

Ingram Little League
Sunday April 7, 2019 at 4:15pm
Open Arms Ministry

The meeting was called to order at 4:18pm by James Craft, President.

Board Members in attendance: Ray Aitkin, James Craft, Paul Simone, Lyndsie Smith & Elizabeth Olson

- 1.** Approval of Minutes: Ray Aitkin made a motion to approve the minutes from our last meeting. Lyndsie seconded that motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 2.** Financial Report: The report was looked over. James mentioned he had not gotten a bill from DW Electric yet for the labor on fixing the lights. If we do not receive one he will send them a donation receipt. Ray made a motion to approve the financial report. Elizabeth seconded that motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3.** Opening Day: Lyndsie and James discussed the profits and deductions that transpired on opening day. There was about \$225 made profit. She noted that volunteers did not come out to help. That included families who were on scholarship. James noted to remember that for next year to come up with a better plan. Lyndise distributed the candy boxes to managers. Some people are still asking for more boxes to sell. It was agreed upon that instead of purchasing more at this point, we would set a deadline to end sales and see what we had left. The set deadline will be April 21st. James will send an email out on April 14th to let everyone know. If boxes are left we can distribute those to families asking for more.
- 4.** Closing Day: May 18th is Closing Day. Medals will be given out. James had always envisioned having a notable baseball player there to sign balls. Elizabeth mentioned she could call some contacts and would follow up.
- 5.** Tournaments: James noted that we are available to host tournaments for All Stars. We will have more information the beginning of May.

Reports:

VP of Baseball- n/a

VP of Softball- n/a

Players Agent- Ray noted it was a great idea by Paul to take players down to teams rather than try to create a new one with the time given. All has worked out really well.

Equipment Manager- Paul let us know he has purchased SB Helmets and a LH catcher mit. The room is staying organized. He mentioned we needed to tighten the communication with ITM SB regarding using our bases and then leaving them in their locked storage. James suggested Paul call Coach Rourke and get an additional key to their shed. Paul mentioned that Scott thought the new pitching machine had been damaged. The balls are not throwing correctly. James added that most of that regarding the wheels was teaching coaches how to insert the balls correctly. He also noted that the older machines should be used for practice. Ray brought up that the tarp was left off the

mound on SB and was very soaked. We need to also communicate that to ITM and others to take care of mounds.

PR/ Marketing: n/a

Concessions: n/a

Fund Raising: Covered in Lyndsie's report above

Sponsors: James noted that almost all the sponsorship money is in. He would like more to see the entire fence covered.

Coaching Coordinator: n/a

Umpire Coordinator: James noted that all umpires are doing well

Safety Officer: ASAP was filed and approved by LL International. This means we are available for tournaments. Paul mentioned that some of the pitching screens were left on field. These need to be removed for games. James noted that bats are to be hung in dugouts and only taken off to go onto field. Everyone needs to watch bats in the dugouts for safety. There was also a pitching machine left on the field after one game. Managers need to make sure they are removing these after games.

General Discussions:

Discussion was brought up about reminding people to please pick their trash up when leaving the fields.

There was discussion about what is happening with several board members mentioning stepping out of roles. James noted he would not leave the board without mentoring someone. Paul and Elizabeth had ideas of people to recruit for various positions. They will begin talking to others for the October planning session. James noted that we had more committed board members now than in many years past and the board and league seemed very hopeful.

James let us know that we will be gaining 5 new areas in our District. District 26 will now also include Bandera, Medina, Utopia, Lake Hills and Pipe Creek.

There was a discussion that stemmed from a Comfort coach in regards to enforcing outs in TBall. There were mixed feelings from managers. The idea was brought to start the season not enforcing them so the younger children could learn how to run the bases and then to start teaching outs and enforcing them mid-season. Most everyone agreed to this but James would send an email also asking our current managers their input. James would need to write this in our bylaws for Ingram only. When playing in other areas we would have to respect their playing rules.

A motion was made by Elizabeth to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Paul. The meeting adjourned at 5:54pm.

Elizabeth Olson
Secretary