



Laconia Little League

March 20 , 2019 Meeting Notes

Attendance:

Heath Hagner, Matt Pluim, Jessica Merkel, Jamie Kloetzke, Jen Derksen, Craig Shaver, David Grade, Chris Westphal, Greg Smit, Linda McCauley, Scott Kelnhofer.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance: \$13,570.73

Ending Balance: \$17,714.64

Add on CD: \$3,700.72

Motion to Accept: Jessica Merkel; Second Jen Derksen.

Agenda

Player Registration is now closed.

- 277 total registered players

Boys Baseball Updates

- 7th and 8th grade boys will play Dual County League
 - Competitive League
 - 50/70 Fields
 - Mondays and Thursdays nights of play
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- Games will be 2 hours long starting at 6pm
- Games will start mid May and until the end July
- Need to assign a diamond for home games
 - Looking at Eldorado, Brandon North, and Lamartine as options
- Likely need to purchase a portable mound
- Not continuous batting order, bat only 9 or 10 at coaches discretion
- Only USA bats allowed. 2 5/8" diameter, Max of -9 drop, max 34" long, no wood or composite wood bats
- LLL teams would be in north division with NFDL, Oakfield, Lomira teams
- Dual league playoffs are proposed for July 15-26. There will be an All-Star game planned for the July 28 weekend
- Fee to play is \$75.00 per each of 2 teams
- All umpires will be 16 and older

- Current Numbers per level:
 - Senior Boys (7th & 8th Grade) 27-28 registered to make 2 teams in Dual County League
 - Major boys (5th and 6th grade) 40 registered to make 4 teams in Ripon League
 - Minor boys 35 registered to make 3 teams
 - Looking to contact teams from Dual County league for additional games at this level since there will only be 3 teams, sounds promising.
 - Option of setting up independent teams to rotate games in at this level.

Girls Softball Updates

- Leagues and nights of play
 - 10U will play on Tuesday nights.

- Currently there are 9 teams at this level. Laconia (3) teams, Waupun (4) teams and Beaver Dam (2) teams.
 - 12U will play on Wednesday nights.
 - Currently there are 6 teams at this level. Laconia (2) teams, Waupun (4) teams and Beaver Dam is stilling trying to form a team at this level.
 - 14U will play on Wednesday nights.
 - Currently there is no team at this level, as there were only 4 registrats. Players may join a Waupun Team.
- Current Numbers per level:
 - 10U Girls have 33 registered players.
 - 12U Girls have 28 registered players.
 - 14U Girls have 4 registered players.
- Time limit for games in Waupun is 1 hour.
- First game will start at 5pm with second game starting at 6:30.
- Makeup games will be Mondays at 6:30 or latter.
- Season will start May 28th/29th until July 30th.

Squirts / PeeWees updates

- Leagues and nights of play
 - Squirts night of play will be Thursday.
 - PeeWees night of play will be Tuesday.
- Current Numbers
 - Squirts 45 registered, 6 teams
 - (3) teams of 7 players and (3) teams of 8 players.
 - PeeWees 63 have registered, 6 teams
 - (3) teams of 10 and (3) teams of 11 players.
 - 1 Adult umpire will be needed at this level (volunteer hours).

Fundraising Opportunities

- Conflict for Taylor the last weekend in July for tournament. Either combine with Brandon Fun Fest or push to first weekend in August in Rosendale.
 - Tournament to be moved. July 29th - August 4th in Rosendale.
 - Motion to approve: Craig Shaver; Second Jessica Merkel
- Combine with boys baseball to have sponsorship banners, \$250 each proposed
 - Banners will be hung up tournament weekend
 - Sponsors will also be announced
- Run concessions at Brandon and Taylor. Use volunteer hours.
 - Need a Volunteer coordinator for this position.
 - Concessions would be run for Laconia Little League games
 - Chris Westphal would be willing to help shop for supplies
- Dock Spiders game night for LLL
 - Friday August 9th.
 - Tickets will be sold all season long and at LLL tournament
 - There may be on-field opportunities for kids
- Raffles/Auction Items at year end tournament
 - 50/50 Raffle
 - Spirit Pump
 - Meat Raffle

Important upcoming nights/dates

- Wednesday, April 3rd 6pm-8pm RI Library Team Selection (Coach and Assistant Coach Required).
- Tuesday, April 30th jersey distribution and volunteer fee collection, HS cafeteria 4pm to 7pm

- Thursday, May 2nd jersey distribution and volunteer fee collection, Brandon cafeteria 5pm-8pm
- There will be no team pictures this year. All pictures will be individual or can be multiples.
- Please note picture envelopes will look different this year.
- Coaches will get a free picture with their child.

Attentional all 2018 Coaches

- If you still have equipment from last year please turn it in ASAP to Heath Hagner

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: Sarah Klotzke / Ginger Giebel
- 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 Pontow
- Website / Facebook: Jessica Merkel / Jen Derksen
- Volunteer coordinator: Jessica Merkel
- Fundraiser Coordinator: OPEN

Motion to close: Jen Derksen; Second Jessica Merkel

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 1st. 6pm RI Library.