



Laconia Little League

May 1 , 2019 Meeting Notes

Attendance:

Heath Hagner, Matt Pluim, Chris Lalor, Craig Shaver, Jessica Merkel, Jamie Klotzke, Jen Derksen, Neil Mauer.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance: **\$17,714.64**

Ending Balance: **\$22,001.89**

Add on CD: **\$3,704.41 (as of 03/29/19)**

Motion to Accept:

Craig Shaver; Second Jen Derksen

Agenda

Changes to Minor Boys games/picking up games with Dual County B-Ball.

- Total of 3 teams for 2019
 - No fee for this league
 - 10 games total. About half of the games will be in house, and the other half will be played against other towns in the area.
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- Since about half of the games are to be played against Dual County teams, we, it makes sense to play all games under Dual County Rules to limit confusion. There are a few differences in rules.
 - All Kid pitch; USA Bats only, No Stealing bases and a 2 hour time limit.
 - Motion to accept Dual County rules for all games:
 - Craig Shaver; Second Neil Maurer

Schedule finalization

- Schedules have been finalized and will be sent out

Rule finalization

- Review / Open Discussion
- At least one girl in the infield at all times (not catcher) for peewees level
- Adopt Dual County rules for Minor Boys/B-Ball this year
- Need to change age cutoff date for next year to April 30/May 1 for boys in Minors, Majors, and Pony's if going to Dual County League in 2020.
- PeeWees rule change. 6 innings or no new inning after 1 hour 10 minutes. Clock starts at first pitch.

Year-End Tournament

- Open tournament up to out of town teams?
- Will discuss more in next meeting.

Necessary upcoming field work at Brandon North and Eldorado for Pony Level

- The Boys Pony level will require a 54/80 field to play on.
- After evaluating both the Brandon and Eldorado diamonds, we have chosen to improve Brandon North for a variety of reasons.
- After a meeting with The Village of Brandon. The Board and Laconia Little League came to the agreement that The Village of Brandon will supply the equipment and

labor, and Laconia Little League will take care of the cost of materials (infield dirt and bases). JJ Trucking in Brandon will haul the infield material at no cost for a savings to the LLL.

- A Crown will need to be put on the field with a hump at the pitching area, but not a full mound so that the field will remain multi-use.
- Bases will need to be purchased
- Motion to approve field improvements: Chris Lalor; Second Matt Plum

Portable L-screen placement for use

- L-Screens will be placed at the following locations for use in practice. L-Screens would need to be taken out (keys picked up at appropriate locations) set up, used, and put away nightly:
 - 1 Taylor Park (Score Box)
 - 1 RI (Score Box)
 - 1 Brandon North (Score Box)

Volunteer hours available- spreadsheet

- Email with information to be sent soon. There will be multiple ways for families to fulfill volunteer hours.

Umpires needed/volunteer hours to be used

- Umpires age 15 or older are needed at the Pony Level
- New this year we are looking to have a parent be a field umpire at the PeeWee Level to know the rules and help administer the rules of the game. Volunteering will fulfill volunteer hours.

Concessions update/moving forward

- We will now have concessions at Taylor Park and Brandon for the 2019 season.
- Brandon diamonds will be stocked with chips, candy, soda, water, gatorade and more. Volunteers will pick up the cash box and keys from the Brandon Gas Station.
- Taylor Park will be run and stocked by Jen Seggerman with a portion of the profits going to the little league. Volunteers will be needed on nights of LLL games to sell

concessions. There will also be positions for folks to stock the concession stands weekly.

Company sponsorship banners

- For 2019, we have partnered with Laconia Boys baseball and local businesses. Businesses pay an annual fee and in return a 4 x 8 foot banner will be placed on the outfield fence for Laconia varsity baseball games and at the LLL year end tournament, and sponsors will also be announced between innings at Laconia boys varsity games.

Insurance update

- Policy has been renewed for the year. Certificates of insurance will be provided to coaches of travel teams.

New policy for late registrants

- Tiered rate system for next year that will increase as the season nears/begins.
- Early bird special rates.
- Early registration is very important to assembling teams with the correct amount of players

AED testing and updating

- AED's will be placed at the following locations prior to start of the season:
 - Taylor Park Concession stand
 - Brandon Park Concession stand

Weather / Game Cancellation

- Coaches will determine if games need to be canceled due to weather. Coaches will also need to notify parents of cancellation. Laconia coaches should work directly with coaches from other towns to make decisions on games. Craig Shaver should be notified if a game is cancelled so that he can notify the umpires. Coaches will be

in charge of rescheduling games. If an umpire is needed for a rescheduled game, please contact Craig Shaver.

- If lightning is seen, game is suspended for a half hour. This follows WIAA policy. If lightning is seen again, then the half hour time frame starts over. Coaches can elect to reschedule a game instead of waiting for the required half hour.

Additional Field updates

- Taylor Park received a donation to upgrade the sound system.
- A different score board will be put up at RI.

Upcoming Available Board/Volunteer Positions

- LLL Board/Volunteer positions allow folks the ability to give back to the LLL and to fulfill volunteer hour requirements
- The treasurer position will be voted on at the June LLL meeting for a new treasurer. If you would like to be the treasurer, please express your interest to the LLL email at laconialittleleague2018@gmail.com, or come to the June meeting.
- Concession coordinators are needed for the year, and for the year end tournament. Please email the laconialittleleague2018@gmail.com address to express interest.
- The secretary position will be open in October of 2019.
- Two year terms will be up for president and vice president positions in October of 2019 as well.
- Higher attendance and commitment is required at LLL meetings to share workload to provide a sustainable league.

2019 Board members

- President: Heath Hagner
- Vice President: Matt Pluim
- Treasurer: OPEN- New Treasurer to be voted in at June 2019 meeting
- 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 Pontow
- Website / Facebook: Jessica Merkel / Jen Derksen
- Volunteer coordinator: Jessica Merkel
- Fundraiser Coordinator: OPEN

Motion to close: Matt Pluim; Second Jen Derksen

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 12th, 2019 at RI Library, 6:30pm