



Santa Monica
LITTLE LEAGUE



Board of Directors Agenda

February 29, 2016

1. Call to Order

David Harris called the meeting to order at 8:08pm.

Board Members in attendance: David Harris, Matt Edelman, Jasan Sherman, Andy Anagnos, Elizabeth Bailey, John Matise, David Schmillen, Michael Balsley, Ric Munoz, Todd Gelfand

Board Members not in attendance: Linda Liberman, Mark Kapczynski, Jim Ries

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Prior Minutes – 2/2/16

Approved by unanimous vote.

4. Registration Update

Todd Gelfand explained that as of the morning of Feb 29th, the league had 498 registered players, with four possible additions.

5. Game Scheduling

Ric Munoz explained that the Majors schedule is 75% complete. It will be a 16-game schedule compared to last year, which was an 18-game schedule, although only 17 games were played.

Andy Anagnos suggested considering having a 15 game schedule so every team would play each other team three times. A discussion ensued.

Ric explained that he is planning to leave room at the back end of the season for make-up games due to anticipated rainouts to be played prior to playoffs.

Ric then shared that the AAA schedule has been sent out and is awaiting feedback. He noted that he may reduce the schedule to 13 games instead of 14 games.

Ric further explained that the game schedules for AA, MP, 5P and TB had been completed.

Jasan noted that he needs the schedule to be locked soon in order to schedule team pictures and action shots.

A question was raised by multiple Board members about whether or not games would be scheduled over Spring Break. Ric noted that he is planning to reserve that time for scrimmages and rainouts.

Ric and David Harris explained that we will not be hosting TOC or All-Star tournaments this year.

Ric noted that the lower divisions will play until the last date when we have field space, even after Championship Saturday.

Andy mentioned the benefit of having lower division games at Memorial on Championship Saturday, which is June 4th.

6. Annual Meeting and Constitution Approval Plan

As per the prior Board meeting, Matt noted that the Board needed to decide whether the SMLL Annual Meeting and Elections and approval by the Members of the updated, District-approved Constitution should be held in June or September. A discussion ensued.

Todd moved to vote on having the Annual Meeting and Elections and approval by the Members of the updated, District-approved Constitution on Mon June 6th. Andy seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion passed.

David Harris noted that any remaining changes to the Constitution needed to be done in time for the final version to be shared with Members at least 6 weeks before the new date for the Annual Meeting.

7. Local Rules

Ric presented Local Rules for all divisions above 5P. Andy, Todd and Matt recommended changes. A discussion ensued

Ric moved to have the Local Rules approved with the proposed changes. Jasan seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion passed.

David asked Matt to forward local rules to District for approval saying they are Board approved.

Todd raised the idea of setting up a mechanism to help prevent forfeits in the Majors. He proposed enabling kids from AAA to be brought up to Majors, up to 2x per season, starting with 11 year olds if available. Andy moved to approve Todd's proposal. Matt seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion passed.

Ric noted that he would incorporate the proposal into the Local Rules and distribute the final version to Commissioners.

Andy raised the Borrowed Player Pool concept from the Green Book for AAA. Ric agreed to discuss with Hisao for incorporation into the AAA season plans.

8. Board Member Reports (as needed)

a. President

David Harris made reference to the fact that the Masons have increased their sponsorship by \$1000, as per Mark. David explained that he planned to go to the Masons meeting and then also the FSAC meeting on the upcoming Wed. David noted that the FSAC meeting will include a discussion about parking at Memorial.

David further summarized the purpose of the Civic Center meeting and the FSAC meeting and explained that he is looking into getting access to the school district parking lot across 16th Street from Memorial.

A discussion ensued about parking issues.

David also referenced his To Do List from the beginning of the season being largely in good shape.

b. Vice President

Ric explained that the Board needed to approve all outstanding Managers, as per the decision at the last Board meeting to find individuals to fill remaining manager positions so they could be approved at this meeting.

Ric presented the candidates. A discussion ensued. Jasan moved to approve the candidates. Michael seconded. The roster was approved with one vacancy in AA. None opposed.

Ric explained that he would seek final approval of outstanding Assistant Coaches by email with the Secretary's assistance.

c. Treasurer

John reminded the Board that any vendor who is going to provide a service or a product to SMLL must do so according to a written contract or memorandum of understanding.

David explained that any expense for the league must be approved by the Treasurer or President, unless it is equipment, and that no expenditures can be committed without such approval.

A discussion ensued.

d. Player Agent

Todd explained that as of the date of the meeting, only four players had not yet been assigned to teams.

Todd also explained that there remain a few changes to make in AAA, with players possibly moving up or down by one division.

Todd noted that the Juniors division may have two teams.

Todd then explained that three 12-year-olds are on the wait list to join teams who did not try out and there is no room on any Majors team. Todd suggested that they may best be placed on the 50/70 team, but only if we need players to fill the 50/70 roster.

Andy asked what the Green Book rules state for 12-year-olds who do not try out and are not drafted in Majors. Todd agreed to review the Green Book.

A discussion ensued. Todd noted that he would make a final recommendation to the VP of Baseball Operations and the President.

e. Communications

Michael explained that he will be launching team pages and standings once game schedules and once rosters are final.

f. Concessions

Elizabeth explained that scheduling will be attempted to be outside of in-game times so parents will not miss their kids' games.

g. Equipment

h. Fields

David Schmillen explained that the scoreboard went out on field #5 and that the city needs to address the problem, which David is pursuing with them.

David Harris asked about the condition of the infield grass on fields 5 and 6, with regard to safety and quality of play. David S. agreed that he needs to discuss this with the city.

- i. Registrar
- j. Safety
- k. Sponsorships
- l. Umpires

Andy noted that the current umpire roster had been approved, as per the President.

- 7. Other league business
- 8. Executive Session
- 9. Good and Welfare
- 10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15pm.