



Laconia Little League

May 24, 2021 6:00 Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Jason Bos, Mitchell Vis, Jenna Vis, Lisa Parks, Kristy Vermeer, Jessica Merkel

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance: \$22,379.98

Ending Balance: \$26,350.97

Add on CD: \$3,717.36

Motion to Accept the Treasurer's Report: Jessica Merkel made the motion, seconded by Jason Bos

Agenda

- **Concessions**

Is it too late to start them for this summer? We don't have volunteers to re-stock the concession stands or keep track of the money on a daily basis. Check to see if Jen LeCaptain (Tournament Concession Coordinator) would be interested in coordinating summer of 2022 and for tournament. For the end of year tournament, we would need a few people get/have their liquor license in order to sell beer. Those people would need to be on the premises in order for sales to happen. What is the status of the Brandon Park concession stand – Jason Bos to follow up on this and report back at the next meeting.

- **Banners**

Greg Smit had originally started the banners. They are all hung on the fence on the baseball diamond at Taylor Park in Rosendale. Once the high school baseball season is over, could we hang the banners on other fields? Jason Bos will check with the Rosendale and Brandon to see if we can hang them up on those fields. Kristy Vermeer is keeping track of who has been contacted to sponsor.

- **Tournament**

The end of year tournament will be in Brandon tentatively scheduled for June 26 – August 1. However, with not having very many upper level divisions to play games, it may just be that the tournament is Friday – Sunday. Once we know how many upper level teams will participate, see if Chris Lalor would be willing to do the schedule. Squirts and Pee Wees would be playing games as we have enough teams in those divisions. Linda Diedrich to order medals and ice cream.

- **Umpire/equipment**

Hagner's (Colton & Heath) are willing to take on the umpire coordinator position. Sounds like more umpire equipment may need to be purchased. Would like to see more high school softball and baseball players umpiring. However, we understand that they are also playing games right now but after their season is over, we would like to see them helping out. Jessica Merkel made a motion to pay the certified behind the plate umpires for the Pony boys and Major girls divisions \$50 per game, seconded by Jason Bos. Umpires are still needed at games!

Keys to open the concession stand or score booths are to be the responsibility of the coaches. Coaches need to make sure the keys are available to open these buildings or open them so the umpires can get access to the gear.

- **Website**

Tricia Pontow would like to get a new and improved website going. We would want to make sure that it includes online registration, scheduling of diamonds (games and practices), umpire scheduling, concession stand volunteer sign ups, team info and game schedules.

- **Schedules**

Currently coaches need to look in three different places in order to reserve a diamond for practices or make up games (school district website, Google calendar and master game schedule). Is there anyway we can get this to be easier?

- **Parks committee update**

Jason Bos attended two meetings so far. Information relating to diamonds was geared towards the Taylor Park softball diamond. They would like to put in new aluminum bleachers possibly digging out and pouring concrete to place the bleachers on. They would also like upgrade the dugouts to be covered. Kristy Vermeer mentioned we could possibly get grant money from MLB for this. However, LLL does not own the property so LLL may not be eligible.

- **Registration timing for next year/Dual County**

Do we need to have registration a little earlier so that we can get coaches selected for the upper level divisions in order to get them on the contact lists with Dual County? It was decided to do an end of the year coaches meeting at the same time/date as the equipment turn in. This way we can get feedback from the coaches at all levels to see what worked and what did not work throughout the season.

- **Dock Spiders game**

We have 100 tickets available for the Dock Spiders game on Saturday, August 7th at 6:35 pm. Tickets are \$12 each and LLL receives \$3 for each ticket sold. Unsold tickets as of July 17th need to be returned to the Dock Spiders. We need to figure out how we are going to sell these and collect money from people.

2021 Board members

- President: Jason Bos
- Vice President: Mitch Vis
- Treasurer: Lisa Parks
- Secretary: Marci Hansen
- Registration: Jessica Merkel

2021 Committee members

- Diamond care
 - Rosendale: Lalor / Boyd families
 - Eldorado: Schneider Family
 - Brandon: Smit Family
- Umpire Coordinator: Colton/Heath Hagner
- Medals / Photos / Shirts Coordinator: Linda Diedrich
- Tournament Concession Coordinator: Jennifer LeCaptain
- Game / Practice Scheduler: Chris Lalor
- Girls Softball Representatives: Matt Plum / Neil Maurer
- Boys Baseball Representatives: Heath Hagner
- Equipment: Bob Pontow
- Website / Facebook: Tricia Pontow
- Volunteer coordinator: Jessica Merkel
- Fundraiser Coordinator: Kristy Vermeer

Motion to close:

Jessica Merkel first, Lisa Parks second.

Next Meeting:

Monday, July 12th at 6:00 pm at Taylor Park (on the west side by the high school).