

ULLL Board of Directors
Monday, 13 November 2017

Board Members present: Kerry Rice, Mario Valenti, Francine Reed, Randy Nixon, Bill McCleary, Anthony Cusat, Chris York, Jimmy Hill, Steve McIntosh, Drew Bishop

Absent: Carri Michon, Don Fletcher, Amanda Rohs, John Mills, Josh Cooper

Public: None

Meeting Called to Order: 7:10pm

Area Representative and Committee Reports (as of Sunday, 12 November 2017 at 9 AM)

1. Secretary's Report / Minutes from Last Meeting (Francine)

Minutes sent out 9 October for review. Motion to approve Mario Randy second, All Approved

2. Treasurer's Report (Carri)

2018 ULLL Scholarship form is available for filling out. Scholarship will be awarded at the Majors Tournament championship. Francine has been added to Scholarship committee (joining Carri and Donald). Motion to approve Mario Randy second. All approved.

➤ **Funding Request #1 (Treasurer):** Board funds for 2018 ULLL Scholarship – Cost: \$500

Board Shirts have been ordered for all new board members. Will apprise when they are available.

3. Player Agent's Report (Vacant)

(No Report)

4. Vice President's Report (Mario)

- LL Volunteer Forms – The 2018 LL Volunteer Forms have come out and I will start putting forms in for people planning to volunteer. I ask that people fill them out and bring them to the board meeting Monday if able. The more people that can fill them out sooner the better.
- Team Snap – Per previous feedback from the ULLL community, we looked in to adding Team Snap to our league services to enable Managers / Coaches to more easily communicate with their teams. The cost for a year (based on an average 55 teams: 70 – spring, 40 – fall) is \$3,021.35. This would be in addition to the League Athletic costs. Note: There are a number of managers paying for this service on their own – at an average personal cost of ~\$100 per year. The math works out to about \$3 / player year... while improving team communication, scheduling notifications, etc. I'm recommending we pursue this service for our teams.
- Survey Monkey – Helped Kerry setup all of the 2017 Spring and Fall surveys: Spring surveys should go out on Sunday morning starting at 12 AM; Fall surveys should go out on Monday morning starting at 12 AM. Need to pay for Survey Monkey subscription – Cost: \$360 for the year; anticipating sending out a separate survey for facilities upgrades / needs (though it was embedded in Spring / Fall 2017 survey).
- Field Improvements / Scheduling – If areas are planning to perform upgrades at fields, please coordinate with myself and Anthony as I'm in communication with PRCS on a number of projects.

➤ **Funding Request #1 (VP):** Board funds for Team Snap Service for League – Cost: \$3,021.35

➤ **Funding Request #2 (VP):** Board funds for Survey Monkey Service for League – Cost: \$360

Carri: Yes to TeamSnap. It is a great resource. Our boys' teams have been using it for years. Up the registration costs by \$3 to cover this. Yes to funding Survey Monkey.

5. Committees Reports

a. Safety (Randy)

I believe that two of our biggest recurring safety issues are 1) Bats being held up in the dugouts and 2) No mask being worn in the bullpen. To address this I suggest that we have metal signs made for each dugout (Keep bats down!) and for each bullpen (Catchers with mask only). For all 19 fields we use (just looking at the field directions on the website) that would be 76 signs. Cost would be around \$2000 using a local vendor.

➤ **Funding Request #1 (Safety):** Board funds for Safety-related Signs for each field – Anticipated Cost: \$2000

Carri: \$25 a sign is high. I propose a few other quotes be found before funding at that cost. The idea is good.

b. Umpires (Amanda and Jimmy)

- **Changing of the Guard:** I have been in constant contact with Chris Kerley. Amanda and I met with him, and had a lengthy discussion about switchover. Big thank you to him for his service, and for keeping involved, to ease change over. I requested him to maintain a presence, and he agreed. Need to keep him as an administrator on Arbiter.

- **Upcoming Events:** Classroom meeting and umpire talk Monday November 27th @ Robey Room. Pville Library. On field training seminar Saturday Dec 2nd @ Haske. Cannot schedule Pville library for 2018 until Jan. Talking with facilities about indoor clinics.

- **Recruitment:** Speaking with school administrators about recruiting from LVHS, WHS, Blue Ridge, and Harmony. Getting ULLL listed with the Loudoun Volunteerism website. Would like to get in touch with 2017 Minor Managers about reaching out to past players. Request localized study. Fathers/Mothers/Brothers/Sisters who sign up and umpire a minimum number of games get reduced registration fee for their son/daughter/brother/sister.

- **Equipment:**

- a. Would like to purchase 12 complete sets of gear, including chest protector, mask, shin guards, ball bag, plate brush. www.sportsfanoutlet.com. \$70 a set. = \$840.00 (does not include discounts, tax, or shipping)

- 1. Each new umpire unable to purchase equipment, will be issued a set, once they become plate qualified. At the end of the season cycle, either they return the equipment, or the cost will be deducted from their arbiter pay.

- If they are not requesting "paid" status, they may purchase from ULLL, or sign a letter of intent to continue, or return the gear at the end of the season.

- Each new umpire will be issued a navy blue shirt, iron on patch, pitch count, and all necessary literature.

- Once they become plate qualified, they will be issued another navy blue shirt, 1 or 2 sizes larger.

- 2. Once an umpire has umpired 3 seasons, they will be issued a powder blue uniform shirt, with iron on patch.

- b. Request funds for equipment, uniforms. Bulk pricing for 50 shirts, including all colors and sizes. \$20/ea = \$1000.00

- c. Request immediate permission to purchase uniforms for UIC & DUIC.

- d. Asking each area rep for equipment count from every field. Would like to place 1 set, at each field.
- e. Getting contact information for recent umpires, not returning. Would like to collect any issued gear.

5. Committee Reports (Continued)

b. Umpires (Amanda and Jimmy) – (Continued)

- **Payments:** Need to look at raising or maintaining current payments to umpires:
 1. \$25 base payment for games
 - a. \$25 bases, \$30 plate for rookie and minors
 - b. \$30 base, \$35 plate for majors
 - c. Father/Mother son/daughter games \$50 to crew.
 2. Change terminology from “payment” to “per diem” to allow for volunteer hours.
- **Training:** Focus more with “on field” training and game situations. Plan is to use qualified trainers or “seasoned umpires”. Take a more pro-active role in situation diffusing.
- **Funding Request #1 (Umpires):** 12 Sets of League issued Umpire Gear – Anticipated Cost: \$840
- **Funding Request #2 (Umpires):** 50 ULLL Umpire Uniforms / Equipment – Anticipated Cost: \$1000
- **Funding Request #3 (Umpires):** Change / Raise Current Payments to ULLL Umpires:
 - a. \$25 bases, \$30 plate for rookie and minors
 - b. \$30 base, \$35 plate for majors
 - c. Father/Mother son/daughter games \$50 to crew.
 - d. Change terminology from “payment” to “per diem” to allow for volunteer hours.

Carri: Chris keeps extra shirts for the newbies coming in and at most needs to order 20 more. No to 50 new shirts. Not needed.

I believe that Chris purchased umpire equipment for each field. We do not need to do that again.

c. Coaching Coordinator (Mark)

(No Report)

d. Information Officer (Donald)

Setting up website for Spring Registration. Requesting funds to pay for League Athletics site renewal (\$875)

- **Funding Request #1 (Info):** League Athletics Renewal – Anticipated Cost: \$875

Carri: League Athletics renewal, of course.

e. Capital Improvements (Anthony)

Mario contacted the county to work to setup a meeting with PRCS Park Planners regarding potential field improvements at Hamilton, Lovettsville and Round Hill Center. These discussions are based on understanding county regulations on standoff distances from property lines, where property lines are, etc. More to come – awaiting a response on a good time to meet. Also, currently working to get measurements of each field / site plan so that we have a baseline plan for each field – that way, when we talk about upgrades, we have a good reference point.

f. Sponsorship (Drew) no report/ meeting adjourned 9:00pm

(No Report)

6. Area Representative Reports

a. Hamilton Area (John)

Jeremy Bush is collecting equipment from the fall and spring seasons. Requested a meeting with Mario to chat about Hamilton Rep responsibilities, etc.

b. Lovettsville Area (Josh)

- Winter prep at LE1 and Fralin completed on Sunday (11/12). Batting cage net taken down, nets for soft toss and L-screens taken down and equipment inventoried. Need to send the lawn mower and sand-pro out for service/winterization.
- I was not successful in getting the dugouts rebuilt this Fall. This will be deferred to the late winter/early spring and be a top priority before Opening Day.
- Obtaining quotes to replace the combination concession stand and equipment shed with a stand-alone prefab concession stand and separate equipment shed.
- Question for Board Consideration: What are we going to do with all of the non-approved bats that are owned by the League/Towns. I know I have probably in excess of twenty bats that I will need to get rid of and I was wondering if there is some organization that will take the bats (and any other gear we are looking to get rid of) and send it to another country that could use the equipment to expand baseball.

c. Purcellville North (Chris)

Currently working on the Mountain View Renovation project. Have a lot of donations, though there are a number of improvements (to include putting in footers, etc.) to the field that will require extra funds because of its location on the hill behind MV Elem. Anticipated Cost: \$25,000 (less money already in PN Area account)

➤ **Funding Request #1 (PN Area):** MV Elem Field Improvement Req. #2 – Anticipated Cost: **\$25,000**

Carri: The Purcellville North account currently has a balance of \$21,844.72. The approval should be for the fencing project but some of the money for the project (at least \$15,000 of it) should come from the PN account first. The balance from our ULLL main account. A quote in writing is needed before funding.

d. Purcellville South (Bill)

- We have a quote for repairs to fencing at Haske Field, although the vendor elected not to provide a quote on the bent pole. We will consider for action before the start of the spring season. And we will revisit Long Fence for the pole.
- We are planning an end of season cleanup on the PS fields, including talking down the nets and CF banner on the weekend of Sat/Sun (Nov 18/19).

6. Area Representative Reports (Continued)

e. Round Hill (Steve)

- Round Hill will be conducting its clean-up day on Saturday November 18th from 9-11am.
 - Round Hill Youth Sports requests funds for the following items in preparation of the 2018 Seasons. The requested funds will be allocated to the following items for the improvement, maintenance and services of the Round Hill Area Fields (Total Funds Requested: \$7,000.00):
 1. Service of 3 mowers (each tractor will be serviced and or repaired 4 times throughout the 2018 Season): Spring Startup, All-Star Tune-up, Fall Ball Maintenance and Winterization. Anticipated Cost: \$2500
 2. RH 1 Scoreboard Improvements: Stabilization and Secure units, Storage box for Cable line at Scorer's Deck/Landing. Anticipated Cost: \$2500
 3. Field Maintenance and Equipment: Nail Drag for RH 1 and RH 3 (one unit), Chalker for RH 3. Anticipated Cost: \$1250
 4. Concession Stand Startup Spring 2018 Season. Anticipated Cost: \$750
- **Funding Request #1 (RH Area):** Servicing of 3 Lawn Mowers – Anticipated Cost: \$2500
- **Funding Request #2 (RH Area):** RH 1 Scoreboard Improvements – Anticipated Cost: \$2500
- **Funding Request #3 (RH Area):** RHC Field Maintenance / Equipment – Anticipated Cost: \$1250
- **Funding Request #4 (RH Area):** RH 1 Concession Stand Startup Spring 2018 – Anticipated Cost: \$750
- Carri: Will it really cost \$2500 for those couple of things for the scoreboard? Do we have multiple quotes? \$2500 for three mowers to be serviced a year? You can buy three new mowers from Home Depot at the end of the season in the fall for that amount of money. Even if they lasted only one year, that would be cheaper! Nail drags are expensive and need to be accounted for per past experience. The start up money for the concession stand comes from the RH account, not the ULLL account.

7. Summary of Funding Requests for Board Consideration at Monday, 13 Nov meeting

- **Funding Request (Treasurer):** Board funds for 2018 ULLL Scholarship Cost: \$ 500
- **Funding Request #1 (VP):** Board funds for Team Snap Service for League Cost: \$ 3,021.35
- **Funding Request #2 (VP):** Board funds for Survey Monkey Service for League Cost: \$ 360
- **Funding Request #1 (Safety):** Board funds for Safety-related Signs for each field Cost: \$ 2,000
- **Funding Request #1 (Umpires):** 12 Sets of League issued Umpire Gear Cost: \$ 840
- **Funding Request #2 (Umpires):** 50 ULLL Umpire Uniforms / Equipment Cost: \$ 1,000
- **Funding Request #3 (Umpires):** Change / Raise Current Payments to ULLL Umpires:
- a. \$25 bases, \$30 plate for rookie and minors
 - b. \$30 base, \$35 plate for majors
 - c. Father/Mother son/daughter games \$50 to crew.
 - d. Change terminology from "payment" to "per diem" to allow for volunteer hours.
- **Funding Request #1 (Info):** League Athletics Renewal Cost: \$ 875
- **Funding Request #1 (PN Area):** MV Elem Field Improvement Req. #2 Cost: \$25,000

- **Funding Request #1 (RH Area):** Servicing of 3 Lawn Mowers Cost: \$ 2,500
- **Funding Request #2 (RH Area):** RH 1 Scoreboard Improvements Cost: \$ 2,500
- **Funding Request #3 (RH Area):** RHC Field Maintenance / Equipment Cost: \$ 1,250
- **Funding Request #4 (RH Area):** RH 1 Concession Stand Startup Spring 2018 Cost: \$ 750

Total Request Summary: \$40,596.35