



**SAINT CLAIR LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2020, 6 P.M.
3020 FRED MOORE HIGHWAY, SAINT CLAIR**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Jamie Haslem, President, called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm

2. Roll Call

Board Member	Present	Absent
Jamie Haslem, President	X	
Matt Distelrath, Vice President of Baseball		X
Danny Borg, Vice President of Softball	X	
Crystal Richardson, Secretary	X	
Matt Karas, Treasurer	X	
Jeff Koss, Safety Officer		X
Denny White, Coaching Coordinator	X	
Libby Cody, Information Officer	X	
Phil Russell, Player Agent Baseball		X
Jaramia Becker, Player Agent Softball		X
Steve Freeland, General Grounds Manager	X	

3. Scoreboard Installation

Must have in place for opening day. Will not be delivered until installation. Will have power run on the fields, too.

4. State Tournament Update

Tents have been arranged (Gallagher). Can purchase the food at wholesale and can hire Cook to cook. Estimating ten teams, 200 people, on the boardwalk with a parade (July 10th). Jamie is meeting the city officials next week and requested that Matt Karas, as Treasurer, join him. A quote will be available at the next meeting.

The "Ron Cook Classic" will be held the same weekend at the field.

5. District Dues

\$1,000 due; will be sent.

6. Major Boys Teams

Ken Parlardg and John Turrell appeared. They requested the major boys teams be reduced by 2. The number of teams has been at 8 for over 40 years. The intention is to

keep that the same even though there are ups and downs with the age groups. However, if registration is very low (80 or less) the number of teams will be re-assessed. The girls have the same problem with developing the kids. It can be discussed at the coaches' meeting to add more practice time for 8 years olds and minors.

7. Softball Situation with Marine City/Richmond

Richmond is not going to charter softball. St. Clair offered to take it. Emmett wants North, New Haven wants South, St. Clair will get 32 Mile East. Marine City might not have a softball league. They might combine with Algonac, if not St. Clair will split the district Algonac. If these changes are due to redrawing the map/district lines, these players would be eligible for districts.

8. Ordering Dumpster

Requesting delivery for the end of March because there are a lot of large items that need to be disposed of. The gate must be unlocked on the third Thursday of each month for emptying.

9. Registration

- a. Push before try-outs - Board members share on Facebook; Danny will send another email out.
- b. Players but be registered before they practice in the gyms.

10. Turf for Batting Cage

Field 7 needs to be done for high school JV.

11. Other Business

- a. Umpire-in-Chief - Tom Buckley is returning and will take this spot.
- b. Girls All-Star Process - was presented and adopted (attached to minutes).
- c. By-laws - need to be updated to reflect the changes for All-Stars.
- d. Treasurer's Report - given by Treasurer, Matt Karas:
Account is close to where it was last year at this time (\$31,000)
Registration will need to be changed to \$125.
- e. Indoor practices will start in March.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.
Next meeting: March 18, 2020 at 6 p.m.



SCLL Girls districts criteria for selection must be limited to the following:

- Eligibility
- Availability
- Ability

Eligibility

- League Age
- Participation in 60 percent of the regular season in an age-appropriate division is required. See the current year's Little League Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Operating Policies for the tournament rules, guidelines, and explanations regarding the specific minimum number of games that a player must participate in to establish tournament eligibility; and the division(s) in which a player is age-eligible for selection.
- Residence, as defined in the Little League Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Policies, refers to a place of bona fide continuous habitation by one or both player parents, or legal guardian(s), within a league's physical boundaries. School Enrollment, as defined in the Little League Official Regulations, Playing Rules, and Operating Policies, outlines a player's eligibility to participate given his/her confirmed attendance at a school within a given league's physical boundaries during the traditional academic school year. School attendance shall be established indicating a player's enrollment as of October 1 (of the previous year). Players who do not meet the residency or school eligibility requirements must have a letter of approval from Regional Headquarters that is endorsed by the Little League International Tournament Committee, specifically noting the eligibility of that player for that division in that league and in that year.

Availability

The expectation is that all players that wish to be considered for all-star selection will be able to attend all practices and game dates. If a player or parent states they would have to miss practices or games for vacation or other commitments, the SCLL district coaches **may** wish to not consider the player for selection.

Ability

The opinion of those selecting the players, the selection will be based primarily on the regular season statistical information. An "End of the Season" assessment **may** be considered for special circumstances for selecting the Tournament Team. While statistical information forms the basis for a voter's opinions. Ultimately, a voter can vote for any eligible player, for any reason(s).

SCLL league follows Little League's recommendation for selecting the Tournament Teams. In that recommendation, the groups involved in voting are but not limited to the following:

- **District Head Coach**, voted and approved by the Board of Directors
- **District Assistant Coaches**
- **Coaches in that division** including assistant coaches
- Division Head (if necessary)
- Board of Directors (if necessary OR at Coach's request, additional Board members can attend tryouts to vote on in selection process)

Every person in every group votes, selecting up to the maximum number permitted on the Tournament Team. This method all but eliminates charges of favoritism by coaches or the Board of Directors, and promotes a clear and transparent selection process that can be easily tracked.

The players with the most total votes comprise the Tournament Team.

Those players who do not receive enough votes are placed into a pool, should there be a vacancy on the Tournament Team. If a vacancy arises, and the District coaches and Board of Directors decides to fill it, the player who received the next-most votes is automatically placed on the team after verification of eligibility. However, these players **MUST NOT** travel with the team and are not covered by Little League Accident Insurance when traveling to and from games.

The announcement of the Tournament Team has to wait until the availability and eligibility of all prospective team members have been established. Taking these suggested steps to choose our tournament team can help lead our league to a successful, fun, and memorable tournament experience.

*** 11-12 (12u/Majors) and 9-10 (10u/Minors) teams will be selected first. After those teams are formed, the 10-11(11u), 9-10 (9u) and 8u pitching machine teams will be formed.

Tournament Play

Only 9 players are allowed to bat in the lineup at District and State play. On teams with 12 or less, each player is required to play defense for 2 consecutive innings and bat once. On teams with 13 or 14, it is only a rule that they bat at least once. Playing time per player may not equal it is all based on the criteria stated above.

St Clair Little League
Vice President of Softball
Danny Borg