



**Present:** Mandi, Sean, Jenn J, Jakki, Zack, Candice, Marc, Emilee, Chris, JD, Nicole

**Absent:** Jenn H, Lesa, Roy

**Start Time:** 5:35

**Previous Minutes approved:** approved

**Presidents Report:**

Jenn J went over a Q/A “Quiz” to go over how board meetings are done, what constitutes a board meeting, and more. (Local and District Constitution).

Jenn J mentioned that we are listed as a beneficiary to some funds related to a friend that passed away. This person wanted money to go to the LOLL. We need to think of a small/medium sized project to dedicate to this person.

Jenn J, Jakki, Marc, Chris need to meet with P and R for keys to new storage associated with the new bathrooms. JD already has a key.

**Treasurer Report:**

JD: We spent some money! A little over \$6,000 for 30 sets of catchers gear for multiple ages/divisions. We also ordered 90 helmets from tball to juniors.

We do have gear floating around to be accounted for. Jenn J and JD are having discussions about a small deposit when we turn in gear because of the brand new gear and people doing so poorly returning gear. Candice: What if we do a sign out sheet/contract? Jenn J: We have done that in the past where if we don't get gear returned, there will be a fee assessed next season. We will revisit this conversation for discussion and finalization.

The price of baseballs have gone up to \$10/box. They are going to continue to trend up. JD would like to purchase what we are projected to need for the season. Jenn J: This counts practice balls. This would include extras. Sean: If we drop \$5,000 on balls will that hurt us at all moving forward? JD: No, we would be fine.

**Player Agents:**

Jenn J: Reach out to coaches from last year to discuss this upcoming field work day this Sunday at 10 AM. We need to do as much outreach as possible to get hands on the fields. Jenn J: reach out to get them prepared for sign ups/clean ups/seeing who is coming back.

**Jersey Changes:**

Jenn J really wants to get away from what we are doing. It's getting harder and harder to get and makes things more complicated as far as approvals, waiting for jerseys, numbers, etc. College teams are hard enough to get our hands on. Also if we did local LOLL style jerseys we can reuse what isn't used. JD has already reached out to some vendors about how it would work and we could still use the pro team hats because there are already so many of them, Candice mentioned that LOLL jerseys are basically free advertising as well. Table this for a vote next meeting when our uniform person is here and we will decide for THIS season coming up.

**Fundraisers:**

Jerky or Pretzel Rods? Can we do both? Does it have to be one? Mandi discussed whether we can do prizes or something to push sales? Something donated? Free event or time doing something special? Jenn J also added she really wants to do a movie night on the field. Zack said it's \$4/pack and we can charge what we want through the fundraiser. We are also doing the pancake breakfast and hit-a-thon. Table continued conversation.

**Registration Cost Increase:**

Jenn J: \$80/90/100 right NOW with an early bird discount of \$10 off signing up by December 31. Late fees are \$10 if you sign up past January 15/wait listed unless we have room. After January 26 it's an automatic waitlist.

Discounts: Buy 2, get 1 half off. Each additional 2 is half off.

Field Usage AND gear/equipment has gone up. We have discussed a registration increase.

Jenn J: I think \$10 increases across the board is fair?

Zack motions to raise fees across the board to \$10/. Mandi second. Unanimous:

\$90/100/110.

**League Rule Review:**

Jenn J: ONCE AGAIN, THIS IS VERY VERY IMPORTANT. Local rules can trump LLI rules unless it affects the function of the game. KNOW. THESE. RULES.

Jenn J wants to change the time limit rule. Last year we had a situation where parents were upset about a game that did not get called until after 9 o'clock with more innings to go. Parents thought there was a time limit. There is only a curfew for tournaments and minor/majors. Last year we made a time limit for minors. No new innings after an hour and 45 minutes no matter what. Chris: Are we sticking with this rule? Jenn J: Yes.

Drop Dead start times are not fair and we will not be doing them.

JD: We need to reword the terminology in the constitution. He made a note of it and will change it to reflect what the Board has specified.

### **Tournament Changes:**

Jenn J: I don't feel like we need a top 4 team. I would like to take the first half champion and last half champion play each other. If it's the same team, then that is the team. Sean: Win %? Best win percentage at the end of the season? Chris: 2 best teams at the end of the season play each other? Jenn J wants to do the two best teams playing a best of 3.

Nicole made a motion to vote that we play a best of 3 for the top 2 teams. Zack second. Chris: That can create a scheduling issue. Sean: We would do two games. 2 and 3 play and then the winner plays number 1? Jenn J still wants 2 out of 3 top 2 teams. JD: Pitchers and Pitch count could really change the outcomes of these games and you could still end up with a team that just got lucky versus a team who maintained pitch counts.

Yay: Nicole, Zack, Mandi

Nos discussed why not. Most need more time. Firm No: Marc, Sean, JD, Jakki, Candice, Emily.

JD: We could build a tournament at the end of the season to decide who is in?

JD: It could be like the LOLL tournament with its own trophy.

**\*\*This will be tabled as there was no resolution\*\***

### **All Star Changes:**

Jenn J wants to change how we pick all star teams. In order to make sure we send THE BEST players, we send a ballot to all of the coaches in that division, they would vote, turn them in, and that's it. Jenn J likes back in the "olden days" the kids would vote and that's how it went. We also need to do something about kids on multiple all star teams. We can table this but we need to think about it and firm it up before January when the rules are posted.

### **Coaches Clinic:** Marc:

Marc talked to Tom Frasier about the coaches clinic. Sometime in January and he would love to have his coaches do some clinics as well as softball clinics being done. Jenn J: That's how it was in the past. Baseball and Softball split for a session and merge in the gym for the safety person.

### **To Do List:**

Most of the things on the list have been assigned and started. Nicole has the flyers and accepted the facebook request to admin to run ads. Jenn J would like to approve all facebook posts before they go out.

All messages on the facebook group or comment need answered or replied. Don't view it and ignore it. Text someone to get an answer.

No one is assigned for opening ceremonies. Is someone willing? Jakki.

Pancake breakfast POC? Jenn H

Hit-A-Thon: Pending.

Sponsor Signs: Foothill sign needs replaced, are they still doing the "Hit a home run" deal? Sean will check with Foothill to see if they will continue to sponsor.

JD is going to pick up field maintenance project material. He has a specific list.

**Open Comments:**

Prepare for Sunday. We COULD technically make this our 50th season because of Covid we missed a year.

**Next Meeting Date:** November 29th, 5:30, Location TBD (Sean will hold the Cages)

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:50 PM