



LOLL Board of Directors Meeting February 27, 2018

Present

President	Matt Reed
Vice President (Baseball)	Jason Lathrop
Treasurer	Matt Ward
Secretary	Michelle Lea
Purchasing Agent	John Sahadi
Website Manager	Kyle Snurkowski
Concessions Manager	Annette Hubbard
Safety Officer	Tracie Ortoleva
Player Agent (Baseball)	Todd Dawson
Grounds Crew Chief	Mike Bucior

Not Present

Fundraising Manager	Mark Cabell
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Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm.

- Secretary provided the Board with the January 2018 meeting minutes which were approved with a correction to the registration number for the golf tournament.
- Treasurer's Report was provided. Registration fees, sponsorships and golf tournament fees continue to roll in. Any help with obtaining sponsorships would be greatly appreciated, currently team sponsorships are down compared to last year.

Old Business

- By-Laws revision committee update – No update.
- District Change Status – The request to change from District 10 to District 9 was denied by the Eastern Region. District 10 and District 9 currently have the same number of teams and the Eastern Region desired to maintain that.
- Additional District News –

- a) Coaches clinic to be held Sunday April 8, 2018 (the flyer had the incorrect year) – all managers/assistants are encouraged to attend. Feedback from last year indicated some informative guidance and a great way to learn for new managers/assistants at all levels. Softball has a clinic as well that is TBD.
 - b) New rules for Baseball: No pitching on 3 consecutive game days, no free substitution, 15 runs after 3/10 after 4
 - c) No changes for Softball
 - d) All Star Dates – June 1st earliest practice/announce slate
June 24th All Star games start
 - e) Umpire School – April 18-22 Bristol, CT
 - f) LOLLL offered to host state tournament games as this year is District 10's year to host.
- Golf Tournament update – Based on the updated registration numbers, currently 6 registrations, need to work to continue to spread the word. Bishop's Photo has indicated that they will provide a \$275 donation. Kyle Snurkowski indicated that there is no way to allow donations on the Blue Sombrero website without registering.
 - Charter Completion – Matt Ward stated that the Charter has been completed and paid for.
 - Equipment Ordering Status –
 - Bat order was placed and received (Matt Ward's house).
 - Softball is not affected by the change. Jason Lathrop stated that there is a waiver for TBall and Coach Pitch.
 - Blue Flame Pitching Machine was ordered and received (Matt Ward's house)
 - BOD passed a motion and approved the purchase of an additional machine to support three Coach Pitch teams.
 - Additional items to be ordered for 14 teams:
 - Softballs/Baseballs/Ice Packs
 - TBall - One sleeve of helmets (smaller size)
 - Additional Softball Pitcher's mound (~\$120) to be ordered to support the winter clinics.
 - Discussion regarding uniforms, samples were shown from Sportee's (Waterford, CT). Various option regarding wicking shirts with a logo on the front and last name, sponsor, number on the back.
 - Discussion regarding selling hooded pull-over sweatshirts, long sleeve shirt and perhaps a baseball type shirt as a fundraiser.
 - Registration Update – Currently 139 kids are registered with the following numbers, keeping in mind that some may change depending on evaluations:

Baseball –	Coach Pitch (AA Minor)	28
	Kid Pitch (AAA Minor)	23
	Majors	22
Softball –	Coach Pitch (AA Minor)	20
	Kid Pitch (AAA Minor)	3
	Majors	13
TBall –		30

 - Desire to add a Juniors 13/14 Softball (Fee \$140)
 - Discount for field days will be applied as a coupon. For those who have already signed up, a refund may need to be issued.

Feedback about registration fees is that Coach Pitch at \$140 is a bit high – needs to be reconsidered for next year.

- Winter Clinic dates – Winter clinics are going well with 14-18 showing up for each age group at each of the locations
- Coach Solicitation – Coaches’ list has been compiled based on both the website registration and verbal/email exchanges. An updated list was reviewed by the BOD and comments made. A new revision will be sent out by Michelle Lea.
- Tryouts – Evaluations will be conducted Saturday, March 10th (outside)
All softball and baseball players looking to move up (i.e. TBall to Coach Pitch (AA, Minors), Coach Pitch (AA, Minors) to Kid Pitch (AAA, Minors), Kid Pitch (AAA, Minors) to Majors) will need to attend evaluations.
Location: Mile Creek and Cross Lane Fields
Softball 9-10:30am All players
Baseball 9-10:30am Last Name beginning with A-M
10:30-Noon Last Name beginning with N-Z
Evaluations will be closed, parents are requested to sign player(s) in and then remove themselves from the evaluation area.
Rain Date is Sunday March 11th –dependent upon field and weather conditions. If necessary, evaluations will be held inside.
Makeup Day is March 17th.
Draft Dates – Majors March 18th
Minors March 24th
- Opening Day – Matt Reed provided some of the paperwork from 2017 to setup the framework for this year. Kyle Snurkowski will update the flyer. Matt Ward will work with S&S of East Lyme for donations (food/drink). Michelle Lea will provide overall coordination. It was suggested that personnel be available to support the Photographer (i.e. crowd control) and that an equipment swap be conducted in addition to the sale of merchandise.

New Business

- Scholarships – Several families have requested scholarships for the upcoming season. BOD passed a motion to support the request from all three families for a total of \$335.
- Nominations– In support of opening day the following nominations have been opened for the following:
 - a) Everett F. “Red” Latourette Scholarship Awards – Provide submittals to the Lyme Old Lyme Little League President
This scholarship is given in memory of Everett F. “Red” Latourette. Red spent his life time in service to God, Family, Country and Community. A veteran of the US Marine Corps, Red and his wife Judy, raised 3 children. He worshipped at the First Congregational Church and sang in the choir. Red dedicated countless hours to the Little League program as Chief Umpire on the LOLLL BOD. Red also helped to house disadvantaged families through the Habitat for Humanity.
 - b) Stephen Shaw award – Provide submittals to the Lyme Old Lyme Little League Secretary

The Steve Shaw Distinguished Service Award Is given in memory of Steve Shaw who enthusiastically dedicated himself to the children and community of the Lyme-Old Lyme Little League for more than 12 years. Steve served as a Coach and Manager for both the Minor and Major Leagues; he served as both a Coach and Manager for All Stars and also served as a field and plate umpire for Minors, Majors and All Star Tournament Play

Open Discussion

- Additional meetings to support the Tryouts and Opening Day –
March 7 8pm Center School Tryouts discussion
March 20 7pm Monthly Board Meeting
April 3 7pm
April 10 7pm
April 24 7pm

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00pm