

PNLL Board Meeting

2.12.24

Attendees

J. Brigham, A.Szawielenko, C. Berry-Ulrich, R. Albertson, Scott Ellsworth, Erin Gage, Casey Gage, Jenny Basinger, Danny Basinger, Steve Wilson, M. Clause, T. Russo, S. Freeman, Emily Abremski, Roberta Moore (district coordinator), Adam Bembenek, E. LaCom

Agenda

- Budget
 - Checking - \$14,090
 - Savings - \$15,102
 - Recent spending
 - D31 - \$878
 - Live scan - \$3,800
 - Padres night - \$8,415 (we will get this back)
 - Uniforms - \$10,500
- Sponsorships – we have about \$4000 coming in
 - Have plaques made for team sponsors
- Team Parents
 - Opening day – Aaron, Carla, Liesel, Jenn, Roger
 - Mike – big heads, he will be there. \$40 – did really well last year. He needs a table for the order forms
 - Coffee truck, Italian ice, Glorias
 - Set up the signs for each team on the Minor A field to line up.
 - Marcie can set them up on Sat morning
 - Ordering and setting up balloons – Jenny will manage – arch
 - Welcome sign coming
 - Aaron will reach out to Melissa Atkinson to see if she would take the pictures.

- Will be there a MC?
 - Marcie will be the MC
- Lucas and Holden Ulrich will play the national anthem on the electric guitar and Amaya will do sign language
- Those in boy scouts or girl scouts will present the colors
- Roger will do the music
- o Hit-a-thon – need someone to be the head person that we go to
 - Committee – Lisel will be the contact point. Eric, Aaron, Jenn, Scott
- o Closing ceremonies – playoffs will end 5/25/24. Let's try 6/1/24.
- o Pictures – Liesel will follow up
- Important Dates-
 - o Game changer clinic – 2/15/24
 - No field errors in game changer
 - Whomever is doing pitch count and game changer – must sit behind the plate.
 - Eric D will send out a sheet to help manage positions
 - Home team does GC and Visiting team does pitch count
 - We will not have rule books printed, encouraged to use the App.
 - o Opening day – 3/2/24
 - o Poway High school - Little League Night – 3/8/24
 - o Board meeting – 3/11/24
 - o Outreach day – 3/16/24- supposed to make it a big deal. They enjoyed us announcing it last year.
 - o Hit-a-thon – 4/20/24
 - o Padre night – 4/28/24
- Field expectations
 - o Sheds – Ehrin Anderson is setting up the next 2
 - o Holding coaches accountable
 - o Trash – in the dugouts and bleachers
 - o Home – field set up and gamechanger
 - o Visitors – field take down and pitch count/scoreboard

- In each sheds - Need a PVC batters box template, field rake, garbage cans for the chalk, base scooper, 1st aid kit, ice packs, bases, base line strings
- Schedule
 - It's not done
 - Highlights
 - Start dates, will try not to have any games during spring break and on the hit a thon
 - On game cycle with Escondido national and American and PALL
 - One challenge with 6th grade camp middle school
 - Will try to have the younger kids play on the upper fields
- Uniforms
 - Still working on it. Should be done in the next 2 weeks.

Tony Russo – speak for 10 minutes

Start talking at 607pm

Thank you Aaron for your apologize

There was an email thread that was sent out last year that there was a separate meeting to vote that Tony could not manage

No one notified me within 72 or 48 hours

I got called a loud Italian by one of your board members

You make me out to be a bad guy by going on social meeting

I didn't call out anyone in person.

I stood up and spoke up about something was being done....

In my case you didn't follow the procedures

You didn't want to give me an apology – speaking to the board.

Tony asked if Jenn replied to all of the emails – Jenn and Roberta said yes, tot his situation.

PUSD – Roberta asked if he worked for PUSD, he said he does as a volunteer. She said that is not employed.

Tony raised his voice and said he does work as a volunteer for PUSD

Tony - I don't' care what you think, about where I work or don't work.

If you think you guys you are following the rules, follow them from top to bottom.

Jenny- I haven't seen you take any accountability to Tony.

Scott Freeman – you are not a member of the league, you do not have a kid in the league. Jenn and Roberta said he could have 2 minutes
I helped out with the team, I've coached travel ball at the little league level. I have never been physically threatened by a coach on the field. It happened twice. At the end of that game, I told my parents I was done. I should have filed a police report.

Jenn indicated there was a manager meeting after the Minor B incidents last year. Scott asked why there wasn't meeting minutes. It wasn't a board meeting, it was a managers meeting.

Scott – I really enjoy Poway national and baseball. I've never been physically threatened. I approached the UIC and nothing was done. I was told, we can take this out to the parking lot and take care of it.

Tony – I always preach, Jenn asked him, do you remember the last game when you screamed at me.

Roberta – you two may be dismissed. It is a board of directors meeting and you are not invited to attend.

Tony initially refused to leave. Roberta suggested we all get up and leave and resume via zoom meetings.

Tony - looked at Jenn as he walked out and said "you'll pay for this."

Roberta – received an email from Tony. Told him he is not a manager or coach. I have turned it into little league and legal.

Scott can't be at practice until he has done his background, fingerprints and scanned.

There has to be a label of a manager and 2 coaches, if he has not been listed, he can't be on the field.

We can send an email to the manager, if the manager and coaches are not there, Tony could be on the field.

Address who is allowed on the field and who is not at the managers meeting.

Board can't stop him from being on the field

Per Roberta – he has a waiver to play in PNLL vs PALL due to him being in our district and that can't be broken unless a kid doesn't play a year

The Board, with the support of D31, still stands with Tony not managing or as coach 1 or 2 due to his behavior on the field. We all agree that if coach 1 or 3 is not in attendance at the game he may step in to help with zero tolerance for poor behavior.