

Countryside Little League January Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 6:34 pm

Countryside Little League 2022-23 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 9th, 2023

Meeting called to order at: 6:34 pm

Meeting Conducted by Dave Shefferman

Minutes taken by Colleen Burr

Roll Call

Board Position	Member Name	In Attendance
President	Dave Shefferman	yes
VP of Baseball (Tee ball-Majors)	Nick Scalabrino	Yes
VP of Baseball (Juniors & Seniors)	Kristin Thomas	yes
Secretary	Colleen Burr	yes
Treasurer	PJ LaVenja	virtual
Player Agent Baseball	Nate Stout	yes
Player Agent Softball	Charles Irwin	yes
Coaching Coordinator	Chris McCormick	yes
Safety Officer	Melissa Solevilla	yes
Concession Stand Manager	Scott Samon	yes
League Information Officer	Alyssa Shefferman	no
Equipment Manager	Jonathan/Rachel Krause	yes
Sponsorship Manager	Mike McKnight	yes
Umpire-in-Chief	Kristin Thomas	yes
Uniform Coordinator	Katie Majeski	yes

Registration

- Closed on January 6th Late Registration is open until January 14th.
- Review enrollment numbers/divisions/number of teams
(Nick, Dave, Nate, Charles)
 - Softball-numbers are up from Fall Ball
 - 1 SRs
 - 2 JRs
 - 13 Majors
 - 22 AAA
 - 18 AA
 - 12 A (2 teams)
 - Baseball
 - 34 T-Ball

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- 33 A
- 48 AA
- 53 AAA (maybe down to 45 due to Majors)
- 30 Majors (maybe add 7 due to AAA)
- 3 50/70

EVENTS

- Need to finalize dates of the following:
 - Parent Meeting hosted by Positive Coaching Alliance (Chris)
 - February 11th from 9:00-11:00 AM in the Library
 - Team Rep Meeting (maybe have this the first week of practices? (Alyssa)
 - More from Alyssa to come
 - Countryside Crewe Kick-off Meeting
 - 10 registered, 30 is the goal-Meeting is TBD
 - Coach's Appreciation Night (season ends 5/20) (Dave and Chris)
 - May 23rd
 - Community Day/Picture Day (Nick)
 - March 25th
 - T-Ball and A Softball will play games
 - Looking into Inflatables status
 - Big Sister Little Sister Event (Charles) Before opening day?
 - Mid-Season

Skills Evaluation Day (Nate)

- Run through Board Member roles for the day
 - Check-in Table
 - 8:00-1:00-Colleen Burr/Alyssa Shefferman/others?
 - Recruiting volunteer for Crewe and other roles?
 - On-field volunteers
 - Rec Card awareness and receipt collection
- Identify additional volunteers needed for the day
- Independent evaluators for Baseball and Softball
- Softball Skills
 - M-Tony L
 - AAA-TBD
 - AA-Santana Evers 9:00-10:00

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- 9-10 year olds-10:00-11:00
- 11-12 year olds-11:00-12:00
- Needs two sizes of Softballs and Pitching Machine from Rachel and Jon
- Skills Evaluation Day Make-Ups are January 23rd.

Manager Meeting and Equipment Handout January 28th (Chris/ Rachel-Jon)

- 9:00-11:30
- 90 Minute Presentation from Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA)
- Question for consideration: should we hold two meetings, one for NEW Managers? Maybe we do the NEW Manager meeting on TEAMS and review all the league operations stuff, then they join the in-person one with everyone else? That's another idea. 😊
- Finalize times, agenda, volunteers/BOD needed to help out
- AGENDA: I'd like to talk about the Team Rep Role, new items for Spring 2023 (Alyssa)
- Umpires to Attend? (Kristin)
 - District Umpire Clinic 11:00-3:00 on January 28th.
 - Need a lined field for the event.

DSG TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS-January 28th

- Confirm date and time with DSG (Rachel-Jon) **1:00-3:00**? We were too crunched for lunch last season with it starting at 12:30.
 - 1:00-3:00 at DSG
 - Rachel shared a great update on this day!
 - Lauren and John Chance
 - Large area
 - 3 associates
 - Broken into divisions
 - Posters of rosters
 - DJ
 - Balloons
 - Cracker Jacks
 - Mannequins with CSLL jerseys
 - Associate to help order out of stock items
 - They want coaches there!
 - How fun!
- Encourage Managers to attend and meet their players? (Chris)

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OPENING DAY (status update) February 25th (Dave)

- Dave reached out to Countryside High School Band and Color Guard
 - Still waiting to hear back
- ~~Dave reached out to Andy Winkler to secure Mayor Hibbard's attendance~~
 - Mayor is attending per the City of Clearwater
- Nick reached out to Tampa Bay Rays about requesting an appearance by Raymond (can we please try to get him for the parade? How cute if he could march with the Tee Ballers!!!)
 - Katie will reach out to The Rays about Raymond as she is coordinating jerseys and hats.
 - Parade starts at 9:00
 - Games start at 10:15
- Katie is coordinating with the Rays for tee ball jerseys and hats.
- Who can reach out to Threshers for Phinley appearance? (Nick?)
- Invite Rita's-hand out samples and coupons? (Scott)
 - Tent for opening day
- Start recruiting Concession Stand volunteers for Opening Day. (high schools and other youth organizations???)
 - Will need concession stand volunteers for Week 1
- Date is approved by the city!!!
 - YAY!
- On the radar for ceremony (not necessarily in this order)
 - Honor Coach Louis Kinney
 - Undo Registration charge
 - Moment of silence
 - Speak about his impact on CSL
 - Before Opening Day decide on a charity in his name to announce
 - Recognize Single A Softball Team
 - Inaugural Season
 - Recognize Fall Softball District Champs AAA Crush
 - Recognize Fall Softball District Champs Major Crush

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- Recognize 2022 All Star Teams (Baseball 8-10 year olds and 11&12 year olds and Softball 9-12 year olds)
- Recognize Leslie and Colton-The Grounds Crew
- Would like to order official Little League pin for the players (and Coaches). We want to recognize the players, managers, and coaches on the above teams so they can wear them in the parade: <https://www.wilsontrophy.com/store/pins/recognitionpins-tournamentpins/>

SAFETY

- Update on background checks completed (Melissa)
 - Started
 - Talked about an Umpire Tab for Background checks
 - Talked about a spreadsheet online once more are confirmed to check on their status when needed
- First round of Managers to the city?
 - Melissa needs names when they are available
- Submit Opening Day Plan to City of Clearwater
 - Melissa will get this done

PLAYER RELATED:

- Waiver for Troy Carruthers (Dave)
 - D2 Waiver
 - 2 other players

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS:

- VP of Softball
- Treasurer
 - Put out to public that the position is open

OPEN

- Board needs to come up with suitable ways to \$2,500 donated from Phillies Charities. Phillies Charities would like pictures or post etc with the ways their money is supporting CSLL
- Alyssa can you change the link on the website to go to the updated information? (I will email you about this)
- Sponsorships from Mike-magic number is about 25 sponsors for jerseys. Mike is creating flyers, FB posts, and contacting Threshers.
- Batting Cage nets from Jon-maybe the Krewe or maybe hold off?
- Requested equipment-impact balls, impact balls, 2 pitching dummies, softball nets.

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