

San Lorenzo Valley Little League Board of Directors

Board Meeting: September 9, 2009

Room #I-103 (Sofranko's Room)

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

X	President Christina Wise	X	Vice President Troy Bounds	X	Secretary/ Dave Notari
X	Treasurer Laird Valory	X	Player Agent Tammy Robustelli	X	Safety Officer Greg Cornelison
X	Minors Rep Mike Olmsted	X	AA Rep Steven Sofranko	X	A Rep Ed Snedeker
X	T-Ball Rep/Open-Close Ceremonies Tom Jameson	X	Sponsor Coordinator/Fundraising Tighe Callahan	X	Snack Bar Coordinator Steven Shabry
X	Umpire in Chief Mark Mullins	X	Equipment Manager Glenn Robbins	X	Head Scorekeeper/Webmaster Randy Gordon
	Fields Bryan Mailey	X	Majors Rep/Uniforms/Merch. Sean Greedy	X	Board Member Bob Giacomini
X	Volunteer Forms Sue Sutherlin	X	Board Member Scott Murray		Visitor Sean Castagna (SLVGS)
X	Visitor Mark Gentry		Visitor		Visitor

1.0 Motion to approve minutes was made. Motion carried.

2.0 Presidents Report

2.1 Affirming board positions for 2009/2010 term

- 2.1.1 Randy is stepping down as PIO and Web Master
- 2.1.2 Sue is agreeing to take on the Web Master and assist w/ head score keeping role
She is not sure about the PIO role
- 2.1.3 Sean Greedy is stepping down as Major's rep but will do uniforms
- 2.1.4 Tighe expressed an interested in taking on a diminished role in fund raising.
- 2.1.5 Stephen Shabry express a desire to have an assistant for Snack Bar.
- 2.1.6 Tom Jameson wants to step down as Opening/Closing Day Coord.
- 2.1.7 Randy is stepping down as Head Scorekeeper
- 2.1.8 Remaining positions needing to be filled:
 - Major's Rep
 - Public Information Officer
 - Snack Bar Assistant
 - Field Coordinator
 - Head Score Keeper
 - Opening/Closing Day Ceremony
 - Umpire in Chief
 - Team Parent Coordinator

Note: there was discussion about weather or not all of these roles are actually board positions according to the white book. Our little league by laws give us the latitude to appoint such individuals to fill a role as needed without being an official board member. At this point, our approach will be to seek new board members who

then in term can fill some of these vital functions though they are not official board positions per se.

- 2.2 We set a goal to have a bulleted list submitted by each board member describing the basics of their board responsibilities. Deadline for board members submitting their bulleted descriptions is October 14th, 2009. Those are to be emailed to Christina by this date.
- 2.3 Our next board meeting is September 23rd and will be our General Meeting Date, time and location will be put in the Press Banner by Christina.
- 2.4 Online registration option is being looked at.
 - 2.4.1 Sport Sign up and Active Network (Logical Solutions)

3.0 Fall Ball Update

- 3.1- 7 teams have been formed and are practicing and preparing for games
- 3.2 We still need umpires
 - 3.2.1 Fee structure:
 - 3.2.1.1 Upper Level= \$20 plate, \$15, field
 - 3.2.1.2 Middle Level = \$15 plate, \$10 field
 - 3.2.2 Sofranko made a motion to approve \$700 for paying fall ball umpires. Motioned carried with two abstaining.

- 3.3 Randy will place team rosters, games schedule, practice schedule, etc. on the web site. That information will be emailed to Randy.

4.0 Update on player age. If they played league age 12 in 2009 spring season then they can play 2009 fall ball even as a 13 year old. Site insurance covers any place we have a practice or a game, which includes Mt. Cross. We are officially ok to play games and to practice at this location. If a given facility requires an additional insured, we would have to jump through that hoop of providing that insurance certificate prior to play or practice.

5.0 By Laws committed has made a little progress but have not yet officially met. They will continue to move forward in their endeavors to revise our By Laws.

6.0 Umpire Update- We still don't have regular umpires schedules. Some names have been tossed around and those kids will be contacted with the above fee structure (3.0 in mind. Tom Jameson is taking the lead on securing umpires and Ed Snedeker will make the schedule after those umpires have agreed to ump. We still are unresolved on whether we should go with adult or youth umpires. There are pros and cons to both. Larger discussion for future date.

7.0 FAQ review- That is still a work in progress.

8.0 Troy's Report from District 39 Board Meeting- Troy went to the district meeting and brought back information to our meeting.

- 8.1 New D.A. Gene Carlisle from Gilroy was elected as our new District 39 District Administrator.
- 8.2 District will contact each league for a donation to off-set the cost of sending people to training. Not sure the nature of the training or who is going if someone wants to clarify.

- 8.3 There is a Junior League fall ball in place (Aptos, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley and Capitola/Soquel) to test the waters for a springs junior league, which would potentially eliminate Pony in the Valley.
- 8.4 Gene Carlisle is requesting a list of our board members and would like to come to one of our meetings to see how we do things.
- 8.5 There is an umpire clinic at Cabrillo College on October 30th for “Big Boy” ball.
- 8.6 The issue of field cost arose again and it is unclear if we will be charged in the future for use of SLV School District fields.
- 8.7 We agreed to rebuild the back stop at the Pony Field as a gesture of good will towards SLV Girls Softball. The cost is estimated at \$400. Troy has agreed to provide the labor and will look for outside sources to donate the materials. If needed, Stephen Shabry, snack bar coordinator will give those funds to cover the materials cost.
- 9.0 Ground Rules Committee update by Stephen Shabry.
- 9.1 One of the issues brought up was to remove the “T” from A Ball all together. That will be a recommendation from this committee for the spring.
- 9.2 Removing the pitching machine from AA Ball and going straight to kid pitch was one of the more contentious issues. There were pros and cons presented on both sides of this issue. The other idea of the committee was to have the first ¼ of the season being pitching machine and then ¾ of the season to do player pitch. Another option was to split games between player pitch and machine pitch (3 inning/3 inning). It is unclear what the final recommendation of the committee will be regarding this issue but the leaning was towards a hybrid of our current system.
- 9.3 The other issue was age openness and player eligibility (can 7s be eligible for AA, 8s for minors and 9s for Majors?)
These three options were discussed. The committee felt like 7s should be able to go up to A Division but 8s **should not** go up to AA Division. The rational being, AA Division is a more competitive league and the 8 year old would still be on a competitive track to play 1 year of minors and then 2 years of majors, even if they didn’t go up to AA as an 8 year old. More clarification needs to be given to better understand this idea.
- 9.5 Another issue was how we dealt with tie games and how we divide the season into two halves, this being heightened by the huge amount of incomplete game scenarios we faced in the 2009 spring season. There are some drawbacks to running the season as a whole and running a tournament at the end to determine winners. No recommendations were made to change how we currently run things as more discussion is needed.
- 9.6 Finally, the issue of re-draft was brought up but not discussed. That will be saved for full board member input.
- 9.7 The committee will continue to work towards some more official board recommendations.

9.8 Action item- research Little League field Genealogy

Meeting Adjourned at 9.20
