

**ARCADIA LITTLE LEAGUE – SPECIAL BOARD MEETING REGARDING COVID19 MATTERS**

**March 21, 2020 9:00 am**

1. Roll Call 9:00 a.m. Attendance on file.
2. Call to Order (9:00 am). Call to be recorded.
3. Cheri Pierce gave brief update.
   1. SUSD pushed school back to April 10, 2020 for now. We are watching SUSD and currently intending to following their lead on commencement and delays of activities.
   2. Principal of Ingleside said “fields ae closed till further notice”. Not sure if once / if school opens if fields will be immediately open or further restricted. We will follow up.
4. Chris Richardson gave financials update
   1. Good position. All collections made for season registration and banners. We have about $240k in cash. We were tracking ahead on revenue and expenses for season.
   2. Costs through November are about $50k to spend on routine costs. Leaves about $190K in bank when we get to registration time next season. So $190K maximum is what we have to deal with. Usually expenses are about $190k to operate the league per year. Total refunds (if given) would be about $212K, so don’t have enough to give full refunds.
   3. Cheri posed question of options to be considered for refunds or other ways to address if season is cancelled.
5. Cheri stated that she and others are starting to get questions about whether or not their will be a season.
   * 1. Options Discussion:
        1. Fall ball and roll Arcadia LL players’ fees into that season.
        2. If players are returning could roll their fees into next year.
        3. Those that are aging out may want refunds as well.
        4. Not sure if we have full fields available for Arcadia for fall ball but would anticipate we could join McCormick as we have done in past. We will start looking into options for this.
           1. Consider fields, players, levels. Need to consider this for both baseball and softball.
        5. Maybe give parents options – roll over, prorated discounts, or roll into next year.
        6. ARLL is a 501c3 so maybe ask parents to “donate” the registration fee. We could probably allow parents to move their fees over to a charitable donation with simple paperwork.
        7. If we refund players and banners 100% (about $212k), that would leave us about $30k in bank. Banners were $40 - $50k, plus $5k in expenses to print. Note about 7 months till any income back to league. Chris will review what refunds we could give but keep our operating budget to enough to make it through off season.
     2. To date spent about $80k (maintenance of fields (Matt about $35k YTD and $21k in equipment, $6k on charter fees, are biggest expenses). Probably another $30k to $40k for rest of year to come. If we do not have a season, Matt would be paid for “off season” field maintenance. Probably can roll equipment back to us (catchers gear, balls, etc.) to save for next year.
     3. Little League is not yet cancelling season. Trying to wait as long as possible. Will also try to get fees back from Little League National if season is cancelled. Not sure how that will play out.
     4. Identified other schools that may not go into school till April 20. Some parents may not want to come back to group settings even if SUSD school is back in session (independent schools or SUSD).
     5. One suggestion was to offer no refunds (except hardship) and adjust and deal with it in fee structure next season. Remember our sponsors may be in serious problems coming out of this. OHSO is an example that has laid off all employees. Anticipated that there is more to come.
   1. Could Arcadia LL run a fall softball league at Echo Canyon. Kevin – soccer practice in fall every night. Odds are low to get their fields during week. Starts August 1 as a lease from Echo Canyon. May be able to get something from Hopi. Not sure if it is available but they have not previously been receptive. Work with McCormick Ranch, is there possibility to fit into their schedule to put on some softball. Maybe able to use our Church North field for minors and down softball, as we control that field year round.
   2. Maybe we make an effort to salvage whatever kind of season. What are options to salvage a season of sorts in June and July. It was discussed that starting past May 1 may not be worth having a season. If we can start on or about April 10 or 13, then we still have 4 – 6 weeks left. Generally, having less than 4 weeks (maybe 3) is probably not worth it. Worried about appetite for baseball after school is out. Asked for input.
      1. Various comments and input on this matter. Some thought may retain enough players that would be interested to continue to play. But, may not have enough to field teams, player pools, etc.
      2. Last day of school for SUSD is May 21 at this point. So far, State says will not extend school year.
      3. May 1 seems to be a good inflection point.
   3. Asked if there was a consensus about needing at least 4 weeks for a season to be viable. 3 – 4 week minimum seemed to be the minimum threshold.
   4. Agreed to revisit all of this as the next week or two continue and we see SUSD react closer to April 10.
6. Meeting Closed at 10:07 am.