

*August 2020*



**THANK YOU to SPLL Families & Sponsors**

We'd like to extend a HUGE Thank You to our SPLL families and sponsors for stepping up to help SPLL during these challenging times. Thanks to you – we have seen nearly \$8,000 from donated registrations, and almost \$3,000 from donated sponsorships. That outpouring of support and generosity is appreciated. Thanks to all of your efforts, the Board is confident that we will weather this current storm and be back in 2021 with an even stronger commitment to getting back on the fields. THANK YOU!

**Sandlot Games at SPLL – Do You Want Them to Continue?**

We hosted 4 weeks of Sandlot games at SPLL for our families and community members. These events saw lots of softball and baseball action – and tons of smiles! It felt great getting back onto the diamonds – even though it wasn't exactly what we all hoped for this season.

Knowing that many fall sports activities have been cancelled – and schools might not have regular activities like gym – we would like to continue to offer Sandlot Games at SPLL throughout the months of August and September. Based on rules we've put in place, we can social-distance on and off the diamonds, yet still play the game we love!

Again, these are free opportunities to drop-in and play ball. We schedule different evenings for different age levels to help control the amount of people at the fields. We use pitching machines for these games – and the catcher is not in full gear, standing to the side for pitches . . . so everyone can play all the positions throughout the games.

Want these Sandlot Games to continue??? We only need 5 volunteers to help us out each night. We need 2 volunteers to be coaches for each team – and one person to check-in players (waivers and temperature checks). Can you help us keep these going? We're flexible on evenings of play . . . so if you and a spouse/friend want to help run an evening of ball – send us an email message. Are you willing to check players in – then watch your child play ball afterwards – sign up now! Those interested in helping should email [President@southportagell.com](mailto:President@southportagell.com). Again, WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP THESE GOING. We cannot schedule anymore Sandlot games until we hear back from people willing to volunteer.



## **Softball Equipment Grant Awarded to SPLL**

A big SPLL Thank You is extended to the Northwoods League Foundation (organization that coordinates the Kalamazoo Growlers and Mac Daddies) for awarding SPLL the Share the Glove Equipment Grant for additional softball gear. The Northwoods Foundation will provide SPLL with nearly \$2,500 worth of Softball equipment for our use in SPLL activities. SPLL was recognized at a Growlers game on August 15 with an on-field presentation of the grant. Pictured here is President Josh Hill, and his daughter Kenna (machine pitch softball all star from 2019). CONGRATS SPLL!



## **Annual General Membership Meeting**

The South Portage Little League (SPLL) Annual General Membership meeting will take place on Sunday, September 20, 2020 at 6:30 PM. We will host the meeting via Zoom for those that wish to attend. Please contact Josh at [President@southportagell.com](mailto:President@southportagell.com) for dial-in/connection information for this meeting.

During this meeting, we will share “state of the League” information about SPLL – with some highlights of what took place in the last year. We will provide a financial update, status of properties owned, and hear any business that general members wish to bring forth to the Board for consideration.

## **Board of Directors Nomination and Voting Process**

As part of our Annual General Membership Meeting, we will hold our Board of Director elections. A separate email was sent to families that participated in our 2020 registration process asking for Nominations to the Board. If you'd like to be nominated to the Board of Directors, please send an email to [Secretary@southportagell.com](mailto:Secretary@southportagell.com) prior to September 6. We will stop taking nominations to the ballot on September 6.

To help with the voting process, we are pleased to share that we will be using an e-voting process for the 2020 election – where SPLL Members will receive an email invitation to vote via Google form process in September. Those SPLL Members that choose to not vote via e-voting process can elect to come to the SPLL Training Facility to vote in person between 6:00PM-6:30PM on Sunday, September 20, 2020.

Have questions about the election process? Please contact [Media@southportagell.com](mailto:Media@southportagell.com) for more details.

**Spirit Wear Shop Open – Get your SPLL Gear Soon!**

Our SPLL Spirit Wear shop is open for business – but will be closing soon!! Get your SPLL fan gear now. Need a SPLL t-shirt or hat? We've got those! Go to <https://spllspiritwear2020fall.itemorder.com/sale> to place you order. Payments are taken online when you order. SPLL volunteers will help coordinate the handing-out/delivery of the items once they arrive. This fan gear store closes 11:59 PM on Sunday, August 23, 2020.