

Minutes of Board Meeting

Those present:

Ferrone	Mirkin	Bancroft	Duddie	Ertrachter	Anderson	Gentle
DiPreta	Wong	S. DeLeo	D'Ambrosio	Davis	E. Condon	Nestor
Brown	Calandrelli	J. DeLeo	McKeever	Fuchs	T. Condon	Gendason

Hoch

New Business

- **Turf Field at Chestnut**
 - a. Discussion ensued regarding SNLL installing a turf field at Chestnut.
 - b. Stamford is only area city without a 50/70 field. Having a turf field would allow for a moveable mound so that little league games and 50/70 games could be played on the same field.
 - c. **Hoch** to attend the November 14th Parks and Rec meeting to ask for permission for SNLL to pay for a turf infield field to be installed at Chestnut. SNLL needs to know if the City would go along with such an installation. SNLL does not want to pay for studies/drawings if the City is not going to approve it. City would manage such a project, including soliciting Requests for Proposals.
 - d. If Parks and Rec committee denies the request, then SNLL Board will need to decide if the league wants to appeal to the Board of Reps.
 - e. Preliminary cost estimates indicate that the cost to install the turf infield (including proper drainage) would be about \$50,000 (estimated at 4,100 square feet at \$12 per square foot).

- **Treasurer Report**
 - a. **Ertrachter** gave the final financial report for September 30 2018 (which is now the end of SNLL's fiscal year).
 - b. Some highlights of the results:
 1. Total ending balance in the Operating account is \$101,600.
 2. This excludes about \$16,700 that is in a separate account for the DeLeo Scholarship Fund.
 3. Expenses were in line with what was budgeted. The only accounts that were over-budget were for items spent on the kids (e.g., post season costs, Bobby Valentine clinics, jackets for 10-year-old District champions).
 4. Income increased due to booster card sales plus increased sales of outfield banners and an unexpected increase in donations.
 - c. A summary of the Financial Results for 9/30/2018 will be handed out at the next Board meeting.

- **Equipment Report**
 - a. **McKeever** provided a summary of each of the budgeted equipment items and how they compared with the prior year. Overall, spending was down by about 4%.
 - b. Largest expenses were new bat purchases (\$1,400), PA speakers at Springdale field (\$1,700), and base line chalker (\$500).
 - c. If there are any requests for equipment (e.g., bases), e-mail **McKeever** (kmcbeav@gmail.com) with those needs.

- **Major League Teams for 2019**
 - a. **Gendason** reported that there were 340 kids in SNLL this year, 77 of which were in the majors. There are 45 12-year-olds that graduated this year, leaving just 32 major league kids remaining if all the kids come back.
 - b. There were 66 kids in AAA last year, 10 of which are going to be 12-year-olds in 2019. LLB recommends that no more than 50% of the kids that tryout make the majors.

- c. Discussion ensued regarding whether SNLL should decrease from 7 major league teams to 6 teams. Based on the above registration numbers, the following motion was made and passed unanimously:
“Based on the projected number of returning players, the number of major league teams will be reduced from 7 to 6 for 2019. The number of players on each team (11 or 12) will be decided at a later date.”
 - d. Scheduling committee can now meet to start creating a schedule for 6 teams.
- **Mets Day**
 - a. **Wong** was contacted by the Mets to see if SNLL would again be interested in hosting a Mets Day at CitiField.
 - b. SNLL actually made an unexpected profit on its \$4,500 investment last year, when over 500 people from SNLL attended the designated game. Other money was made from raffling off of items provided by the Mets (game tickets, autographs, jersey).
 - c. The following motion was made and passed unanimously (with one abstention):
“**Wong** to get contract for SNLL to have a Mets Day again for 2019, subject to similar terms as the contract for 2018.”
 - **Winter Workouts**
 - a. Workouts for majors and AAA kids will be at SHS auxiliary gym from 2:00PM to 6:00PM on Sundays. Gym has been reserved for 8 weeks starting in January. There will be 7 sessions (with the one extra week saved in the event that there are any snow days).
 - b. Fees are \$100 per kid, with a \$25 sibling discount.
 - c. Limit is to 20 kids per age group due to the small size of the gym.
 - d. AA kids will have workouts at Bobby V's. **D'Ambrosio** and **Drexel** to coordinate days and times.
 - e. Suggestion made that A kids use the Stamford Athletic Club.
 - f. SNLL has been chartered for 2019, so this means that insurance is in place starting 1/1/2019. If using a non-profit space for practices, then let **Hoch** know so that he can add the name to the insured places list.
 - **Master List of Projects**
 - a. Discussion took place about all of the items that need to be repaired/upgraded around the fields. Suggestion was made to create a master list of all of these projects. **Nestor** volunteered to keep the official master list. Anyone with suggestions should e-mail **Nestor** (abnestor14@gmail.com).
 - b. These were the items that were raised to start the master list:
 1. Garage doors for storage room at Chestnut
 2. Repair steps at Chestnut
 3. Press box door at Chestnut needs to be repaired
 4. Fix drainage in dugouts at Chestnut
 5. New fence for Schofield
 6. Fix foul poles at Springdale field
 - **Addressing Declining Enrollment**
 - a. With number of kids that are playing baseball declining, discussion ensued with how to reach out to parents to get their kids involved.
 - b. Suggestions made included the following:
 1. Have someone reach out to principals at Northeast and Springdale schools to possibly have a baseball night on a Friday night in the school gym. SNLL would cover the costs of the custodians and volunteers would be there to run the clinic. **D'Ambrosio** indicated that he would contact Northeast.
 2. Reach out to the parents of the kids that did not return for the 2018 season to see why their child did not want to play.
 3. Review the idea of having only a pitching machine at AA games for the entire season (rather than only part of the season) since when kids pitch, the game slows down to a crawl.
 4. Find a parent in Springdale and Northeast with younger kids that can help recruit more players to SNLL.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM

Upcoming meetings: Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 7:15PM at the TOR Firehouse