

PNLL Board Meeting

5.6.24

Attendees

J. Brigham, A.Szawielenko, C. Berry-Ulrich, Scott Ellsworth, Erin Gage, Casey Gage, Emily Abremski, S. Wilson, M. Woodcox, M. Clause, C. Tubbs, Adam Bembenek, Eric LaCom, C. Zacharyasz, Jay Emel, Lisel B., J.Meadows

Guests

Agenda

- ☐ Financials
- ☐ All-stars
 - Have a dilemma this year with limited 11 year old sign ups. Jenn has asked at the district meeting how others leagues have done this in the past. There are a few options
 - We draft 12's, 11's, 10's – that will put us with a normal 12's team, Higher 11's with the lower 10's, a team of higher 10s
 - Comments – Eric – if we have lower 10's with 11's it's on us if we don't develop those players
 - ☐ Marc – we should try to keep the teams together that will play together
 - ☐ Marcie – it's supposed to be fun and they want to play with kids they know
 - ☐ Jeremy – do you stack the 12's or stack the 11's
 - ☐ Eric – what is driving the issue this year? Jenn - Lack of 11's. we do not have enough 11year olds to automatically make a team
 - ☐ Jeremy feels there will be safety hazards with some of the 11's, they are not at the level to play all stars.
 - What is the vote?
 - ☐ We have decided that the board will ask the 10's parents if they are ok with being on the 11's team if they are selected. If they are not ok, they will stay on the 10's draft board.
 - ☐ We need to decide what order we will draft.
 - ☐ All in favor of the 12-10-11 – 6
 - ☐ All in favor of the 12-11-10 - 7
 - No one wanted to eliminate the 11's team all together
 - Can announce the teams on the 15th - will probably do it on the 18th and 19th.
 - Adam – roster size is mandatory is 12 –
- ☐ All star manager candidates now have the opportunity to speak to the board about why they are a good fit for the position.
- ☐ 12's
 - Jeremy M.

- ☐ Jeremy and Aaron Haynes have agreed on a partnership to coach together.
 - ☐ We have coached together for 3 years.
 - ☐ Jenn – both have groups that will merge together.
 - ☐ No one on the board disagreed with the having Jeremy and Aaron work together
 - ☐ They would need to jointly agree there would be 1 manager on paper
- Aaron Haynes
 - ☐ been a manager/coach with Mr. Meadows – made it to the final 3 years ago.
 - ☐ Build a very competitive team but keep it fun type of atmosphere
 - ☐ 2 years ago we got to the final 4.
 - ☐ Talked through coaching strategies and experience from past years coaching
 - ☐ Threw about 100 curve balls at our kids last year so they are comfortable with it when it's game time
 - ☐ I keep a list of all of the kids on my phone – I take notes over the course of the year. We need to be reliant on tight defense, tight hitting. We are aggressive in practice and will be in the games.
 - ☐ Kids have to know their roles and you have to tell them what their role will be.
 - ☐ Aaron confirmed him and Jeremy want to tag-team and coach together. They will need to determine whose name will go on as the manager.
- ☐ Steve - would personally prefer the 10s
 - Jenn asked Marc to leave to allow Steve to present. Steve asked Marc to come back in.
 - He presented a slide show and slide deck with his experience. Had handouts
 - My biggest goal is to make these kids remember this and enjoy.
 - I'm open to working with Marc, we have similar thought process.
- ☐ Scott Freeman – 10's
 - Presented a PPP – gave personal history, background and experience
 - Practice 4 days/week – I think 6 times a week is crazy
 - Want to do a 10u rec all staf tournament before – Jenn let him know this is illegal.
 - I don't have a kid on the team, won't show preference.
 - Jenn had a question – you have had a hard time controlling your emotions with the youth umpires, how will you do that during tournament play? Scott thinks the difference is the district 31 umpires know the rules. Scott indicated he doesn't have any issues with the kid umpires.
 - Marcie – if you were chosen as manager, who would be your coaches? Scott – I would let the Board chose the coaches.
- ☐ Chris Brigham is officially not interested in any position
- ☐ Marc Woodcox – interested in 10's – that would be my first pick. If I don't get voted for 10's, I will go to the 11's.
 - Presented his experience. Important respect themselves, other team mates, umpires and parents.

- Coaches travel ball with B. Tomko. Hustle and effort. Coached 12 u's a few years back, we went to the district championship.
- Does not have assistants picked out
- Peter Ward – I have coached since covid camps. Coaches travel softball. I play small ball. I have a 9 year old. I'm open to be a coach. I will let the board guide me for coaches. I've done it before.
 - Jenn – I know most of the kids in minor a but am not familiar with your son. Would you say your kid is an all star. Gave stats on his kid, batting 400. Don't think my child should take a roster spot from a 10 year old.
- Snack Shack
 - Should not do hot food if we have younger helpers.
- We have an opportunity to host the 11's or the 10's.
 - Budget is sufficient to cover any field maintenance
 - Last year we didn't have any issues with volunteers
 - Hosting gets us a bye the first round
 - Board is good with hosting one of the age group tournaments.
 - No strong opinion on whether we do the 12's or 11's.
 - Then voted 12's on the majors field
- Playoffs
 - Minor A – 16 double elimination bracket – no major concerns
 - Minor B – round robin – whomever wins the most games wins the division
 - Majors – using overall games for seating, including interleague games
 - Do not want to have games on Memorial Day –
 - Move games up and the last game would be on the 4th
 - 4 major coaches can discuss on how to move forward with existing games remaining and what they want the schedule to look like.
- Voting – this is to be confidential.
- Brian Scher emailed Carla to allow Steve to be his proxy. Steve said it was mainly for the majors playoff schedule to not have a game on Memorial Day

Manager All-star candidates were asked to leave.

- Majors (12s) - All in favor of majors managers to be Jeremy and Aaron - no one objected
- 11's – between Steve and Marc.
 - **Marc was voted in by 9**
 - Steve – 3 votes
- 10's – Steve, Peter, Scott
 - Scott – 0 votes
 - Peter – 1
 - **Steve – 8**
- Board all agreed to allow the managers to select their coaches with veto power to ensure the coaches are in good standing.

No additional comments from the board –
Closing ceremonies are being moved to 6/8/24