



# Laconia Little League

June 12 , 2019 Meeting Minutes

## Attendance:

*Jaime Kloetzke, Jessica Merkel, Matt Pluim, Chris Lalor, Craig Shaver, Shane Bauer*

## Treasurer's Report

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

**Ending Balance: \$19,688.68**

**Add on CD: \$3,704.41**

*Motion to Accept: Jessica Merkel, Craig Shaver 2nd.*

## Agenda

### Year-End Tournament

- Open tournament up to out of town teams?
  - Open discussion:
    - *Try to keep all games on RI or Taylor. Championship games on Sunday will be on Taylor.*
    - *Only order as many trophies and medals as needed per team size in each division.*
    - *Squirts- play games during the week. Medals for all participants.*
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- **Peewees- some games during the week, some on Saturday, championship on Sunday. Trophies for first, medals for second place team.**
- **Minor boys- games on Saturday, championship on Sunday, trophies for first, medals for second..**
- **Major boys- games on Saturday, championship on Sunday, trophies for first, medals for second.**
- **Pony boys- no games. There is a dual county tournament the week prior.**
- **10U girls- Trophies for first, medals for second, games on Saturday, championship on Sunday.**
- **12U girls- One championship game, medals to the winner of the game, game to be played under the lights at Taylor on Saturday night or on Sunday if the coaches wish. Need coach feedback.**

## Field work at Brandon North

- Field work has been completed.
- Purchase of portable pitching mound.
  - **Discussion involving pros and cons of mound types and sizes. Motion was made by Chris Lalor, second by Craig Shaver to purchase a small portable mound for use at Brandon Field North for games, and possibly indoors in the off season. Motion carried, a mound will be ordered asap.**

## Volunteer hours available- spreadsheet

- Update on hours from Jessica
  - **Volunteer hours are filling fast. If you are not able to fill your volunteer hours, there will be plenty of openings on tournament weekend, including concessions coordinators. If folks need hours, there will be opportunities to fill them.**

## Umpires needed/volunteer hours to be used

- Umpires age 15 or older are needed at the Pony Level. **Umpires need to follow the process to sign up for games or to cancel.**

## Concessions update

- LLL is now selling concessions for games at Brandon Park North and at Taylor field during LLL games. Thanks to all of the folks that got this going, have helped the LLL along, and are continuing to stock and sell these items. Proceeds will go to the LLL, and ultimately to improving gear, fields, and facilities for baseball and softball in the RBSD.
- ***Motion was made by Matt P. to purchase a LLL microwave and crockpot for use at the Brandon concession stand. Second by Craig Shaver.***

## Insurance update

- In years past we have had a \$300,000 General Liability policy. This year we added additional cover to change the General Liability coverage to 1 million. The change increased our premium by about \$400.
- ***We were misquoted the price of the increase in insurance, so it was not as expensive this year to upgrade to 1 million in liability, however if we keep the same policy for next year, the increase will be about \$400 more annually than in years past.***
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## Dock Spiders Game

- Tickets are still available for the LLL Fundraiser game on August 9th against the Battle Creek Bombers. Update on Ticket sales.
- We are planning for Evelyn to throw out the first pitch at the Dock Spiders game on August 9th.

## Evelyn's Extravaganza

- Discuss donation and vote.
  - ***A motion was made by Jessica M. and seconded by Jaime K. for the LLL to donate \$200 cash to the Evelyn's Extravaganza event.***

## 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](mailto:laconialittleleague2018@gmail.com), or come to the June meeting.
- ***Neither of the two interested parties in the treasurer position were able to attend the meeting. Two emails were read aloud from each anonymous individual who expressed interest in becoming the next LLL treasurer, each email stated interest in the position and qualifications. Attendees cast an anonymous vote based on emails written by the candidates. Candidate #2 won the vote, 6-1, and Lisa Parks will accept the treasurer position at the July meeting where duties will be turned over to her.***
- 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.

## Other New Business

- A port-a-potty needs to be brought to RI.
- Nets at Taylor Park were discussed for the safety of those watching games while another team is practicing on the other diamond. It was decided that between coaches, there should be a mutual respect that if a team is practicing to possibly do infield practice instead of batting practice while a game is being played on the opposite diamond. Batting practice could also be held in the batting cages.
- Dry erase boards for the tournament concession stand menu should be purchased along with poster board to create the brackets.
- Possibly enter the Eldorado parade. See if the Dock Spiders would be interested in having their vehicle in the parade and have the "Share the Glove" grant banner somewhere. Maybe have this be a volunteer opportunity to walk in the parade?
- Jessica M will submit an application for WI sales tax exemption for future purchases.

## 2019 Board members

- President: Heath Hagner-**Open fall 2019**
- Vice President: Matt Pluim-**Open fall 2019**
- Treasurer: OPEN- New Treasurer to be voted in at June 2019 meeting
- Secretary: Jen Derksen OPEN
- Registration: Jessica Merkel

## 2019 Committee members

- Diamond care
  - Rosendale: Lalor / Boyd families
  - Eldorado: Schneider Family
  - Brandon: Smit Family
- Umpire Coordinator: Craig Shaver-**Open Fall 2019**
- 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 Maurer
- 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:

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 10th, 2019 at RI Library, 6:30pm**