

Time started: 8:10pm

Exec Board Members Present: Brian, Gary, Andrew, Matt, Elizabeth

General Members Present: 14

Agenda:

- **Field safety/maintenance reminders**
 - Matt provided updates on field renovations
- **Raffle ticket reminder (due date: 4/26)**
- **Feedback/concerns from the first two weekends (correct bats, coach/parent conduct, balancing rec & travel ball, etc.)**
 - Bats:
 - Travel bats being used in younger divisions and overall; will send an email out that Little League uses USA bats (not USSSA bats)
 - Responsibility needs to be on the head coaches
 - If a player uses a USSSA bat, kid and coach are ejected
 - If you suspect a USSSA bat, head coach addresses the umpire and the umpire and head coaches will discuss
 - Parent conduct:
 - Police your parents; they shouldn't be chirping in the umpire's ear (and most umpires are teens; intimidated by loud parents)
 - Rec & Travel:
 - The current setup (9u and AAA) puts too much pressure on 9u arms
 - Gross to see pitch counts of 50 or more
 - Need to review best way forward to balance arms from Minors through Majors
 - Need constant communication with parents for all rec/travel, because it's ultimately up to the parents to share how much their kid pitched (or caught)
 - Question: how do we unpack the schedule so we're not playing 9u games, back to back to back to back?
 - Turn the games into practices?
 - Start the younger age groups 2 weeks later?
 - Start the Minors when we start Majors?
 - Comment: re-communicate out to coaches to rotate arms, one inning per pitcher (more or less)
- **District process and tryouts**
 - 2 weeks away from district nomination process for coaches; tryouts are May 17 for 9u-12u
 - Announcements need to happen by June 1
 - Head coaches nominate players and vote for any players not on their own team

- Board takes manager nominations; those coaches form their staff, then decide on final 3 players (4 at age 8 and age 9)
 - Will happen in early May, an email will go out to everyone to solicit nominations for each age group
 - Have manager nominations in by May 7-10, Board will make the decision that week to have manager in place before tryouts
- Everyone who is nominated for tryouts will be on the district team OR play for the age group all-star game
- Kids in AAA will be nominated this year for 10u and 11u (they should have been last year; it was a communication issue)
- Majors should nominate ~2 per age group
- Question: will there be a cap on the number of kids invited to tryouts so everyone there can get a fair eval?
- Answer: don't want to set a hard cap, but if a coach maxes out on nominees they can bring a name to the other coaches to see if they all agree that he/she should be nominated.
- **Other questions/comments/concerns**
 - Question: Why have a free weekend for Majors and Minors?
 - Answer: To avoid the weekend conflicts for Revs who are forced to prioritize rec (while other travel players don't have to) and allow other travel players a conflict-free weekend; also helps us not move to weeknight games, and allows instructional a turn on March.