

Location: Pizza Gallery

Date: 11/17/2019

Elected Board Members in attendance: Nick Galluzzi, Jimmy King, Rob Motty, Danielle Harper, Lorena Brown, Tracy Crockett, Dan Jordan

Meeting began: 6:07pm

President:

- Last meeting of 2019
- Requested suggestions on how to improve league based on experiences during the Fall season
- 2020 safety plan has been updated on the website
- AED device will be in place for Spring season
- All-Star Selection Process and Commitment Letter on website
- Lights on fields have been fixed
- Fields will close December 1st for 6-7 weeks. Their hope is to have them reopened by mid-January.
- Charter was paid for: \$5,000
- Awards - If you have any nominations, please send to Nick by 12/13/19.
- VPs start working on Managers (all divisions)
- Danielle shared starting next Friday, VPs will be notified via an emailed document of those who have responded to the blasted manager emails.
- Fields are no longer locked per county. They feel they have a good handle on USSSA and no longer need to do that.
- Basic umpire clinic held last week, 1 volunteer showed up. He thought it was great.
 - Reviewing basic rules
 - Next one 12/14 9:30am (which was CANCELED because of scheduled field maintenance)
- Update on complaint filed to LL International: Juniors All-Star allegation- No findings and investigation was closed.
- Opening Day will be here before we know it. Looking for volunteers for the Opening Day committee.

Uniforms: Shared the plan for Spring; provided update on uniform process this season. Managers will be given the list with players and uniform sizes per their registrations. Once team colors are selected, we will use those sizes. No need to confirm this year. Goal is to provide at least 5 weeks for Bartman to put uniforms together. Spring uniforms will consist of VSLL hat, VSLL shirt, pants, belt (for teams AAA and higher), and socks.

Treasurer: \$28k in account at this time (due to Spring opening early)

- \$63K last year from reserve- everything has been paid for.
- Bill will be coming in for lights, \$850 has been paid so far

Registrations: 83 so far

*Aran has Spring Registration signs to distribute and place around league boundaries.

*Many players are registering that are not zoned for VSLL

Nick shared that if they are in an area that does not have or offer a league option, they can get permission; otherwise they cannot play for VSLL.

Aran shared they cannot be assessed if they do not have the correct paperwork. This is to ensure they are approved to play for VSLL.

Safety Officer: 6 incidents this season (4 were preventable)

- Start filling out accident form as soon as it happens.
- Once completed, send form to Tracy
- Steps shared: first take care of child; then, contact Tracy; then, fill out our Incident Form.
- 1 claim has been filed, 2 more may occur
- 2 Juniors, 3 Majors, 1 AAA (Baseball/Softball)

Nick would like to work with Tracy to have a procedure in place for Spring to ensure we have records on what has occurred and what steps were taken immediately after the accident and beyond.

Laene suggested tracking on Google doc would be helpful.

Hard copy of BMOD hung in concessions stands for Spring. Codes and procedures will be easily available when you volunteer. Concession managers will also have access to person and contact information scheduled for that day/time.

Fundraising:

Update provided on progress: new businesses are coming on board

On our website, there is a letter and sponsorship form under Important Documents

Shared committee has started receiving donations and more (\$8K) has been promised after New Years.

Sponsorship for Spring – suggested managers contact fundraising committee with who they have to sponsor their team. Laene will then help assist with the securing of sponsorship.

VPs please let Laene know when meetings are scheduled with Spring Managers to allow her to provide and share information for sponsorships at the meeting.

VSLL has joined Chamber of Commerce: they have given insight on Giving Tuesday, December 3rd. League has registered to accept donations on that day.

Will be communicating through Social Media on this process and opportunity to donate to our league.

Discount cards: great opportunity to have local businesses partner with us.

Shared that there is a parent, who was previously part of the league, that can do the same cards in color and asked for feedback on transitioning. Issue regarding time frame came up. As long as they can be done by opening day, there should be no opposition to this transition.

Discount Weekend for Dick's- suggested weekend of 11/12th of January, if they agree

Suggested to also look at Academy Sports for discount weekend as well.

Children's Hunger Project- shared partnering with them for Spring. Advised to partner each division with an item to donate. Players and teams would bring items on Opening Day.

SB UIC- attended weekend training shared what he learned:

Question was brought up regarding the recommendation for concussion training at VSLL- recommendation to do this yearly, league already does this

New procedure for Spring season: Equipment has to be inspected prior to every game: AAA and up.

Umpires will be required to inspect, coaches will be expected to use LL approved equipment

Dan shared there are more unofficial umpires on our fields than certified umpires.

Plan on training to be held prior to the start of spring for all managers to cover the rule book. Coaches do not understand the rules.

Dan shared to be a manager in league in the past, you had to go through training- may need to consider doing this to ensure that safety measures are taken for our players. Will talk with D2 on ways to do this in the best manner.

It was shared there are several instructors for umpires from across Florida willing to come to VSLL to train- all they need is background check to allow them to come.

Ken would like Brian to be a part of the SE region LL round table. Suggestions for any concerns to share with him so he can then share with them.

Pushing clinics starting December 14- for umpires (CANCELED)

Will add social media networking for these as well.

Consider adding a clinic here in VSLL.

Questions on Fall equipment return- Gary shared they will send out an email after Fall season ask to drop off at shed, they will be checking after

General meeting adjourned at 6:59pm

Elected Board meeting began at 7:09pm

Old Business:

Budget Line- no feedback received, shoot for stars but may be lower

AED- Liz is trying to get them donated, if not they will be purchased

Nick motioned to discuss Opening Day Ceremony: Friday 2/28 at 6:30pm (no parade)- Lorena 2nd

Vision: players will arrive at 6pm with signs by division, board members introduced, umpires, national anthem, all-stars introduced, presentation for World Series participants, Hunger Project, and Legends-used equipment donations

Start at 6 and finish by 7, have Carraba's onsite for a fundraiser. Dinner tickets will be sold prior.

May have Challenger division be the only game that night.

Vendors provided during that night as well. Shared that there is a lot of equipment that has been accrued from softball/baseball- consider having a discount clothing sale on Opening Day

Considered also selling league merchandise.

Nick motioned, Jimmy 2nd to have opening day on 2/28- 8/8 approved

Nick shared the plan for equipment that will be purchased for Spring.

Balls for Spring- numbers were shared with Purchasing Agent

Looking to order 94 dozen boxes of baseball/softball, 4 sets of catchers gear for A and AA for Spring.

No meeting in December.

Nick motioned for next meeting 1/5, Dan 2nd. All in favor- 8/8 approved

All-Star Committee shared their recommendations to keep the All-Star process the same. Board then proceeded to vote for approval of plan: Dan motioned to approve, Donna 2nd- 8/8 approval.

Donna motioned to adjourn, Jimmy 2nd: Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm