



Laconia Little League

Meeting minutes March 14, 2018

Attendance

Heath Hagner, Matt Pluim, Lisa Wiercinski, Brian Wiercinski, Brian Lemke, Tami Lemke, Jaime Kloetzke, Jen Derksen, Anthony Bongert, Jeremy Giebel, Brady Heller, Brooke Heller, Neil Maurer, Scott Kelnhofer, Morgan Deich, Jessica Merkel, Travis Kloetzke, Kelly Hagner, Stacia Weber, Scott Seggerman, Linda McCauley, Christy Madigan, Greg Smit, Chris Lalor.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance: \$17,501.47

Ending Balance: \$17,110.86

Add on CD: \$3693.35 as of 12/28/2017

Motion to Approve: Jessica Merkel; Second: Matt Pluim

Agenda

Registration Night Framework/ format/ duties. Discuss age cutoffs and whether kids will be allowed to play up or play down outside of their age bracket.

- Registration closed on March 15th. Parents will need to contact LLL with any additional enrollments.
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- Registration night / Coaches Meeting will be April 10th at Laconia High School auditorium from 6pm to 9pm.
- Board / Committee members will be setting up evenly balanced teams at each level. There will be no draft.

Discuss age cutoffs and wether kids will be allowed to play up or play down outside of their age bracket.

- For this transition year, kids will be placed at the appropriate level according to their birthday. Players may move up with a request from parent to Board members. Players are not allowed to play down a level. The league would need to approve the moves.
- Motion to approve: Heath Hagner; Second: Matt Pluim

Registration issues / fees / additions to form.

- Look at age cutoff.
- Additional items to be added to form for next year:
 - Check box for those who may have interest in Travel ball.
 - Signature permission to use pictures taken to website or for use as a promotional item.

PeeWee Level night of Play change to Tuesdays

- Monday nights in years past
- Change to move to Tuesday nights to accommodate other levels
 - Motion to approve night of play change: Matt Pluim; Second: Craig Shaver

Use of pitching machine for PeeWee Level

- Louisville slugger blue flame mechanical pitching machines cost about \$250.00 per machine.
- Pitching machines are more consistent than coach pitch. Should help to develop and promote more hitting.
- LLL is looking to purchase 5 pitching machines for use at peewee level. May purchase more so it will be one machine per team.
 - Motion to approve purchase of 5 pitching machines: Brian Lemke; Second: Tami Lemke.

Ripon boys league update

- Major boys will play on Monday and Thursday nights.
- Senior boys will play on Monday and Wednesday nights.

- Games for both leagues will be held in Ripon and on Laconia fields depending on schedule.

Bats allowed for use for boys baseball

- Ripon is going in the directions of USA bats. Full change to use ONLY USA BATS will go into effect next year.
- For squirts, peewees, and minor boys: All bats will be allowed for use this year, 2018.
- Major boys: If you are wanting to buy a bat, make sure it is USA stamped to ensure that it will be allowed for use in Ripon league this year, and into the future. For 2018, Ripon will allow USSSA stamped bats if they are from years past, ONLY with a 2 ¼" barrel diameter. Any bats that are 2 ⅝" diameter must be USA stamped. If you are in need of clarification, contact Heath.
- Senior level boys will be using a drop 3 (-3) and drop 5 (-5) bats only, per Ripon rules.

Rule change for pitching at Minor Boys level

- Will be changing from Coach pitch after 3 balls, to all player pitch after 4th of July.
- After July 4th, league games, make up games, and tournament games will have player pitch, 4 balls and 3 strikes. Umpires will be told to have a liberal strike zone.
 - Motion to approve change: Craig Shaver; Second: Greg Smit.

Waupun Girls League update

- The change to move our 10U, 12U and 14U was necessary because of the team size at the 12U and 14U level.
- 10U, 12U and 14U will play in the Waupun League.
- All games will be played in Waupun.
- They will be playing Waupun and Beaver Dam Teams.
- 10U play Wednesday nights and 12U / 14U Monday Nights
- Teams now have a 2 year age gap.
- Season will start in June and run through July.
- Waupun will schedule umpires. There will be one behind home plate and another umpire at the bases.
- Waupun does not do an end of the year tournament.

Umpire Meeting

- LLL will set up an umpire training meeting for those who are interested.
- Umpires will be paid \$25.00 per game.

- Seniors boys games will require a WIAA registered umpire per Ripon rules. Ripon will help us with finding umpires for these games. Cost is \$55.00 per game for an umpire.
 - Motion to approve Senior umpire pay of \$55 for WIAA umpires in Senior Level boys games: Stacia Weber; Second: Jen Derksen

Coaches Meeting/Team Distribution

- Packets and Team information will be handed out at this time.
- Will discuss AED's locations and use.
- Equipment pick up.
- Coaches should know team name, team colors, and shirt sizes of coaches at this time. Only appropriate team names will be allowed.

Post Prom Donation? Historically gave \$200.00

- LLL will donate \$200.00 to the Post Prom.
 - Motion to approve: Stacia Weber; Second: Jamie Klotzke.

Equipment update

- Health will start to split out equipment once the number of teams are finalized.
- Will look at purchasing new equipment with the Dicks Sporting goods sale.
- Scott Ritzma has softball pitching machines available.
- Bats that can no longer be used, Heath will take to play again sports to trade in and upgrade.

Expectations of LLL for travel Teams

- Travel ball will be insured under LLL. This will be added to our May 1 renewal.
- Travel teams need to submit Open Gym requests through the RSBD website, and schedule practice times through Chris Lalor to avoid conflicts.
- A document outlining LLL expectations of the LLL travel teams has been put together. It will be presented at a separate meeting here in the near future for discussion with those interested in travel ball.

501(3)C application

- This form needs to be completed in order for companies to write off donations to LLL.
- With this document LLL need to complete a set of by laws.
- LLL will need to create or adopt a set of By Laws for LLL.
- An organizational document also needs to be completed before submitting a 501(3)c.

- Becoming a 501(3)c will help LLL become eligible for more grants and charitable contributions.

New Website update

- Travis has the basics of the site completed.
- LLL needs to find the originator of our current site to complete our new site.
 - We need to get the information to keep our current web address a .com.
 - If we can not get this information it will have to be changed to a .org or .net web address.
 - Christy Madigan is going to reach out to Molly and see if she was the originator of the site. The current company will then need to email her.

Repairs needed at Brandon Park North Field

- Brandon Park is looking to replace the upper netting on the first base side and the yellow strip. The section to replace is 20 x 100.
- Brandon Park asking LLL to help with some of the cost and set up. The estimated cost is \$1,100.00 to replace.
- LLL will donate \$500.00 to Brandon Park for netting replacement.
 - Motion to approve \$500.00: Chris Lalor; Second: Craig Shaver.
- After the motion was approved, and the meeting was completed, Greg Smit notified Heath Hagner that The Village of Brandon had already voted to fix the net, and cover the entire cost, therefore LLL will not be donating \$500 to this cause.

Motion to Close

- Matt Pluim; Second: Craig Shaver

New Business

1. Review and edit document.

2018 Board members

- President: Heath Hagner
- Vice President: Mat Pluim
- Treasurer: Jamie Klotzke
- Secretary: Jen Derksen
- Registration: Stacia Weber (Jessica Merkel / Tami Lemke)

2018 Committee members

- Diamond care
 - Rosendale: Lalor / Boyd families
 - Eldorado: Schnieder Family
 - Brandon: Smit Family
- Umpire Coordinator: Craig Shaver
- Medals / Photos / Shirts Coordinator: Linda McCauley
- Tournament Concession Coordinator: Stacia Weber / Abby Pluim
- 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 Heimstra
- Equipment: Heath Hagner
- Website: Travis Klotzke
- Facebook: Stacia Weber / Jen Derksen

Next Meeting: will be THURSDAY APRIL 5th; 6pm at RI Library.