

Minutes

Newington Little League Monthly Meeting held on 02/03/15 Teen Center at the Community Center

Attendees	Daniela James, Cathy Dionne, Kevin Mason, Mike Johnson, Kevin Daly, Rich Hollfelder, Dan Beaupre, Aaron Mitchell, Ken Crouse, Ron Fairwood, Dawn Walden, Colleen Corriveau and Jack Hurley
Meeting Called to Order	7:04pm P.M. Meeting called to order by Cathy Dionne
Secretary Report	Motion to accept the secretary's report made by Rich Hollfelder. Second by Ken Dailey
Treasurer Report	<p>Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by . Second by</p> <p>Monthly Budget and Budget Proposal was passed around. Any questions e-mail Rob. Table passing of budget till next month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cathy and Rob have been working on budget<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Keep registration the sameo Haven't been collecting enough on sponsorships. We should increase priceso Electricity is very high. No one knows why. Need to figure out ASAP<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Colleen Cultrera works at CL&P. Maybe she can give us a contact to speak with▪ Is there a meter?o Phone/Internet<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Do we need phone and internet? Look into a monthly package▪ Concession will need internet to run credit cardso Domain Name has been reinstated for 9 years<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ We need to create a new e-mail address and password<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No one has access to the current e-mail and password
Housekeeping	N/A
Open Forum	<p>Cathy is having trouble with finding cages. Around the Horn has not responded</p> <p>Still need Commissioner for T-Ball, Opening Day Coordinator and help with Assessments</p>
Major Baseball	Mandatory Meeting for all Major Managers– 02/16/15 Volunteer Field
Intermediate Baseball	Kevin Daly has accepted the Commissioner of Intermediate Baseball position. He has asked for help.
Minor Baseball	No Report
T-Ball	No Report
Challenger	No Report
Safety Officer	<p>Stew wrote a 60 page Safety Plan. If anyone would like to read it please contact Stew</p> <p>Stew will arrange safety training through a licensed physician</p>

	<p>This is cut from requirement #5 from National.</p> <p>Document the date, location, and who is required to attend as well as who did attend. Intent is to provide training to ALL coaches and managers; a minimum of one participant per team must attend training annually.</p> <p>Training qualifies a volunteer for 3 years; but one team representative is still required each year to attend the training.</p> <p>Due to their training and education, it is not necessary for licensed medical doctors, licensed registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and paramedics to attend first aid training in order to meet requirement; however, it is recommended that leagues utilize these professionals from their league/community to present the training.</p> <p>Other individuals who attend various outside first aid training and courses are not exempt.</p> <p>Coaches and umpires inspect equipment before each use by players.</p>
Fundraising	<p>Tickets for the Casino Bus Trip have been handed out to all major managers. Flyers will be passed out If anyone wants tickets to sell please see Dawn Walden and/or Colleen Corriveau</p> <p>Sponsorships have been coming in slowly. EDAC has not returned any calls or letters.</p> <p>Stew Leonard's – Silent Auction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looking for auction items - We have already received some really great items to auction! <p>NEXT FUNDRAISING MEETING: February 10th</p>
Softball	Registration numbers look good
Summer/Fall Ball	No Report
Special Projects	Batting Cages: Dawn spoke to her contact from NHS regarding designing the cages. Dan and Dawn will meet with him
Player Development	Jack suggested we do something in March after Assessment. He will talk to Walt
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coach Development - Player Development
Uniforms	We are keeping what we have. We will order Replica hats but no uniforms
By-law Committee	<p>Voted on 3 Bylaws:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List Serve – Motion to Accept: Kevin Daly. Second: Rich Hollfelder. Opposed: Mike Johnson 2. Voting Members – Motion to Accept: Mike Johnson. Second: Jack Hurley 3. Responsibilities and Duties – Motion to Accept: Mike Johnson. Second: Aaron Mitchell <p>Code of Conduct will be finalized by the committee and presented at</p>

the next meeting March/April

Next meeting: 02/11/15

**Major Managers –Baseball and Softball
Responsibilities and Duties**

All Newington Little League Managers and Coaches involved in Major and Intermediate Baseball, Junior and Major Softball and designated assistant coaches are required to maintain compliance to the Leagues **Code of Conduct**. All Managers/head coaches are responsible for their actions and those of their assistant coaches. Violations of this section may be brought to the NLL Executive Board for disciplinary actions.

Administrative:

Managers/Head coaches must attend at least 60% of the Monthly Meetings that do not conflict with a game or other NLL function. (Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month.) If a Manager/Head coach is unable to attend, they should send a representative from their team. Assistant coaches are encouraged to attend.

Managers/Head coaches are responsible for learning and becoming familiar with the Little League game rules, local game rules and the leagues By-Laws.

Managers/Head coaches must provide Players and/or Parents with clear instruction on practice and game schedules.

Managers/Head coaches are responsible for assigning and collecting uniforms at the beginning and end of season (pants, shirts & belts.)

Managers/Head coaches must support the registration, skills assessment, and drafting process by attending or have members of your team attend.

Managers/Head coaches must support when possible any NLL fundraisers.

All Managers at all levels are expected to collect Parent/Player code of conduct forms prior to the first games of the season.

All Managers at all levels are expected to conduct a parent meeting prior to the first games of the season. The meeting should review parent/player code of conduct, practice/game schedules, set expectations re: the team, coaching style, attendance, playing time, and anything else the Manager deems necessary.

All Managers at all levels should assist the Equipment Manager (Purchasing Agent) in distribution and, where necessary, the collection of uniforms for their respective teams.

Values/Conduct:

All coaches are responsible for addressing their players or parents behavior that is disruptive or inappropriate during a practice or game.

Managers and Coaches should treat players, spectators, other coaches, and umpires

with respect and any discussion should be handled in a professional manner

While participating in an NLL-sanctioned event as an official participant, spectator, or contributor, all members should behave in a respectful and constructive manner.

Any Manager, Coach, League Official, or Committee members are considered representatives of Newington Little League and any actions, comments, or photos directed/related to NLL or its members should be respectful, positive, or constructive.

Practices/Games:

All coaches must ensure the field is in playable condition to avoid any risk of injury to a player.

Managers should be organized and have a plan for practices and games.

Managers are responsible for addressing behavior of their coaches, players, or parents that is disruptive or inappropriate during a practice or game.

Managers should create a positive and learning atmosphere for the players and parents on the team and conduct themselves in ways that they would want their players to behave.

At least one named assistant coach must be present at practice if the head coach is not able to attend. Your team must relinquish the playing field on time (The designated team for the next specific time slot has the right to allow or disallow continuation of the preceding team's practice on the field.)

Only coaches listed on the roster are eligible to sit in dugout or coach the bases. The official roster is considered to be the roster found on the NLL website. A team may have no more than four (4) coaches (including Manager) in the dugout for a game. Scorekeepers, who are not coaches, must be located outside of the dugout fencing.

Managers, acting Managers or their designated coach (manager must inform umpires and other team's manager prior to the game) are the only ones who can discuss a questionable call with an umpire (In the absence of the Manager, an acting Manager must acknowledge by the home plate umpire prior to the game).

Managers/Head coaches (baseball) are required to track player pitch counts at each game. Pitch count tally sheets are to be submitted to the Volunteer Field Office or Concession Stand Committee Members after the game. Pitch counts must be logged on NLL website by a member of the team within 48 hours of a game being played.

Managers are required to complete a Line-Up card which is to be given to the Home Plate Umpire and opposing coach before each game. The line-up card must also include the names of pitchers not eligible to pitch on that game.

Managers from each team are required to make sure their own dugout is clear of any debris brought in by their team.

	<p>The Home team Head Coach is responsible for turning off the lights after their game is played.</p> <p><u>Concession Stand:</u> Major Baseball Managers must appoint a liaison to coordinate the volunteer schedule for the Concession Stand.</p> <p><u>Field Maintenance:</u> Managers/Coaches from each team are required to prepare and care for the playing field. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing debris from field • Raking dirt to smooth out rough areas • All areas of the field – Pitcher, Batter, and Fielder areas have suitable footing • Securing bases • Lining the base paths • Securing fencing or other objects within the playing field • Pitching mound for Softball is installed, removed, plug put back into pitching mound hole and returned to storage room after the game • Covering and uncovering the field <p>Home Team Managers are responsible for ensuring all NLL equipment used for field preparation is stowed away in its proper place, lights are turned off, and buildings are secured after uses. (This includes Batting cages, Sheds, Concessions, Restrooms, and other Structures.)</p> <p>Managers and coaches need to report any damage or safety concerns to the Safety Officer and any member of the NLL Executive Board.</p> <p>The Town does not prepare the fields on the weekend; there will be a field maintenance schedule handed out before the season. All teams will rotate weekend days throughout the season. It is the Manager/Head coach’s responsibility to make sure there is representation from your Team. *Note: It will be the responsibility of the teams that have just completed their game to rake and line the field for the next game.</p>
Umpires	No Report
Concession Stand	No Report
Equipment	Cathy can get a great price on baseballs/softballs. They are Champ Pro Balls She will order \$2400.00 from Hadfield’s and will get 2 free banners
Fields	N/A
Old Business	Ti will send out e-mail regarding help with Assessments
New Business	WISH LIST: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concession, equipment, removable mound <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All wish list items have been tabled

	Steve's Place has decided not to renew their sponsorship. GEICO will now be the new team's name
Meeting Adjourned:	Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm PM by Rich Hollfelder/Dan Beaupre
	Respectfully Submitted by Daniela L. Bukowski-James