



Laconia Little League

February 6 , 2019 Meeting Notes

Attendance

Jen Derksen, Heath Hagner, Matt Pluim, Craig Shaver, Jessica Merkel, Bob Pontow, Chris Lalor, Justin Stigler, Jamie Kloetzke,

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance: \$13,413.95

Ending Balance: \$13,413.95

Add on CD: \$3,700.72

Motion to Accept: Craig Shaver, Second Bob Pontow

Agenda

Boys Baseball

- Finalization of Boys's leagues at levels above majors (inquiry sent, waiting response).
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- Still do not have an update on the 13/14 boy range. We would like them to go to the Dual county league. Will meet with Ripon later this month.

Girls Softball

- Are we going to plan to play all 10U girls games in Waupun?
 - Yes, will play in waupun.
 - Look at playing all games in Waupun. Need to get a copy of Waupun's schedule to see nights of play.
 - Will need to provide rosters to Waupun.
 - Need number of teams by March 15th.
 - Fee increased to \$450/ \$500.
 - 12U / 14U nights of play were discussed. Looking at playing 8U Mondays. 12U/14U to move nights. Will know more after March 15th.
 - They only require 10U/8U are required to play league ball. Net year they will add 12U.

Year-end Tournament and fundraiser:

- Year-end tournament location- Rosendale or Brandon? Needs to be final decided at this meeting.
 - Tournament will be held in Rosendale.
 - Motion to approve: Jen second Jamie.
 - Will be held the last week of July. July 22nd - 28th.
 - Motion to approve: Jen, Second Bob.

Other Fundraiser options:

- Spirit Pump.
 - Have and will completed.
- Culvers
 - They will email you a coupon to you and on a certain night you will receive 10% of the sales. (going to wait on this)
- Kwik Trip Cards.
 - Waiting until wrestling is done. Need a volunteer.
- 50/50 Raffle at tournament?
- Possibility of company sponsorships. Banners during the tournament weekend? \$250 to sponsor. Sponsorship will be put on banner, facebook, website and announced at tournament. Bob will look into cost of banners.
- Looking for a Fundraiser / Sponsorship committee.
- We have been approved under the 501 C 3.

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.
- Need list of items from Heath.
 - Softball pitching mounds for inside. 1 mat for inside at RI.
 - L Screens.

501C3 Status:

- Application has been submitted.
 - Waiting on approval from IRS.
 - Companies may be more likely to give grants after we have 501c3 status.
 - Has been approved!!! Was approved on January 28th.
 - Jessica 990N form has been started. Taxes have to be filed by May 15th.

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

- Go over birthdates for divisions

- Boys September 1st.
- Girls January 1st.
- Possibly create an account for a parent to walk through the process from start to finish
- Deposits into bank account from Dick's for registered players
- Registration reports for player enrollment
- Volunteer online sign up and monitoring
 - Will use sign up genius to track
 - Waupun does volunteer hours and when a family volunteers they get a recipe. Concession stands there is a binder.
- Website in general (documents to be added, Fan Ware)
 - Fan Ware is up and running on the website. Can do it during registration or go back later and order.
- Gmail account monitoring
- Update from Waupun girls softball association
- Picture day or not (or just for younger divisions).
 - Need to let Network know.
 - 2 nights for shirts pick up and volunteer checks.
- Team shirts handout days & collect volunteer fees (when & where)
 - Rosendale and Brandon location. (Will be a Tuesday / Thursday) April 30th and May 2nd.

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.
 - Justin Stigler: UW oshkosh players to come down and teach the kids. Softball is in he will bring a couple of players. Baseball will also player and assistant coach he is also a catcher as well. Run clinics together? Looking at Late May when there season ends.

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.
 - Thank you Bob Pontow!!!

Insurance:

- An insurance questionnaire was requested by, and responded to Nolan Insurance on 1/29.
- There will be 11U /12U boys travel tournament the weekend of May 18-20 at which alcohol will be served. LLL provided the insurance last year for liquor liability. The amount of liquor liability will be determined once the LLL year-end tournament is decided.
- LLL Insurance policy needs to be updated by 5/1/19.

Equipment Purchases:

- It was requested to purchase an indoor pitching mat for softball. Cost is about \$189.99. Mat will be purchased.
- Discussed to purchase pitching screens for softball, Heath will look into the purchase..

Fundraising, donations, and grants:

- Once we are a 501c3, we should be eligible and more likely to be considered for more grants and donations.
 - Approved.
- Please think outside of the box for ways to generate income for the LLL. Raffles, grants, donations, ???

New parent involvement in LLL meetings.

- We need parents of younger children to get involved in the league. There are many opportunities. Please attend meetings, and volunteer to help out where you can.
- New Purchase for girls / boy ball for a new mat. They would like us to pay a third of the cost, . Agreed \$55 reimbursed to Jay Smit.

Motion to pay for it by Bob Pontow. Second by Craig Shaver.

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: Heath Hagner / BOB PONTO
- Website / Facebook: Jessica Merkel / Jen Derksen
- Volunteer coordinator: Jessica Merkel
- Fundraiser Coordinator: OPEN

Motion to close: Jamie Kloetzke, seconded by Craig Shaver.

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