

Place: TOR Firehouse
Time: 7:15 pm
Date: February 5, 2019

Minutes of Board Meeting

Those present:

Ferrone	Mirkin	Bancroft	Duddie	Ertrachter	Anderson	Gentle
DiPreta	S. DeLeo	D'Ambrosio	Davis	E. Condon	Nestor	Wong
Brown	J. DeLeo	Gendason	Reimer	Drexel		
Hoch	McKeever	Berlingo	Lovello			

Minutes from the January, 2019 minutes were e-mailed to everyone. Motion made to accept the minutes from that meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- **Reduction of Major League Teams**
 - a. All 4 of the County TV players from last year have indicated that they will be returning.
 - b. Once all 4 of them have registered, they will be drafted in the manner as decided at the January meeting.
 - c. Drafting of these players should occur prior to the tryout date since Board would like these players to be part of their new team as soon as possible.
- **Registration**
 - a. Registration has been opened. **Gendason** reported that 58 kids in the majors and AAA have registered (compared with 65 at this point last year). Only 13 kids from AA have registered.
 - b. There were 10 kids that played in AAA last year that will be 12-year-olds this year. Of those 10 kids, 4 have registered, 2 are maybes, and 4 are unknown if they are returning.
 - c. Last year's AAA managers should reach out to their players to remind them to sing-up.
- **Marketing/Recruitment**
 - a. **D'Ambrosio** reported that the Friday night clinics that SNLL put on at Springdale school and Northeast school were successful. There were about 15 kids at each clinic, with about 6 to 8 of them that had not played in SNLL last year. General consensus was that the clinics were worth doing again, possibly in March or April as the baseball season gets closer.
 - b. **DiPreta** reported that SNLL has been posting signs in local businesses and passing out flyers at various youth sport events.
- **Banners/Sponsorship**
 - a. City indicated that banners cannot be hung on any of the fencing until an ordinance is passed.
 - b. Due to uncertainty, Board has decided to reach out to those that purchased banners last year to see if they would be interested in signing up again for this year. SNLL to collect the fees but let the sponsor know that the fee may be returned if City does not allow for such signage. New banners will not be solicited at this time since Board does not want to pay to make the banner and then not be allowed to use it.
 - c. **Brown** indicated that all sponsors for the 18 majors, AAA and AA teams are returning.
 - d. **Brown** is reaching out to the Booster card companies to see if they want to continue being part of the card for 2019. If anyone knows of a business that would like to be on the card, please contact **Brown**.

New Business

- **Update from District Presidents' Meeting**

- a. **Hoch** reported on a couple of rule changes:
 1. When player goes from catcher to pitcher and back to catcher, they can only throw 20 pitches (old rule was 40 pitches).
 2. Players can't pitch 3 days in a row for regular season or postseason, regardless of the number of pitches thrown. (Note: This was a rule from prior year as well, but **Hoch** pointed out the rule to remind managers).
- b. District tournament starts on Saturday, June 22nd with skills competition. Tournament games would begin on Sunday, June 23rd.

- **Scheduling Committee**

- a. Spring practice schedules will be e-mailed to all major league teams. Schedule has been designed to give each team 3 practices in the auxiliary gym at SHS and 3 practices in the SHS main gym. Field times at Dolan will also be included in the schedule.
- b. Times for minor leagues have also been allocated to Dolan; **Duddie** to distribute schedules by division/teams.
- c. NOTE to all Managers: If you cannot use your gym time, let someone know as soon as possible. SNLL is paying for the gym so if nobody is using it then the money is lost. Even if other major league teams can't use it, the gym could be offered to AAA teams.
- d. Due to the change in the expected start of the District tournament, the Scheduling Committee met to revise the regular season majors' schedule.
- e. The following are some key dates regarding the new schedule:
 1. 20-game schedule will be used.
 2. Games start on April 2nd and are played up until April 12th (which is right before school break begins).
 3. All teams play on Saturday, April 6th at Springdale field. NOTE: This is picture day.
 4. Games restart the week of April 22nd.
 5. Opening Day ceremonies will be at Springdale field on Saturday, April 27th. All 6 major league teams will play that day.
 6. Regular season ends June 7th. June 8th is reserved as a rain date. June 9th is the league-wide Mets game.
 7. Double elimination tournament will start on Monday, June 10th and will end by June 17th (with June 18th reserved as the rain date).
 8. Saturday, May 25th: Memorial Day weekend. All major league teams will play that day.
 9. Last 2 weeks of the season: All major league teams will play on the same day. One game to be played at Chestnut and two games at Springdale.
- f. Some notes about the schedule:
 1. Each team will play 7 weekend games.
 2. Assuming no rainouts:
 - (a) Every team will play 4 or 5 games with one day's rest.
 - (b) Every team will play 10 or 11 games with two days' rest.
 - (c) All other games will be played with 3 or more days' rest.
- g. Final schedule to be finished by Registration Night.

- **Registration Night**

- a. REMINDER: Registration is Wednesday, February 13th at the TOR Firehouse from 6:00PM to 7:30PM.
- b. Major league schedule will be finalized by that date and managers will pick their numbers to see what days they play.
- c. AA managers/coaches to meet on registration night to discuss rules and use of pitching machine.

- **Other Items**

- a. 10-year-old Travel Team: Board decided to have a team for 2019, with a schedule similar to last year. Team had 5 games scheduled in 2018 and played 4 of them, mostly on Friday nights. Suggestion made that games be played on Sunday so as not to interfere as much with regular season games. **Hoch** and **DiPreta** indicated that they would be interested in coaching the team again.

- b. Memorial Day weekend event: Suggestion made to have a special event on that Saturday when all major league teams are playing, as well as the Challenger division. Food trucks, bouncy houses were suggested, as well as a possible alumni game.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Upcoming meetings: REGISTRATION: Wednesday, February 13th at the TOR Firehouse at 6:00PM.
Pre-tryout meeting: To be determined.
Majors & AAA tryouts: Saturday, March 2nd at 8:30AM at Dolan
Tuesday, March 5th at 7:15PM at the TOR Firehouse