

# Laconia Little League

August 22, 2018 Meeting Notes

## Attendance

Heath Hagner

Matt Pluim

Linda McCauley

Scott Kelnhofer

Stacia Weber

Deana Rabe

Jessica Merkel

## Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance: \$12,516.74

Ending Balance: \$13,023.93

Add on CD: \$3,697.03

Motion to Approve: Jessica Merkel, second Chris Lalor

## Agenda

### Year End LLL Tournament Review

- Schedules

It was mentioned that Saturday was a long day for the Pee wee's, too many games were scheduled for that level of play, 3 games per day should be maximum at that level, majority agreement.

- Games/Rules

It was discussed that the rule for innings pitched should be clarified for the tournament for next year.

- Trophies/Medals

It was decided at a previous meeting that pee wees should receive trophies for first, and medals for second- however it was discussed that some folks thought that all pee wees should receive medals next year.

- Umpires

It was discussed that adult umpires should be behind the plate for all championship games. It was

also discussed that when kids are umpiring games, that it would make sense for kids to umpire the game that they are most familiar with (boys for baseball and girls for softball) whenever possible.

- Volunteer Help

There was extensive conversation regarding the lack of volunteer help this year, and that next year volunteer hours or additional funds may be implemented. A proposal would need to be put together and brought to the board for consideration and a vote.

- Raffle- Sales down

Sales and profits from the raffle were down this year, and parents do not seem to be putting in as much effort to sell tickets as in the past, or folks are not buying as many. It was discussed that any incentive prizes that are given for sales of tickets will no longer be included in the raffle.

- Concessions

- Sales report

Final numbers for sales had not yet been determined, but it was discussed that for next year it needs to be determined which items are most profitable. Walking tacos and pizzas did not seem to sell as well or yield as much profit as the hot dogs, brats, burgers, and pork sandwiches.

It was proposed that dry erase boards be purchased for the concession stand for prices of concessions, and the brackets

- Meat provider to be discussed for next year

It was discussed that unopened meat cannot be returned. Further conversations need to be had to make sure that we purchase the correct amount of meat, and do not have much leftover. If there is leftover meat (or other concession items) we should off load them at a break even cost at the very least. Conversation with the meat provider needs to be had to see if there are other options.

- Analysis on profitability Laconia Little League Costs Evaluation

- Registration fee should better reflect cost per division

- Need to increase volunteer efforts throughout the year

Possibility of increased fee or mandatory volunteer hours

- Contact Ripon for refund amounts

- Jessica Merkel has spreadsheet to reflect actual costs

A spreadsheet is being put together to represent the actual costs incurred at each individual level. The LLL cannot lose money at any individual level, and the spreadsheet will help to determine costs and entry fees at each level for next year.

## Travel Teams

- Email seemed to be well received, good amount of responses

The email responses do not solve all issues, as some folks indicated interest, but then still went elsewhere for travel baseball, making it tough to determine numbers of players on some teams.

Rule changes to consider for next year

- Peeeweess- add time limit of 1:15 instead of 6 innings

Motion made to add time limit by Jessica Merkel, second by Stacia Weber, motion carried.

- Peeeweess- make it mandatory to have at least 2 girls playing 2 of the 5 following infield positions every inning: pitcher, 1st base, 2nd base, 3rd base, and shortstop.

It was discussed that due to the fluctuation of gender numbers from one year to the next, that perhaps the rule should be that at the PeeWee level, that the infield (excluding catcher) needs to be mixed gender, and that since there is now a time limit, that each player should get at least one inning in the infield to help hold player interest. Motion was made by Stacia Weber to add the rule as stated above, seconded by Linda McCauley.

- Assembling teams (peeeweess on up): Proposed that only 2 coaches coach together, and that those two coaches only receive shirts. A third coach can be added, but their child would need to be drafted- and that coach could purchase a shirt if they wish. Talent/pitchers/catchers should be leveled/divided out by placing kids to the 4th pick per team, and then a draft of the remaining players would follow (after concurrence between the coaches of the teams that teams are balanced out). Coaches would draw cards for first pick, highest card (ace high) would begin the draft, and the lowest card would pick last. Draft would continue snake-style until all players were distributed. Late registrations would be added to the teams in the same format, in the order that their registration fees are received.

Discussion was that we should have 2 coaches per team, and that the coaches at each level should determine how the players will be distributed.

- Thoughts?

It was discussed that there needs to be a firm deadline for league sign ups for next year.

- Other rules to consider? Action items for the off season
- Verifying leagues and numbers of players- who?
- 501(c)3 and documents for becoming a non-profit.
- Upcoming purchases

If there are any ideas for large purchases that will require work towards reaching them, those ideas should be brought to the September meeting

- Website/New email address in 2019

The thought was to leave the LLL laconialittleleague2018@gmail.com email address as is for next year, even though it has the number 2018 in it.

- Registration

Jessica is looking into only sign up services to expedite the process for next year.

## New/upcoming Board members/positions/responsibilities

- Need new equipment organizer/manager.

## 2018 Board members

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

Stacia is officially done with registration, and Jessica Merkel will be taking over registration for next year.

## 2018 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: 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 Hiemstra
- Equipment: Heath Hagner

New equipment manager needs to become involved in 2019

- Website: Travis Kloetzke
- Facebook: Stacia Weber / Jen Derksen

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 12 at RI Library,  
6pm**