

## August Meeting Vacaville National Little League

August 17, 2025 12pm-2pm      Round Table 3045 Alamo Drive

In attendance: Chris Brendlinger, Todd Kaiser, Nikki Brendlinger, Ariana Bell, Maranda Hanson, Wyatt Gallick, Joh Louis Toloumu, James Hosp, Carlie Repard, Sammie Nielsen, Quanda Ellis, Lacy Sczepanski, Tyffany Wanberg

Meeting called to order 12:08pm

**July Minutes** will be pushed to be approved at the September Meeting

**Board Contact List** we need 2 lists one for District and one for the VNLL website. You can use the same information for both lists but there is VNLL email addresses for those who wish to use that for our website. See Ari to update.

**Board Positions**- we are still looking for a Sponsorship Coordinator to be the head of the Sponsorship Committee. There was a mix up with the positions and Afton will be Co-Safety Chair with Erick. We have the UIC position open but we have George Hunter in mind. He will talk with his wife and see if he can fill the position. Afton and Erick will share a vote once the UIC position is filled. Wyatt and Jon-Louis have someone in mind, they will reach out to Ari.

**Meeting Protocols**- Thank you everyone for volunteering their time. With the new year we would like to streamline the way meetings go. If you would like to be on the agenda, please reach out to Ari before the meeting. You will get 5 minutes to discuss and then anyone who would like to put their input will get 1 minute and once everyone is heard on the topic, Todd or Ari will call a vote.

**Meeting Dates**- We would like to have solidified dates for the upcoming year so that we are all on the same page. Below is the suggested times and votes. \*Please note Ari personally texted all Board Members not present due to a split vote.

\*3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the Month from 6pm-8pm during off season (Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan) and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month from 6pm-8pm during season (Feb, Mar, April, May, June, July)

All in Favor in person: Jon-Louis, Wyatt, Todd, Carlie, Nikki via text: Afton, Erick, Sammie, Laura and Katie

\*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month from 12pm-2pm for the whole year

All in Favor in person: James, Lacy, Tyffany, Quanda

\*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month from 5pm-7pm

All in favor in person: Ariana, Maranda, Chris

3rd Wednesdays of the Month from 6pm-8pm during off season (Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan) and the 3rd Sunday of the Month from 6pm-8pm during season (Feb, Mar, April, May, June, July) won by 2/3<sup>rd</sup> votes.

**Treasurer's Report-** See Attached. Katie put together a budget from 2025 season so we can budget for 2026 season. Any questions reach out to Katie. Questions arose about fundraising and different Dine and Donates.

**Uniforms-** We have Bubba's quote for Velocity Sports. We have last years quote from Ad's. Afton sent over the quote from Ad's Special T's but seems way less than last year's quote so Ari will get the quotes from Ad's for different style jerseys. *\*Pin put in for September's Meeting to have physical quotes to look and vote on \**

**Registration Fees-** Nikki suggested to have registration at \$200 per player from October-December without raising fees until January to \$250. It was discussed how VALL included their HAT (Hit A Thon) minimum in their league registration fees and if we wanted to do it as well. The upside is that VNLL could host fundraising events without the stigma of making families come during a certain slated time frame, having a coach pitch and just make HAT be a fun event while still keeping the tradition. There would still be an opportunity to raise \$100 for the yearly 100 club sweatshirts as well as other skill fundraising opportunities with prizes to be given that day. Was also discussed that if the other leagues (VALL and PONY) already have their registration prices higher we shouldn't short change our league and lose out. It was also discussed maybe having different pricing for different divisions (ex: some Farm teams don't utilize the 2 hours at the Barn so we can cut their registration fees to keep costs down)but ended with an opportunity to create clinics or learning opportunities for the younger Divisions. Ari knows Coach Todd from Napa who wanted to host a clinic for the younger kids so she will reach out to get with him on that.

Nikki made a motion to keep the 2026 Season Registration Fees \$250 per player from October thru December and then \$300 per player in January and will remove the Hit A Thon minimum requirement on the application online. Jon- Louis seconded the motion, all in favor and none opposed.

**Challengers** typically registration paid for the cost of uniforms which would be \$115 this season if we went with Bubba, and so a discussion was had if we should have the Challengers also be responsible for the \$40 we are adding into the registration fees as well. Went on to discuss the other leagues and prices and also Northbay Regional Center might be helping cover registration costs. If so we will have the Challengers registration fees at

uniform costs plus the \$40 added fee. We can also advertise at Play for All Park for registration as well as tap into VUSD Special Ed kids to gain more involvement.

**Scorekeeper-** Last Season Tyffany priced out Game Changer for all 4 fields and for access for 24 teams. It was about \$7500 for all 24 teams to access Game Changer and \$500 per field for equipment. The idea is to get Major and above divisions to go to Game Changer for regular season which would require equipment for 2 fields vs 4 fields. The books will be used for Tournament play (playoffs, TOC and All Stars) in addition to Game Changer. Todd mentioned that the devices can over heat and suggested we look into the gear to protect the devices so they don't get shut off. Wyatt mentioned he might be able to get chrome books but will check. Talks of incentives for Scorekeepers with last season Managers were unruly and so to keep the volunteers active and show appreciation we could do a free meal, Scorekeeper Sunday on Social Media to thank each one for their time and dedication. Ended with Tyffany going to get quotes on equipment for 2 fields.

### **New Business**

**Fingerprinting-** 4 people will have access to files. President, Vice President, Player Agent and Secretary. Information will not be shared but we will have to fingerprint every volunteer. Ariana will work on a remote person who could possibly come out and handle the league for a possible cheaper bulk price.

**Trunk or Treats-** We have all of 95687 and instead of putting on an event we can go to the different schools in our designated area per LL and participate in a trunk or treat or a Fall Festival kind of deal. We go live October 1<sup>st</sup> so this will help drive the registration. Tyffany and Nikki Volunteered for Foxboro, Wyatt will get a list of VUSD schools that we can try and get into.

**Fundraising-** Talked about getting Dine and Donates together for the fall and possibly pair with a registration event. Will need to get with Laura to plan.

**Sponsorship-** Banners were priced out with Energy Imaging for \$75 for a 3x5 mesh banner including art work. Chris has already gotten a better quote with Sign Anatomy who will also sponsor us for the 2026 season. We will need to order 4 VNLL field banners as the mesh ones are already worn out.

**Meet and Greet @SBC-** Ariana got a quote for the back barn and it was way out of budget for a simple meet and greet/ registration event. \$850 for 6.5 hours including set up and tear down. It was discussed that if we wanted to do a fun event at SBC that we would just show up and take over the tables at no cost.

**Sign Up Genius-** In years past it has always been an issue where we are always looking for volunteers and it has fallen on the Board to pick up the slack. With griddle days, field Maintenance, umpiring, etc we are always coming to the rescue. This year we would like to implement a sign up genius that includes all aspects of volunteers needed so we can share the link and events with the mass of the organization. We would be requiring a certain number of shifts from Managers and Coaches but the ultimate goal is to alleviate the pressures of the Board Members having to be everywhere all the time.

Meeting adjourned at 2:04pm