	SGSL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
	VIRTUAL - ZOOM
	TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021 @ 8:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

Members Present	Guests
Konopka, Michael (President)*	Walter Kustra
Pietrowicz, Carol (VP)	Paul C.
Farr, Peter (Secretary)*	Bryan Graven
Frolish, James (Player Agent)*	James McCabe
Matthews, Chris (Player Agent)*	Leah D.
Longo, Dan (Treasurer)*	Mike & Lindsey Tiver
Kennedy, Scott (Co-Treasurer)*	Matt Neisser
Ventresca, Michael (Equip. Mgr.)*	
Stephanie Manoian	
Elizabeth Gandza	
Wanner, Jeff	
Konopka, Michelle	
Fraga, Stacey	
Lambert, Michael	
Keska, Kristen	
Colleen Riopelle	

CALL TO ORDER

President Mike Konopka called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. and welcomed all board members and guests.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Secretary Peter Farr conducted a silent role call. The November 2020 and the February 2021 SGSL Board of Directors meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion to ACCEPT November’s meeting minutes was made by Chris Matthews, 2nd by Scott Kennedy. Motion to ACCEPT February’s meeting minutes was made by Jim Frolish, 2nd by Scott Kennedy.


TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Dan Longo

Dan reviewed the Treasurer’s report with the board. Dan reported that the cash operating balance is at \$58,790.47 with \$15,510.00 in the reserve account for a total of \$74,300.47.

Dan also reported that we are at \$35,387 for player registrations (budgeted \$36,181 or \$794 short of the budgeted amount). We are owed \$2,705 for waitlisted players, which if all the waitlisted amounts are collected, we would be \$1,911 ahead of budget (less credit card fees).

The board approved Jeff Graziano’s concession stand contract. He will donate \$6.75 per registered player up to the first 299, then \$0.25 additional (\$7.00 total) per player over 300. Split into 3 donations over the length of the season. Our parents will not be involved in the stand

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operations, and we do not have to deal with food invoices. We would still be responsible for concession stand repairs. As of today, that would be a donation of \$1,924 (\$6.75 x 285 players).

Dan will be updating our 2021 budget to reflect this concession stand change, which will improve our bottom line from a break even to \$374 profit.

Fundraising / Sponsors:

Flag Sponsorships will be marketed at a cost of \$500 for 1 year, and any player that brings in a paid sponsor would get either a \$50 credit at registration, or refund of \$50 (if already paid registration). Maximum total credit of up to their family’s total registration fees for the 2021 season. Refunds/credit are paid upon receipt of a check from the sponsor.

Dan and Scott Kennedy have been reaching out to corporate sponsors, and signed up for CyberGrants.com, which many large companies require you to register with to request donations. We’ve researched and reached out to:

- ESPN - They do not accept unsolicited requests, so we need an employee to help us. Scott has reached out to Jen Kosce
- Main Street Foundation - We can request a donation from their General Grant Cycle on 4/15/21
- Joe & Kay Calvanese Foundation - Dan emailed them.
- Target Corp - They only donate to Soccer. They will give store gift cards up to \$500
- Walmart - Scott will contact store manager
- Athena Tournament, USA Elite Tournament - Dan will contact
- Home Depot - We would need to come up with a project for them to donate money and labor.
- Others - Dicks Sporting Goods, Chick-Fil-A, Dairy Queen

EQUIPMENT MANAGER’S REPORT

Equipment Manager Mike Ventresca

Mike Ventresca reported that we have approximately 125 helmet and purchased another 150 more and has inventoried the old gear and the new gear for the season. Each team should be able to be supplied with at least two (2) maybe three (3) sets of catchers gear. There was a brief discussion regarding Covid 19 measures including the wiping down of bats and the sharing and cleaning of helmets. Helmets will NOT be shared. Sets of catchers gear will need to be cleaned between players if the need arises. Team bats will need to be cleaned between each at-bat by a team parent or designee.

FIELD MAINTENANCE MANAGER’S REPORT

Field Maintenance Dan Longo



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Dan reminded the board that Field Opening and Clean up is Saturday, March 20th at 9:00 (rain date of Sunday 3/21). Volunteers needed!

Dan also updated the board regarding grooming of the fields and other assistance from Jeff Graziano. Jeff Graziano has agreed to groom the fields before each game this spring. The cost is \$50 per hour plus gas. Jeff also provided a quote to us for \$2,316 to extend the fence on the first base side of field 5, which has been a problem with foul balls going into field 4. We engaged him to start this project and it will be done this spring.

This year we'll renovate fields 5 and 6, which are due next on the rotation. Field 5 will need 48 yards of clay rather than the typical 24 yards that we use on an infield, because it's a very large infield and has developed chronic water problems. We'll also put additional topsoil, seed and hay on the outfield strip of 1, 2, 5 and 7. Ken Hendrickson of Three Brothers quoted us \$3,150 for these field projects. We provide the infield mix (clay) for at a cost of \$2,850 (\$950 per 24 yards) for a total cost of \$6,000. He can do this as soon as the fields dry out.

PLAYER AGENT'S REPORT

Player Agents Chris Matthews and Jim Frolish

Chris Matthews reviewed the latest registration numbers as of 03/02/2021:

	2020	2021 thru 03/02/2021	Difference
Rookies	30	36	+6
Farm	70	79	+9
Minors	64	67	+3
Majors	64	51	-13
High School	62	57	-5
TOTALS	290	290	


OLD BUSINESS

President Mike Konopka

Mike thanked the board for assisting with recruiting more volunteers who want to get involved in the league.

Virtual registrations still seem to be progressing well. We will know for sure by the end of the registration period.

Mike relayed to the board that the winter clinics at USA Elite were more successful this year than in years past. The clinics have been live streamed from USA Elite, giving parents the opportunity to see "live action" during the clinics. The partnership with USA Elite has really been great for the league.

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Mike re-initiated a brief discussion regarding the possibility of WiFi at the park or being able to “live stream” games or practices. The topic will need to be explored further. Mike Ventresca reached out to Frontier to determine the possibility. Mike reported that we would need 24 mgs – 45mgs to the concession stand with leaders and wires from the main road as well as an easement. The cost for this would be in the range of \$20,000 or more.

Chris Matthews informed the board and coaches of the current registration numbers, teams and how many coaches would be needed as well as several draft topics and the Jewel Classic. Due to COVID, the Jewel Classic will not have importance in the draft.

Chris Matthews also updated the board with the dates and times of the Pitching Clinics. Jenn Hapanowicz from USA Elite will be sending pitchers to assist as well as players from the high school and Lightning. A brief discussion followed.

Mike reminded the board that we are always looking for new board members to actively volunteer and be a part of the decision making process to keep this league operating. If you are interested please come to a board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

President Mike Konopka

Some topics discussed included the Map of the Panthorn Fields, team schedules, format, Picture Day (will need to revisit as we get closer to the season) and possible Covid-19 restrictions including wearing face coverings.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Frolish, 2nd by Dan Longo at approximately 9:27 p.m. The next board meeting will be held virtually on Zoom on April 6, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Peter Farr (Secretary)