

Dexter Little League Board Meeting

January 20, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm

Members present:

Melissa Boobyer, Dave Rosevelt, Greg Sharp, Paula Condron, Ed Gauthier, Rich Deleruyelle, Mara Greatorex, Samantha Brandt, Jodi Kniesteadt, Bryce McAllister, George Michos, Jeff Kirkey, Jill Dromazos

Members not present: Ken Bryson, Lisa Pitts, Charlie Gagne, Andrew Babicki, Jennifer Taylor, Mike Guinta

Also in attendance: Tracy Lambert

- I. Word from the President- Boobyer
 - a. We all know that many kids who are involved in Little League are also involved in other activities. One solution for kids with these other commitments is to have a question on the registration asking what days a player can commit. This helps put the information in the coach's hands so that they can be more informed.
 - b. Boobyer also informed the board that Ken Bryson has stepped down from his position as Commissioner. He realized that he wasn't able to give the board 100% of his attention, and decided that it wasn't fair to Dexter Little League if he couldn't give 100%.
- II. High Priority Committee Updates:
 - a. Finance- Condron
 1. Approval of Budget. Rosevelt moved to approve the budget as it was submitted. Boobyer seconded the motion. Vote: unanimous to approve budget for 2016.
 2. Approval of DLL apparel purchased from Fancy Stich to sell at the Dine to Donate event at Aubree's as well as the Evaluations. Greatorex moved to approve the apparel expenditure. Rosevelt seconded. Vote: unanimous to approve apparel expenditure.
 - b. All Star Selection- Boobyer presented the Dexter Baseball and Softball Club Tournament Team Selection Process for approval. One of the updates from last year was that there will be one meeting for all parents of players selected to communicate the process, answer any questions and hand out the forms that are required. This will help the communication to the teams, as well as take the responsibility of having to collect the forms from the coaches. Michos moved to approve the tournament team selection process. Sharp seconded. Vote: unanimous to pass tournament team selection process.
 - c. Playing Rules- Boobyer submitted the Local Rules for Major, Minor, Machine Pith and T-Ball Divisions Spring 2016 for approval. The only change from last year was to change the playing time for T-Ball to 75 minutes. Rosevelt moved to approve the Rules for Play 2016. Brandt seconded it Vote: unanimous to pass Rules for Play for 2016.

- d. Registration- Kniesteadt reported that the flyer will go out on Tuesday, January 26th. Yard signs will go up on Tuesday as well. The age change rule will be included in the email to let people be aware of it.
 - e. Long Term Planning- Kirkey handed out an excel sheet with all of DLL long term projects. Right now the highest priorities are getting the fields ready for play as well as getting the first aid kits ready for all the coach kits.
 - f. Fundraising-Boobyer gave the update for the committee. Volunteers are needed to help for the February 4th Dine to Donate Event at Aubree's. There will be one hour shifts so that people don't have to spend all day there. We will be set up in the back room to register players and have apparel sales.
 - g. Communications- Brandt reported that the email is drafted to send out for registration. A Facebook post for the Dexter Pub Dine to Donate Event is up and a post is scheduled to go up for Aubree's Dine to Donate as soon as the Pub event has passed.
- III. Other Business:
- a. Commissioner updates- division of responsibilities:
 - 1. Coach recruiting- we can get leads from Blue Sombrero. People who are interested usually submit it with their kid's registration.
 - 2. Evaluations- Sharp volunteered to lead.
 - 3. Coaches Handbook
 - 4. Scheduling- Roosevelt volunteered to lead
 - b. Play-Up Policy- Boobyer went over the policy. The board discussed several of the points of the policy. The policy is in place as a guideline for moving a player to a higher age level. The decision is a hard one to make. It is not always guaranteed and it is recommended that most players will receive more benefit by playing in their age group. A player trying to play up will be evaluated on his/her ability to bat, field, catch and must be in the top 10% of the age that he is playing up to. There must also be room in the older program. The final decision will be made by the baseball commissioner, safety director and the president of the board. Roosevelt moved to approve the play up policy, Deleruyelle seconded. Vote: unanimous to approve the play-up policy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15