray Kennedy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Junior VP	Brad Thomas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Major VP	Dan Feldhaus
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minor VP	Drew Hawn
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mini VP	Jack Haskell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	T-Ball VP	Tony Sandoval
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scorekeeper/Scheduling	Randy Roberts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Equipment Manager	Scott Street
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sponsorships & Grants	Paul Peterson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special Events	Marla Gamberdella
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Safety Officer	Pete Stathopoulos

Secretary – Kevin Halleck

Minutes from 11/08/12 were presented for approval, via e-mail prior to meeting. Meeting minutes approved to post.



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Meeting called to order by President: Gary Furukawa 12/12/2011 at 6:35 pm.

President Gary Furukawa

GF registration for spring 2012 is underway. The agenda for the evening is full and the BOD has a lot to do as spring tryouts start next month. Tonight a local Eagle Scout will present a plan to the BOD describing a project for a bull pen on the minor field visitor's side.

Financial Statement

GF presented the financial statement.

Motion to approve – PS, the financial statement, second BT. Motion passed unanimously.

Registration and scholarships

BV- 98 registered players for spring 2012 to date. Discussion on league criteria for scholarship awards, definition to be determined. BV to contact LL international for guidelines. BV/MF to create a recommendation in January and present to the BOD.

Public Relations

MF – commercials run on local KEYT TV, print ad in News Press. RK recommended the Independent as an option for another print ad. E-blast this week to get the message out that league signups are open for enrollment.

Capital Improvements

MG – Shade plan for the ball park, create committee (RR, Paul Peterson, MG) to review and propose a plan for venter quote. Other improvement options to the grounds would be to create a paver fundraiser, pay for brick, to cover specific areas of the grounds, around the flag pole, etc. Paul to work with local sponsors for Grant likely for next year, projects could include lighting for minor/major fields. Light options for the interim, clip on Halogen lights for field maintenance, post game. Major Booth improvements, blue print reviewed, also good candidate for Grant in 2013.

MG - to present next meeting all capital improvement options for January BOD meeting.

Concession Stand

MG/MF – a student has interest and will commit later, on hold for now.

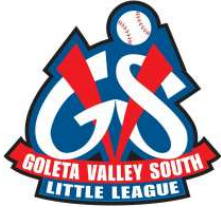
Competition Committee

Minor Division

SB – In an effort to provide a good learning baseball experience for all players the BOD discussed many different scenarios. The BOD wanted to expose all players to different positions where possible, keep the players safe and have fun. The minor division vice president will be the point of contact for all manager/coach and parent issues regarding new local rule.

Motion to approve-SB, a player cannot play the same position more than 3 innings per game, Second JH, passed unanimously.

Motion to approve – SB, every play must play at least 1 inning in the infield and outfield per game, Second JH, denied.



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The Draft

SB – The players will be ranked and stacked for a serpentine draft. Managers will be placed with their kid, if the players ranking is the first or second round that will be their slot for the draft. Managers will not be allowed to freeze coaches, in other words coaches cannot match before the draft. Trading of draft picks will only be allowed on the draft night.

Motion to accept –SB, Draft plan as proposed, second BT, motion passed unanimously.

Majors only 50/70 field play

SB – Little League has agreed that majors can play on increased field size (50/70) after 12 league games played at 46/60. There are issues to the increased field size. Little League International will not allow ten year olds to play on the 50/70 field and denied a waiver for 10 year olds to play on 50/70. With the approval for majors to play the end of the season with the 50/70 field size 10 year olds will not be allowed to move up next year. The BOD had in depth discussions of the good and bad benefits of this rule. There will be a few 10 year olds that will be disappointed however this will increase the level of play for the minor division. The 11 and 12 year olds will have the benefit of the experience of junior level rules, lead offs more decision and strategy on the field for the last 6 league games and playoffs. The BOD recommended that the 50/70 and 10 year old rule be evaluated as a Pilot program for the spring season, 2012. The BOD will evaluate the feedback and the experience of the 2012 season to decide how to continue future seasons. Should the league continue the 50/70 experience?

Motion to approve – SB, the 50/70 field plan for the 2012 spring season, second JH, 8 for 5 against 2 abstain, motion carried.

Field Work Day

DH to e-mail MF field work calendar. DH working on proposal for the Junior field sprinkler work, estimate and schedule to be proposed to BOD. DH to get estimate to thatch and aerate the minor and major fields.

Eagle Scout Project

Brian Sandford presented a plan to build a new bull pen for the visitor side of the minor field. Proximity to the snack shack is a concern. DH to contact Brian to schedule a meeting at the minor field to discuss the location and layout of the bull pen. Brian discussed the material donations and the need for additional labor for and concrete forms. RK will support with the pitcher's mound concrete form if required.

Umpire Plan for Spring 2012

RK- provided a stand up speech to the BOD with energy and new ideas for the umpire program. How do we improve the umpire experience, through training of managers, coaches, players and fans? Here are some ideas for not going with paid umps.

- Create code of conduct for coaches and managers
- Teach players to honor the game
- Parent and Player pledge
- Take responsibility for yourself
- The league point of contact, VP's
- VP's to fill no shows or find replacement, RK to support
- Incentives for umps, reduce qty of games for volunteer checks, from 5 to 3.



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- Jerseys for ump's that have a high level of participation
- 10 plus game scholarship, tbd.
- Add washer and dryer to club house for jersey processing.
- Senior league player are an option
- MF to e-mail LL code of ethics to RK

Motion to approve – RK, \$700 for the umpires club, second BT motion passed unanimous

Motion to approve – RK, 3 game and umpire clinic to return volunteer check, second BT motion passed unanimous

Scorekeeper

RR-continue with the opening day clinic, large scale board for easy training. Online training option, more investigation required and instructions for new parents required. Play It Again Sports to be contacted as a sponsor of scorebooks for the league.

Player Development

GF-good showing for the 10 year old players, program is working well.

MF - 30 kids enrolled online in the 7-9 age group. Casey Cloud has done a great job with staffing & getting these highly motivated kids ready for the spring season. Unfortunately, not a big showing for the 10-12 age group. We decided to cancel this session and refund the entire fee back to the 4 families that registered

Meeting adjourned, 9:00 pm by Gary Furukawa

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, 7:00pm.
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Kevin Halleck
GVSSL Secretary