

Ingram Little League
Board Meeting
Sunday, February 5, 2017, 2:00pm
Open Arms Ministry

Called to order at 2:04 pm by James Craft, President

Board members in attendance: James Craft, Ray Aitken, Sara Craft; Bonnie Chetwood; Josh Craft, Catie Eastland, Scott Lewis

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve as-is by Catie; seconded by Ray; motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Motion to approve made by Ray; seconded by Josh; motion carried unanimously.

Registration Progress

Team Formations

- One additional player (G Gomez) for AA Minors Baseball

Manager/Coach Assignments

- James notes one parent for Softball does not want daughters to play with same coach as last year; Catie will call parent to discuss.
- Ray will line up managers for 3 T-ball teams still needing Managers/Coaches.
- Possible Intermediate managers: James Colbath, Justin Samford, Rusty Samford

Scholarship Approval

- Motion to approve proposed scholarship recipients made by Catie; seconded by Josh; motion carried unanimously. Scholarships will be awarded to applicants on file.

Uniform Style, Ordering, Etc.

- Board will order with Manager/Coach preference of colors.
- Baseball uniform:
 - Josh motions to rescind original uniform selection to replace with C1 jersey; motion carried unanimously.
 - Motion to approve selection of Boys' C1 Jersey made by Ray; seconded by Catie; motion carried unanimously.
 - Motion to approve selection of Boys' Hat A made by Ray; seconded by Scott; motion carried unanimously.
 - James to talk to San Saba about stitching "I" on front of cap instead of glued patch. Expected cost \$5.50 per cap.
- Softball uniform:
 - Motion to approve selection of Girls' H1 Jersey & Visor V (if letter will fit) made by Catie; seconded by Josh; motion carried unanimously.

Late Fee

- Ray suggests disposing of the late fee based on a potential coach whose son is not yet registered and would be subject to late fee.
- Catie states late payments have already been paid by several registrants; waiving late fee now could show favoritism. If late fee is an issue for potential coach, suggests registrant request scholarship or board member covers fee.
- Board to review late fee policy prior to next season.

Fee Return (registration cancellation)

- Cale McCors requesting return of registration fee due; Motion to approve made by Catie; seconded by Josh; motion carried unanimously.

Field Upgrades Report (Catie Eastland)

- Catie spoke with Rockscapes and they will donate 5 limestone rocks for sign at entrance.
 - James will talk to TxDOT about logistics (if selected location is allowed).
- Catie working on securing funding for new scoreboard and has researched several vendors:
 - Dactronics is \$6200
 - Spectrum is \$4500 without room for advertiser)
 - Wells Fargo cannot buy the sign/advertise; Scott asked Secor Fencing, but they will not. Catie will email potentials bids to Scott for assistance.
- Handicap Parking – board agrees to assign 3 spaces at end of batting cages for handicap parking only until full field improvements can be made.
- Overall improvement plan:
 - Phase 1 – Field House
 - Phase 2 – Sidewalks
 - Phase 3 – Dugouts
 - Catie wants to submit grant application by 4/1.
 - League needs an architect to donate time for drawing plans.

Players' Agent

There is a special needs child (R. Yoakum) that really wants to play T-Ball. He requires a walker for mobility.

Unfortunately, Little League International rules do not allow walkers on fields.

Concessions Manager

- Motion to approve startup funds based on last year made by Catie; seconded by Scott; motion carried unanimously.

Fundraising Manager(s)

- Krispy Kreme fundraiser barely broke even. Cost was \$4.50 a box; we purchased 100 boxes (\$450 total); Revenue was \$455 gross (selling at \$8 a box)
- Popcorn bags from Deanan's Popcorn:
 - Approx.. \$1/bag cost; sell for \$5/bag
 - Each player responsible for selling 10 bags.
 - We can order and have product within a week of ordering.
 - Bonnie to bring details for March Board Meeting.

Sponsorships Manager

- James reports approximately \$600 additional in sponsorships pending.
- James to send reminders for current sign advertisers.

Coaching Coordinator

- Ray talking with Coach Rippe about Little League practice with boys.
- Ray to schedule a 4:30pm class with Coach Rippe and Little League Intermediate Coaches/Manager to discuss best coaching practices. James wants all managers/coaches to participate, not just Intermediate.

Safety Officer

Nothing to report

Facilities & Maintenance Manager

- Josh notes fields will be ready for practice
- He will talk to Dennis about busting up the fields for Majors to allow better nail-dragging.
- T-Ball field needs skinned area
- Workday scheduled for 3/4 from 2-4pm

General Discussion

- Picture Day: Catie & Bonnie agree a weeknight (preferably a Wednesday) is best; James will contact Whitfield to schedule pictures.

Motion to adjourn made by Ray; seconded by Catie; motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36pm.