

Minutes / Board Meeting 10.21.09

- 1.0 Board meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm.
 - 1.1 Question of did we have a quorum. We do have one, as we need one-fourth of our membership which we do have present.
 - 1.2 Minutes were e-mailed out.
- 2.0 Motion to approve minutes-minutes were amended with minor updates by Sue. Motion made to approve the Minutes. Seconded/approved.
- 3.0 President's Report. Aptos and Santa Cruz. "Positive coach's alliance" instead of the "AI and AI" coach's clinic is proposed. It's cheaper (about \$700) and it goes towards the league requirement for coach's training.
 - 3.1 Online Web registration. Only a few leagues doing it. Doug Marshall says it has been successful for them. Very cost and labor effective once a date is in; totally worth the up-front cost. Questions were about timing; last year, registration happened on 10.23. Flyers, postcards and ads were happening in the 10/20-25 timeframe.
 - 3.2 Need permission to pass out flyers, ads, etc. at local schools. Take them to district for approval. Then, schools get the exact amount for each classroom. SLE, SLVMS, SLVHS.
 - 3.3 Timing: vote on it tonight.
 - 3.4 Pony questions/discussion. Santa Cruz Pony is running. Anita Stoddart is helping run Pony in the Valley. The question of the Pony field came up; a discussion followed about what availability the Pony field would be, and what affect it would have on SLVLL; Having Anita attend an SLVLL Board meeting and Christina talking to her asap was discussed, and Dave Notari, to ensure a smooth operation between SLVLL and Pony with the field coordination.
 - 3.5 Survey and voting on the National LL Rules/Reg. changes. We will submit one ballot as a Board. Christina will gather all of our ballots and send it.
 - 3.6 Mark Brown and the "field rights" issue. Possible conflict with Opening Day. He is discussing field rights based on work days. Now he is saying there is a conflict when we moved Opening Day the first time based on his softball tournament.
 - 3.7 The Board discussed his earlier proposal of the fence proposal.
 - 3.8 A motion was made to provide \$1,000 to Mark Brown for field/fence work. Also, it was motioned that he provide estimates for work on the field, and we invite him to attend the next board meeting; we confirm the Opening Day date of March 13th. Seconded, one opposed. Motioned passed.
- 4.0 San Jose Giants Fundraiser – (Tighe) We made \$5000 on SJG fundraiser last year. If we want to do it again, we need to reserve dates by 31st Dec or our cost increases. We are raising our fees to \$140 and make it all-inclusive of the fundraiser, and "giving" the tickets away.
- 5.0 Ground Rules meeting recap: Not allowing 10's to drop down to AA and not allowing 9's drop down to Single A; No child will ever get stuck (by the league) playing three years at one level. T-ball for 5 and 6's that have not played before. A-ball for 6, 7 and 8. AA is for 7's, 8's and 9s. **7's are now available in draft.** Minors are for 9's-10's and Majors 10s, 11s-12s. Yes, 11's can play Minors it was

discussed. It was said that there were 10 year olds that should have played AA (and did) for a Manager on the Board last year, but it was argued that the numbers are such that they need to play up.

5.1 **Pitching machine for AA—keep as status quo.** Pitching should start at practice at the beginning of the year, no matter what. The question was debated on whether or not games were better with kid pitch or machine pitch. It was debated for some time.

5.2 Previously we discussed **getting rid of the tee in A-ball.** That is decided. **The Tee is gone.**

5.3 Bunting. Is not currently disallowed in AA ball. **The ground rule committee will print up all ground rules/changes for the next meeting.**

6.0 The online software purchase vote. Online **registration package is \$299.** All modules/seat licenses is another \$200; **total is \$500.** Motion was made, seconded and approved.

7.0 Tryouts on Jan 16 and 23rd; rainout date of Jan 30th. **Opening day March 13th;** Closing day June 12th. Announce All-stars June 15th.

8.0 Flyers and postcards to go out next week. Business with Pleasure to print them up; District to approve. Christina to manage printing/editing. Two walk-in dates with laptops available. “Early-bird” registration by December 15, 2006. **\$130 and \$150** for regular. **Additional kid is \$110.**

9.0 Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.