



Santa Monica
LITTLE LEAGUE



Board of Directors Minutes

January 5, 2016

1. Call to Order

David Harris called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Board Members in attendance: David Harris, Ric Munoz, John Matise, Andy Anagnos, Elizabeth Bailey, Jim Ries, Jason Sherman, Michael Balsley, Linda Liberman

Board Members not in attendance: Matt Edelman, Mark Kapczynski, Todd Gelfand, David Schmillen

Members in attendance: Peter McCormack, Noah Graff

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Prior Minutes – 12/1/15

The Dec 1, 2015 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously with no discussion.

4. Spring Registration

Linda shared registration numbers, explaining that we are down from last year by 24 people. She also noted that we have 18 players on scholarship so far.

There was a lengthy discussion about recruitment, specifically with regard to lower numbers in the upper divisions.

5. Player Evaluations

Ric shared the planned schedule for the first day of Evaluations. He explained that each Board member will have a specific responsibility.

Ric also led a discussion about how to manage certain logistics of Evaluation Day, including how to handle inclement weather.

6. Commissioner and Manager Candidate Approval

Ric introduced Peter McCormack as the candidate for Majors Commissioner, after which Peter provided his background. Andy and Ric endorsed Peter.

Ric nominated David Davidson as AA Commissioner, after which he shared David's background. John endorsed David.

Ric explained he was talking with Hisao Kushi about being AAA Commissioner and that he was still looking for an MP Commissioner.

Ric strongly endorsed Kirk Goldstein for T-Ball and 5P Commissioner.

Noah Graff then introduced himself as a candidate for AAA Manager.

At 8:41, the meeting became a closed session to discuss all candidates, so Peter McCormack and Noah Graff left the meeting.

David Harris explained that choosing Managers and Commissioners is one of the most important decisions the Board makes each season that must be taken seriously. He also explained that all discussions about candidates must remain entirely confidential.

7. Constitution Update

David explained that District and Region have suggested that our draft constitution looks fine and that the merger is moving forward, although neither has been fully approved yet by LLL.

A discussion ensued about the process for having the Constitution ratified by the Membership and about the definition of Membership.

8. Board Member Reports (as needed)

a. President

David Harris asked for a volunteer to own the planning of Opening Day. Michael Balsley volunteered.

David explained that he would be attending the Fields Sports Advisory Committee (FSAC) meeting on 1/6. He also explained that the first President's meeting would be on 1/20 and that it would be worthwhile for other Board Members to attend.

b. Vice President

Ric expressed concern about the first Spring Training event being successful. A discussion ensued.

c. Treasurer

d. Player Agent

e. Communications

f. Concessions

- g. Equipment
- h. Fields
- i. Registrar
- j. Safety

Jim mentioned that he would benefit from having help with training and background checks. A discussion ensued.

- k. Sponsorships
- l. Umpires

7. Other league business

None.

8. Good and Welfare

None.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm.