

Location: Pizza Gallery

Date: 1/26/2020

Elected Board Members in attendance: Nick Galluzzi, Lorena Brown, Tracy Crockett, Dan Jordan, Jimmy King, Donna Brand

Meeting began: 6:06pm

President updates:

Our Coach's Clinic was a great success.

A request was made by the County to not drive up on fields. It is a safety concern.

Suntree Fields will have an electronic key fob. New codes provided for board members. Board Members on Duty will have new codes available.

There will be a new lock on Suntree Field's concession to have access to AED.

There will always be a Board Member on Duty in Viera, the idea is to add BMOD at Suntree as well during games -- only Thursdays.

Opening Night- currently looking for someone to throw out the first pitch. Reach out if you have anyone in mind. Ideas: Sheriff Ivey or MLB Pitcher David McKay

Treasurer Report-

\$82-83K in the bank at this time, no outgoing costs yet. Gap has closed when compared last week.

Umpire Training:

It was not well attended. Expectation is to be short on umpires again this season. We will use a 2-man rotation this season. We cannot do 1-man during Majors games and up for liability reasons. We need to do something to get more people involved. *A suggestion was made of making it a requirement for managers, if you take a team for next year.

Brian Iten is going to Charlotte for the LL Round Table. Anything LL related you would like him to bring up, reach out and let him know. Majors and above are considering sub runners to try to speed the game up.

Attempts to do some double and triple headers across district for Juniors.

Junior umpires welcome, will receive 3 hours per game. Will create sign-up sheet to shoot out to HS

Sponsorship-

64% of teams have secured sponsors, which is GREAT!

Deadline is this Friday (1/31) to get remaining sponsor donations for team sponsors.

Spirit Nights will be a big push this season: 20/30% proceeds will be donated for each night

2/12 at Blaze Pizza and 3/9 at Chipotle are scheduled

Also interest with Pizza Gallery, Chick-Fil-A, and McDonalds

VSLI Opening Day will have prepaid dinners from Carrabba's (CANCELED) and Gio's Italian Ice

League Gives Back: Children's Hunger Project- a backpack package used by 46 schools here in Brevard County to feed children that may be hungry. Viera is asked to help by bringing food items. Each division will be asked to bring specific items that they will need. Hunger Project does request specific brands due to discreteness of need.

2/8 Dick's Sporting Goods Discount Weekend

2/8- Team Mom meeting at Pizza Gallery and Grill beginning 9:30am (CANCELED)

Uniforms:

Discussed status of uniforms. Discussed the introduction of a VSLI fan shirt that will be sold for \$20 plus tax. Parents and fans will be able to choose a shirt color to match the team.

Coaching Coordinators:

VPs are advised to start early to identify what their division/managers' practice plans and what look like. Then, the CC can get involved if needed. Be proactive!

Remember Chain of Command! Use a 24-hour rule... start with the manager, then VPs, and stop with Jimmy King, if possible.

Brian Iten asked to get Majors, Juniors and Seniors managers to have a meeting to go over umpire expectations after Opening Day.

Challenger Division:

Rob Motty shared that someone changed the Challenger Sponsorship to be double the cost of all other teams yet there is no reason to continue this change based on the needs of the division.

Dave Zavetz shared they have taken Challenger Division to Warners Robin twice. League had offered to put up families for two nights at the hotel. Challenger hit was big and that was the cause to raise the funds. Uniforms are given 1 time per year (Spring), and that is the only cost the division accrues. Discussion between board members took place to go back to \$500.

Dave Zavetz shared some background about the Challenger Division. He has been with VSLI for 20 years and Challengers for 14 year, since it began in 2007. Dave and his wife do not have a special needs child but enjoy spending time volunteering. As of right now, 17 kids are new to the division. Challenger does not enforce boundaries or age.

*Dave shared there is a need for a team to have "buddies" due to player's needs.

Division has practice every Saturday at 9 am Softball West and lasts until 11am. If a volunteer would like to work as a buddy and is over 16 yrs old, Dave would like to meet first to provide information. Younger than 16 do not need to meet. They could use a buddy for each player, so more volunteers are needed.

Motion made by Nick Galluzzi to reduce the Challenger sponsorship to \$500; board voted 7/7 to pass.

Motion made to credit Angie Taylor Therapy \$500 for this year as a result of change. Board voted and motion passed 7/7

Questions:

Are fields locked? Not in Viera and only at Suntree starting Friday

Motion to adjourn at 7:14pm

Next meeting 2/16/2020