



Laconia Little League

January 9 , 2019 Meeting Agenda

Attendance

Jen Derksen, Heath Hagner, Matt Pluim, Jessica Merkel, Greg Smit, Jamie Kloetzke, Chris Lalor, Craig Shaver, Linda McCauley, Jeff Johnson, Jeni Riedemann Jeff Henker.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance: \$13,190.43

Ending Balance: \$13,413.95

Add on CD: \$3,700.72

Motion to Accept: Jessica Merkel; Second Chris Lalor

Agenda

Boys Baseball

- Minor boys continue to play in house. No bat restrictions.
 - Major boys are planned continue to play in the Ripon League. Only bats stamped USA will be allowed.
 - Ripon will have a meeting at the end of February. They plan to address umpire issues and determine what teams will be playing.
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- Senior or Pony level boys: There may be an opportunity for Laconia to get into the Dual County League instead of playing "Senior" League in Ripon. Need more details, to be determined.
 - Possible involvement for the 13/14 year old players in the Dual county league. Would need to be accepted. Waupun is also looking for teams at the senior level. More information is being gathered. Direction should be known prior to next meeting.
 - Assuming that we would have 2 teams at this level for this year.

- Legion Ball - Babe Ruth ball is going to be replaced by Legion ball this year. There is also the potential for a Junior Legion team as well. Need more details, to be determined.
 - Additional information needed.

Girls Softball

- Continue participating in the same leagues as last year.
 - Will stay in Waupun.
 - It was suggested to play all 10U games in Waupun, and no games in Brandon
 - Waupun has a meeting Monday 1/14/19 at 6pm.

Year-end Tournament and fundraiser:

- Plan to have it July 22nd to July 28th. Possibility to combine it with the Brandon Fun Fest at the park in Brandon.
- It needs to be determined what fundraising opportunities the LLL will pursue. A list below are some possibilities:
 - LLL to run concession stands.
 - Portion of beer sales
 - 50/50 raffle
 - Silent auction items
 - Sunday morning pancake breakfast.
 - Fishing tournament.
 - Bags tournament
 - Sponsor banners

- Other Fundraiser options:
 - Spirit Pump
 - Culvers
 - Kwik Trip Cards
- The plan is to NOT sell raffle tickets this year.

DICK'S Sporting Good's Sponsorship and discount

- 20% off Storewide discount to take place on Saturday March 30th and Sunday March 31st.
- Additional gear to be donated from DICKS's.
 - They donate about \$2800.00 each year.
 - Option to order fan wear though website a possibility.

501C3 Status:

- Application has been submitted.
 - Waiting on approval from IRS.
 - Companies may be more likely to give grants after we have 501c3 status.

Online registration will be from February 15 to March 1st.

- Registration fee will be paid online.
- There is going to be a separate \$100 volunteer fee per family, bt that fee will not be due at time of registration. A \$100 check will be submitted when your child's shirt is picked up. If your family works 4 total volunteer hours for LLL, the check will be returned to you. If no hours are worked, the \$100 check will be cashed. Volunteer hours are valued at \$25/hour for any portion thereof. There will be an online sign up for various positions as the season nears.
- It was discussed to not include team pictures as part of registration day. Team pictures seem to be one of the items that make registration day cumbersome. Linda McCauley was going to check with the photographer to see if they were interested in coming to take individual pictures.

Clinic/Coaches training for pitching / Catching possibility.

- It was discussed that there should be a clinic prior to the start of the season to help pitchers and catchers, as well as coaches, understand these two positions. Windmill pitching for girls is especially difficult to learn, and coaches should know how to teach this.

- There are private, paid lessons for windmill pitching available somewhat locally, however the thought was to put together a clinic in Laconia that is no cost to the coaches or players.

Open positions and involvement needed:

- We see the same folks at every meeting. If you have a younger player in the LLL, you are encouraged to come to meetings, and get involved to keep the chain of communication and duties going. It is likely that current board members and active individuals will drop out as their kids become older.
- A Treasurer will be needed soon.
- A concession coordinator will be needed. This position could be managed by 2-3 people.
- An equipment manager is needed. Heath has been doing it for the last few years, and will do it again this year. He could use some help this year, and then turn it over at the end of the season.

2019 Board members

- President: Heath Hagner
- Vice President: Matt Pluim
- Treasurer: OPEN
- Secretary: Jen Derksen
- Registration: Jessica Merkel

2019 Committee members

- Diamond care
 - Rosendale: Lalor / Boyd families
 - Eldorado: Schneider Family
 - Brandon: Smit Family
- Umpire Coordinator: Craig Shaver
- Medals / Photos / Shirts Coordinator: Linda McCauley
- Tournament Concession Coordinator: OPEN
- Raffle Ticket Coordinator: Jenni Riedemann
- Game / Practice Scheduler: Chris Lalor
- Girls Softball Representatives: Matt Pluim / Neil Mauer

- Boys Baseball Representatives: Matt Pluim / Heath Hagner
- Upper Level Baseball Representative: Scott Seggerman / Shaun Hiemstra
- Equipment: OPEN
- Website / Facebook: Jessica Merkel / Jen Derksen
- Volunteer coordinator: Jessica Merkel

Motion to close: Matt and Chris

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 6th. 6pm RI Library.