

## Cave Spring National Little League Board Meeting Minutes: 06/11/2017

### **Board Members Present:**

TJ Lange, Nathan Libassi, Adam Ranzer, Russell Emory, Mike Ruth, Joe Smith, Jason Booker, Ricky Lonker

Others in attendance:

Fred Corbett- District 12 District Administrator, Assistant District Administrator (Cannot recall name:), Penny Morrison, Jonathan Richardson, Jennifer Amos

Meeting called to order at 7:01PM

### **I. Old Business:**

**A.** Motion made by TJ Lange to approve the minutes from the May meeting. Second from Joe Smith. 8-0 vote to approve the minutes.

**B.** Mention that updated financials were posted on line.

### **II. New business**

**A.** Ms. Penny Morrison took the floor to discuss why she was there. She said she was there because her and the group that she was representing were upset when they came to talk about the forfeit and were asked to leave the meeting. The group was not happy with the way the meeting was run and that board members were yelling as well as others in attendance. They did not see any control of the meeting. When she and the others were asked to leave, Fred came over to them and told them what they needed to do.

The group wished to have a special meeting and felt that the board was trying to avoid having the meeting, At this meeting she wished to discuss the following:

1. Financial Reports and Minutes from previous meetings
2. How coaches for all stars will be chosen.
3. Board having less coaches as members and more parents and adding members with no interests.
4. How all star players will be chosen.
5. IMPROVING system for cancelling games in inclement weather.
6. Requesting discussing the boards method of having meetings (called to order, agenda, minutes etc)
7. A head count of board members with affiliation to travel ball teams so we are aware of potential conflicts of interest.

Members of the board heard her concern and discussed some of the answers:

1. Financials are posted on line
2. We discussed the All Star selection process and coaches: 3 teams being chartered and 3 coaches volunteered to coach. Kids fill out commitment form. All kids names are put on ballot and the manager of each club and top two assistant coaches place their votes. Three managers gather the votes and select All Star teams,
3. Board methods - issues with having people volunteer came up and lengthy discussion began. Many people discussed how they got on board - begged to help out because we have problems getting volunteers. Fred Corbett said getting volunteers is not

hard. Many disagreed. The board said that they would gladly step away if there were more volunteers. Issue was brought up about if we didn't have coaches volunteer for board positions we wouldn't have a board or wouldn't have coaches - the past many year's history is that we have had to beg people to coach and that is why so many members are coaches.

4. Board asked for definition of "travel ball" - asked for clarification because the many of the board members are affiliated with the Stripes program - it was brought up that Stripes Program is trying to play some travel tournaments this year and that is the sole reason why the board felt a clarification was necessary. Ms. Morrison said that she would get a clarification of what the group is asking

5. Joe Smith proposed the following to Ms. Morrison - because it is the summer and the end of the season and the heart of vacation season, would it be possible for the board to send out a group email answering these 7 questions and then having the group gather a list of issues from not only her group but any other questions that members of this league may have and hold a Special Meeting when there is time to prepare and have more people in town. Ms. Morrison said that she would go back with the group and check out to see if this solution is acceptable. She said she would then get back to the board and let us know if it is acceptable.

**B.** Mr. Jonathan Richardson talked about his views of the league and the issues that have come up. He has an 11 year old who has been playing in this league since he was in Instructional t-ball. He voiced his gratitude for the board and their willingness to listen to people in the league.

He addressed Mr. Corbett's accusations that the board has not followed order and asked that instead of accusing the board to actually try to work with the board. He challenged Mr. Corbett to have conversations and offer training and bring ideas to the board to help them and not accuse them, He asked that in the notes that in 1 year for him and others to come back and find out what ideas or training that Mr. Corbett has offered the Board and find out the results of how Mr. Corbett can make CSNLL a better league. He felt that this would actually create a more friendly environment between the District 12 administrator and the Board of CSNLL. He wants to make a better league for the future kids of this league.

**C.** Mr. Corbett said that the All Star District 12 schedules would be released soon. He gave proposal of 8-10 year old tournament to look at and discuss with other leagues and that the 9-11 and 10-12 would soon follow once Clifton Forge let him know which age divisions they would field.

Meeting adjourned approximately 10:45PM