

Meeting called to order @ 5:10pm

Location: VRP

Members present: Cheryl Duarte-Martin, Tracy Crockett, Dan Jordan, Donna Brand, Jonathan Ross, Matt McGee, Aran Hissam Nick Galluzzi, Lorena Brown

President addressed:

-Introductions of newly elected members.

Election of new board roles:

First position presented to the board was President. Motion made to nominate Nick Galluzzi as the 2020-2021 President, motion was second. Members voted 9/9 to approve.

Vice President role was presented next, two members motioned interest, Dan Jordan and Aren Hissam. Members voted anonymously by placing said candidates' name on a piece of paper.

Votes were counted: 6 votes for Aran Hissam, 3 votes for Dan Jordan.

Per majority vote: Aran Hissam was voted as the new VP.

Next position role presented was Treasure. This year the league is required to pay a CPA company to manage the financials since we do not have an elected board member that is a CPA. The elected board member will be a liaison between the CPA firm and the league.

Motion was made to nominate Cheryl Duarte- Martin as this year's Treasurer, motion was second. Members voted: 9/9 to approve

Following this, motion was made to have Rob Motty removed from the bank account as the league treasurer, motion was second. All members voted 9/9 to approve.

Next position role presented was Secretary. Lorena Brown volunteered to continue this role, no other member showed interest. Members voted 9/9 to approve.

Next position presented to the board was Coaching Coordinator, two members showed an interest in this role: Dan Jordan and Matt McGee. Discussion occurred regarding the size of our league and the impact of this role. It was determined two board members could divide this position: Dan Jordan would oversee Baseball Majors, Juniors, and Seniors as well as Softball. Matt McGee would oversee Minors Baseball. Members voted 9/9 to approve.

The role of Safety Officer was presented next. Motion to nominate Tracy Crockett to remain in this position for this year was presented, motion was 2nd. Members voted: 9/9 to approve.

The position of Player Agent followed. Donna Brand showed interest in remaining in this role for this upcoming year. No other interest was shown. Members voted: 9/9 to approve.

Discussion of a Softball UIC and Baseball UIC was discussed. Elected member Jonathan Ross expressed interest in taking on the role of Softball UIC. Members voted: 9/9 to approve.

Newly elected board is complete. Remaining positions needed to successfully run the league will be appointed and the search for volunteers will begin. Members are urged to share potential candidates with Nick and the board will appoint these positions during the next meeting.

Fall Ball discussed:

President shared that all D2 leagues are hosting Fall Ball. Discussion was presented on VSSL's consideration to open Fall Ball: Concerns discussed related to COVID, procedures, volunteers. Motion was made to open Fall Ball for the 2020-2021 season, motioned was 2nd. Members voted: 9/9 to approve.

Cost of Fall Ball was discussed next. Information was shared regarding other D2 leagues, the current VSSL financial standings, and the concerns facing the season in regards to COVID. Discussion addressed bills league will incur during the season: cost of lights, uniforms, charter. Motion was made to set the cost for Fall Ball at \$75, motioned was 2nd, all members voted 9/9 to approve.

Next item discussed was the length for registration to remain open without collecting fees (this is being done to determine if numbers of enrolled are enough to open in Fall).

Plan discussed is for registration to open on 8/17 with no fees collected at that time.

Registration will remain in this manner until 8/31. During the 8/30 elected board meeting, there will be a review of registration to determine if the season can run successfully based on the number of players.

Tentatively Fall Ball is set to begin on 9/14 and run through Saturday 11/21.

Members present agreed to review the registration numbers and vote on final decision on Sunday, 8/30.

Next item discussed was board member discounts as this would impact registration.

Board members reviewed previous guidelines used during the 2019-2020 season as well as years prior.

Members discussed continuing to offer discounts for the following:

100% towards elected board members as well as offering different options based on the amount of work involved in certain roles.

During discussion motion was made to charge any player registering for Fall Ball regardless of volunteer position 100% of fees (no discount), motion was second. Members voted 2/9- motion was not approved.

Discussion continued and it was mentioned that at this time the focus should only be for Fall Ball. The board would bring this item to the discussion table again for the Spring season.

Motion was made to allow the elected board to get the discount for Fall Ball due to the level of commitment their roles take, motioned was second. Members voted 8/9 to approve.

The topic of opening concessions for the fall season was then presented. COVID guidelines were reviewed and current concerns brought up by the Concession Manager during the summer were voiced. A motion was made to keep concessions closed during Fall Ball, motion was then second. Members voted: 8/9 to approve. Discussion on Spring season will be brought up at a later date.

The board then discussed the need for a CPA firm to manage the financial statements for the league. John Benson and Johnson's CPA was discussed as a potential company. They currently manage the VS Football league. Company provided a list of tasks the firm would undertake and the monthly fee involved. Motion was made to use Johnson's CPA as the firm to manage the 2020-2021 league financials. The elected Treasurer would then communicate the monthly reports with the league and serve as the liaison between the board and the firm. Motion was second and all members voted: 9/9 to approve.

Old business:

Previous year approved items were discussed:

- The addition of turf for the new Suntree cages. This item was approved but due to COVID was never completed. Plan to have these completed soon was provided.
- The addition of a security camera for VRP was also something that was passed but has not been completed yet. Bids are currently being looked at to best complete this need.

New business:

COVID policy was discussed for FALL Ball. The need to lay out these guidelines was presented to ensure parents fully understood VSLL's position and protocols.

The following guidelines were listed as the COVID Quarantine Policy:

- Upon notification of positive COVID results for any manager, assistant coaches, or players on said team, the entire team will be required to quarantine for 14 days from date of last exposure
- Upon any household member of a player testing positive for COVID 19, said player must quarantine for 2 weeks. Player cannot return until test results are provided and if said player tests positive as well, then the entire team must quarantine.
- Under these guidelines any opposing teams would not be required to quarantine.
- Email communication will be sent out to all VSLL members when anyone on the league tests positive for the virus. League division will be provided in the communication.
- If a player is quarantined in school, that player will not be allowed to return to the league until that quarantine is lifted. It will be the responsibility of the players parent to notify the league via their manager.

- All players will be required to sign a COVID 19 waiver before their first practice. Managers will provide these to their teams and collect them during their first meeting.
- The age requirements for the 2020 fall season will remain the same as in spring per COVID Resume to Play guidelines provided by Little League International. Parents will have the option to remain in the same division as in spring or to choose the new division. This option will only be valid through December 2020.

Upcoming items to be discussed during next meeting:

- Misspelled names of softball players listed on the All Star plaques above the softball concession stand
- Discussion of a possible softball wall
- Voting of appointed positions

The next elected board meeting will be on August 30th @ 6pm at VRP.

Meeting adjourn at 6:54pm

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