

Countryside Little League- Board Meeting

December 4, 2019 Minutes

Meeting called to order approximately 6:40 p.m.

Attendees: Mike Davis, Kimberly Martin, Ryan Schuab, Melissa Solevilla, Vince Rallo, Nick Scalabrino, and Dawn Anderson.

Clearwater For Youth Conversation- We need a long-term commitment from them before utilizing their program. If we attempt it for a season and cut dues, if the program flops and we hike fees back to normal rates the next season, parents will be furious. If we get 50+ more players, we could build a new t-ball field and offer free t-ball which would get players into the program. Game plan: once we review enrollment numbers for Spring, we can discuss safety shields or marketing on the t-ball field screens.

Spring Dates- Spring 2020

Early Registration- 12/6

End Early Registration- 12/20

Regular Registration- 12/21

Walk-in Registration- 1/4/20, 4-6.

Board Meeting- 1/12/20

Regular Registration Ends- 1/4/20

Late Registration Begins- 1/5/20

Late Registration Ends- 1/11/20

Wait List- Sunday, 1/12/20

Spring Closed, Thursday, 1/15/20

Baseball-

Skills 1/18/20

Make-up 1/21/20

Draft 1/23 & 1/24/20

Baseball Manager (BB/SB) Meeting 1/25/20, 10-Noon

Dick's Day/Team Announcements- 1/26/20

Softball

Clinic and Michelle Smith Clinic/Coach Training- 1/25/20

Skills- 1/25/20, 3-6 pm

Manager Meeting 1/25/20, 10- noon

Make-up- 1/27, 6-8 pm

Draft- 1/30,

SB Dick's Day- 2/1/20

Baseball Age

T-ball 4-5

A-ball 5-6 (Unless no prior t-ball experience then, each player is required to play one season in t-ball)

AA-ball 7-8

AAA- ball 9-10

Maj Ball 11-12
Int 50/70 11-13
Juniors 13-14
Seniors 14-16

Softball Age
T-ball 4-5 (Combined with baseball)
AA-ball 6-8
AAA-ball 9-10
Maj Ball 11-12
Juniors 13-14
Senior 15-16

Spring 2020- Open Feb 15, Sat

Before skills training, coaches need to be pulled to the side and explained that coaches CAN NOT promise players which team they will be on.

New age chart: Players are welcome to try-out for a higher division based off age; but full discretion is based on Independent Evaluator and Player Agent. If a player decides to try out for an upper aged division, they are still required to attend skills evaluation for their league age division.

Motion to approve dates as above: All approved

Motion to approve new age chart to improve competitiveness within the league and competing with other leagues: All approved

Discussion of expanding to a free t-ball program and expanding into a softball t-ball.

Excellence in Youth Sportsmanship nominations overdue. Majors players are the preference. Baseball and Softball winner. Confidential until opening day. Excels in school, sportsmanship, team player. Contributed to Countryside Little League. League age 11-12 year old. Email coaches and ask for nominations. Player is recognized at a City Commissioners meeting and league banquet. Due December 31, 2019

City of Clearwater Recreation Card. Include the form on the registration.

Discussion of hosting tournaments here in the future. CSLL could earn significant money on concessions.

To do list...

Peter needs to update website.

Open registration on website.

Start marketing registration.

Ryan must figure out the City of Clearwater form before registration opens.

Ryan and Kim will also review website tabs.

Fees

No drastic change in budget.

Dawn Anderson made a suggestion to lower Int, Juniors, and Seniors reduction of \$15/player. A-ball, AA-ball, AAA-ball, and Majors reduced by \$10/player. Transfer the savings to a capital account pending the safety shades.

Upon request of the Board, the City has refurbished bathrooms, added new water fountains with water bottle filler, new wireless scoreboards and reconditioning fences on each field. New home plates on all four fields are coming. We are also pending additional reconditioning of all fences.

Motion to lower fees for Majors and to A-ball \$10/player. Int and up \$15/player down. All softball registration (A-ball and up) lowered by \$10/player. All voted in favor of reduction.

Little league residency isn't changing. Softball residency will be increasing and CSLL will be increasing area.

Discussion about our Windows 365 access and Crome Books.

Day to schedule fundraising board meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:13.