

INDIAN VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE

MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2014, 6:30PM, INDIAN VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, held at the Kerhonkson Fire House, Kerhonkson, NY.

PRESENT:

John Ellsworth, President/ Safety Officer/ Umpire in Chief
Christopher De Pew, Vice President
Becky Stange, Secretary/ TB&CP Team Coordinator
Matthew Paley, Treasurer
Thomas Stange, Field and Grounds/ TB&CP Team Coordinator
Heather De Pew, Fundraising
Laura McCarthy, Fundraising
Christopher King, Information Officer
Gregg Kenney, Player Agent
Lorissa Beatty, Fundraising

ABSENT:

Cathy Bowman, Equipment Manager

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Mr. De Pew motioned to approve the minutes with the correction on Page 3 to read that Mr. Kenney sent the registration numbers to everyone, not just to Mr. Ellsworth. Seconded by Mrs. De Pew. No discussion. All members present, in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Paley noted that another \$520 in registration fees has been brought in since the last meeting. He then gave the balances for the accounts:
Checking: \$10,930.36
Savings: \$2,235.22

Mr. De Pew motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mrs. McCarthy. No discussion. All members present, in favor.

Mr. Paley alerted the Board that he just found out that the League's CD is about to mature in a week. If the Board chooses to leave it in it will be automatically renewed at .05%. If we let it roll over, we can't take it out without a penalty for a year.

Mr. De Pew noted that when the family donated the money, they wanted a CD for a scholarship for a graduate that played for IVLL. He felt that if the League found a better rate, that they should pull it out.

Mr. De Pew motioned to have Mrs. De Pew investigate a better rate, if she can't find one, to roll it over. Seconded by Mr. Stange. No discussion. All members present in favor.

Mr. Paley noted that the League received a noticed of a donation from the Town of Rochester in the amount of \$900.00.

The Board agreed that the Secretary would write a letter thanking the Town.

Mr. King noted that he would put a letter in the news paper thanking the Town Board for their donation.

PICTURES:

Mr. Ellsworth noted that there was a vote taken by email by the Board for the 2014 League Pictures. A majority of the Board wanted to keep it local and went with Teresa Carlucci instead of Park Studios this year. Mr. Ellsworth informed Park Studios and they thanked the Board for their consideration and would like to be kept in mind for next year.

Mr. Stange noted that with Mrs. Carlucci doing the pictures we will not need to have a special day for pictures. As per her presentation, she would be coordinating with teams and set up a day before their games the first couple of weeks of the season and she would coordinate all of that.

BUDGET:

Mr. Kenney noted that he put a lot of effort into setting it up, if someone wanted to propose to do it... as a new member he doesn't feel confident to touch on all of the points that need to be touched on.

Mr. Ellsworth stated the best thing to do last year was to spend the money in the account on fixing the field and putting in new cabinets. The Board last year didn't really focus on fundraising. Hopefully this year with all of the ideas that Mrs. De Pew, Mrs. Beatty, and Mrs. McCarthy have, the accounts will fill back up.

Mr. Paley thought the Board should use Mr. Kenney's budget.

Mr. Kenney noted that the budget he made up was an example- a tool. He didn't actually make on.

MAJOR TRYOUTS/ REGISTRATION NUMBERS:

Mr. Ellsworth noted that the list the Mr. Kenney has compiled of all the kids in the League is awesome. So far the League is down 32 kids from last year. Last year we had 168 kids.

Mr. De Pew questioned if anyone has called all the kids from last year that haven't signed up yet.

Mr. Ellsworth stated that he believed Mrs. Bowman either had, or was going to. He further noted that he knew of a couple of kids from last year that were planning on signing up that haven't yet.

Mr. De Pew noted that he would get together with Mr. Kenney and get all of the registration forms from him and make 3 copies. One for the managers, one for the player agent and one for the President.

Mr. Kenney confirmed with Mr. Ellsworth that if kids didn't show up for Majors by tryouts on Saturday morning that they were done-- and would have to move down to Coach Pitch?

Mr. Ellsworth answered yes. This has been the League rule for the last couple of years because parents that don't want their kids to move up skip tryouts, so that their kid plays on Major/Minor. One year they had a problem fielding Major teams, so they made up this rule and since that time they haven't had any problems.

The Board decided to have all 9 year olds show up at 9am and 10 and 11 year olds to show up at 10am.

Mr. De Pew wanted to make sure that the parents would be in the hallway again?

Mr. Ellsworth and another Board Member would wait in the hallways with parents and the next group of kids waiting for their time slots.

Mr. King noted that he couldn't be at tryouts.

Mr. De Pew questioned what would happen if a kid showed up to register on the Saturday of tryouts?

Mr. Ellsworth noted that once tryouts started at 9am, they couldn't accept anymore kids for Majors.

Mr. De Pew noted that as soon as the tryouts were over they would do the draft with the 4 Major Managers. The kids who didn't get selected for a Major team would then go to Evaluations the following weekend to see where they would be placed.

Mr. Kenney noted that the Yankees had 5 returning players, so they had 7 picks. The Tigers had 6 returning players so they would get 6 picks. The Pirates had 3 remaining players, so they would get 9 picks and the Dodgers had 12 returning players, so they didn't get any picks. This left 22 slots available.

Mr. Ellsworth noted that he looked up the rules on which round siblings and children of managers needed to get selected. Mr. Stange's children were to be picked in the 4th and 5th rounds.

Mr. De Pew wanted clarification on if siblings needed to be picked or not.

Mr. Ellsworth wanted to know if a Manager had a child on their team whose sibling was trying out for Majors and the Manager didn't pick the sibling, wouldn't the Manager feel bad about not picking them?

Mr. Hickey (audience member and Manager of the Major Yankees) noted that if a kid isn't ready for Majors, they aren't ready and would be better off getting more experience in a lower level.

Mrs. McCarthy wanted clarification- if a child is League Age 9 they had to try out for Majors?

Mr. De Pew noted that the League Rule says that they have to try out. If they don't show up, Major/Minors is out of the picture and they go back down to Coach Pitch.

EVALUATIONS:

Mr. De Pew noted that he wouldn't be able to make the Evaluations.

The Board decided that the following times would be set up by age:

9-9:15am: 5yo evaluations

9:15-10am: 6yo evaluations

10-11am: 7yo evaluations

11am-12pm-8yo & up evaluations

Mr. Ellsworth noted that if a kid doesn't show up to evaluations they would be placed on Coach Pitch (CP).

Mr. Stange would bring the equipment, and Mrs. Stange would post the time slots on the website. Mrs. McCarthy, Mr. Kenney, and Mrs. Stange would split up the list and make phone calls to tell the parents what time slot to have their child there.

UNIFORMS:

Mr. De Pew noted that DC Sports is about exactly the same price as Anaconda Kaye's (AK), but it's easier to deal with AK. His goal is to order the Major uniforms the Sunday after try outs. He also noted that the sponsor name on the back does cost less than the child's last name and sleeve sponsor logo. Did the Board want to go with that option to save money this year?

Mr. King didn't think it would be fair for the League to raise the registration prices and then take away the kids' names on the back of their jerseys.

Mr. Ellsworth questioned about giving the Major players their names, but not the younger kids? This would give the younger levels something to work towards?

Mrs. Beatty thought all kids should have their names on their shirts.

Mr. De Pew motioned to use AK as the League's uniform supplier for 2104 and go with the pricing the League was quoted for names on the back and sponsor logo on the sleeve. Seconded by Mr. Paley. All Members present, in favor.

Mr. De Pew clarified the Major sponsors. Dodgers: Brush Construction, Pirates: Eight Point Construction, Tigers: Ace Hardware, and they would figure out the Yankees after Tryouts.

DISTRICT NEWS:

Mr. Ellsworth noted that Hurley LL is trying to combine with Kingston American and Kingston Colonial. Hurley says that they won't have enough kids if they don't. The Kingston High Varsity Coach wants to have all of Kingston play together so they can go to Williamsport. The combination wouldn't happen until next year because Hurley didn't go through the proper procedures this year.

Mr. De Pew questioned what the time frame was for something like this?

Mr. Ellsworth noted that it should be done prior to registration.

Mr. De Pew noted that the All Stars in the Triple A Division will be playing against these teams.

Mr. Culwell (member of audience and Tigers' Manager) noted that Triple A is only for teams who haven't won in the last 10 years.

FUNDRAISING:

Mrs. Beatty noted that she needed to meet with Jessica Gaydos to go over the sign sponsorships to make sure she has all the updated information on them. The sponsorship price for team sponsors went up this year to \$125 and sign renewals and \$225 for a first time sign.

Modell's Coupons are Friday April 11th-May 18th. The League gets 5% back and there is no overhead. She is just waiting to hear from someone on when she can pick up the coupons.

Tag Day will be April 12th from 8-4pm. Asking for volunteers to cover 1/2 hour to hour long shifts.

Cleat Swap will be started at Tryouts.

Texas Road House fundraiser will be held in June because there is a lot of stuff going on and Mrs. Beatty doesn't want to burden parents with too many fundraisers all at once.

Mrs. De Pew noted that she would get the packets from Hoffman Car Wash for that fundraiser and hand out the Apparel Fundraiser info at Tryouts with an explanation of how it works.

Mr. De Pew noted that he would order 24 IVLL hats and 12 IVLL visors to sell opening day to be sold at \$10 and \$8 respectively.

OPENING DAY:

Mr. De Pew wanted to know what everyone thought about turning Opening Day Ceremonies into a sort of community day. He spoke to Kerhonkson Fire Company and they would have a truck there to do demonstrations.

The Outpost BBQ guy will be there from 11-4pm and have 2 different options- a sandwich and a side and a dinner and two sides. They haven't firmed up prices yet, but the League should make at least \$3 off of every meal sold.

The Board discussed if the concession stand should be open while the BBQ guy was there. They decided that they should keep the stand open for the kids and people that didn't want to buy the BBQ options, but wouldn't sell nachos.

Mr. Ellsworth noted that the League would not be handing out hot dogs at the end of games this year. It is a big hassle to get them ready and there is too much waste involved.

Mrs. McCarthy motioned to leave the concession stand open on Opening Day, but to only sell hotdogs as their 'hot food' option on that day as to not compete with the BBQ guy. Seconded by Mr. De Pew. All Members present, in favor.

Mr. De Pew noted that vendors would be charged \$25 per spot. All teams will play on Opening Day.

Mr. De Pew motioned to sell spots to vendors for \$25 on Opening Day. There would be 8 vendors. Seconded by Mrs. McCarthy. All Members present, in favor.

FIELD MOWING:

Mr. Stange noted that they hadn't received any returned bids for mowing.

Mr. Ellsworth works with Chip Lezzer, who did the mowing last year. He said that he didn't receive a letter.

Mr. Stange noted that he mailed a bid request to him. He also called 5 or 6 people, but there were only 3 interested.

Mr. Stange noted that they could wait a couple more weeks and decide via email as a Board on who to choose.

Mr. Stange further noted that the League has an estimate from Tru Green who does the field spraying and Mr. Ellsworth just needs to sign the contract and get it back them. They would come out 2 times between April and June for spraying for weed control and fertilizer and the total for the season would be \$870. The field needs to be closed for 2 days (including the day of spraying).

Mr. Stange motioned to for the League to enter into the contract with Tru Green for weed and insect control for \$870, and noted that it is less than it was last year as last year was the initial set up. Motioned seconded by Mr. Paley. All Members present in favor.

CONCESSION STAND:

Mrs. McCarthy questioned how much the concession stand made last year?

Mr. De Pew noted that after expenses it grossed about \$2,500.

Mrs. Beatty noted that she used Facebook to get feedback from people as to what they wanted to see sold this year. People complained about having soda-- so they were going to do away with Mt. Dew. Yoo Hoo is very expensive, so they were doing away with that as well. She and Mrs. McCarthy went to Sam's Club to price things out. Sodas could be purchased for .38 a can and sold for \$1 and Gatorade was .65 a bottle and sold for \$1.50.

Mr. De Pew noted that the off colors of Gatorade were even cheaper.

Mr. Culwell noted that they never have sugar free Gatorade in the stand- could they get that?

Mrs. Beatty noted that they would sell water, seltzer, diet Pepsi, Pepsi, Sprite and Arizona Green and Iced Teas. They were also going to try and sell juice boxes for the younger kids this year.

The Board agreed that ice pops could be handed out at the end of games as it was already discussed that there was a lot of money lost on the hot dogs and drinks at the end of the game.

Mrs. Beatty noted that a lot of people wanted hamburgers, so they were going to try them out n a trial basis and sell them for \$2.00 each. After the price of the bun and hamburger, they should make \$1.37 profit on each one sold.

Hot dogs came out to .48 per hotdog. They could purchase a 30 pack for \$8.98

Mr. De Pew noted that Wal-Mart sells a 50 count for under .40 a hotdog.

Mrs. Beatty noted that they were going to get Gogurts and freeze them, string cheese and some more healthy type options and have them available this year. All the kids want something from the concession stand, and parents would be more willing them buy them something if it wasn't all junk food. They were also going to get rid of chili in the can as well as bubble tape.

The concession stand workers were going to get \$20 per game. Mr. De Pew noted that the field person on duty would be the only person to handle the money at the end of the night. He noted that the League should get a safe to keep the money in until someone can make a deposit.

Mr. Paley noted that deposits could be made about every other day.

The Board all agreed that the League should invest in a drop box safe for the game money. Mr. Culwell would look into prices for the safe and get back to the Board.

OTHER MATTERS:

RVLL SOFTBALL:

Mr. De Pew questioned if we had any girls that were League Age 9-12? Rondout Valley LL needed 5 more girls to make one more team (they had 2 teams-- 31 girls).

Mr. Ellsworth noted that IVLL would need to charter a team if any girls from our District went to play in Rondout.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE:

Mr. De Pew noted that the Kerhonkson Fire Company is having their Memorial Day Parade on May 30th.

Mr. Ellsworth noted that the Town of Rochester is holding theirs on May 26th.

MEETINGS:

Mr. Kenney wanted to know when the Board Meetings started getting changed? The February Meeting got changed from the 3rd Monday to the 4th Monday.

Mr. Ellsworth noted that they have always been the 3rd Monday of the month. They change them form time to time when there will not be a quorum. That one meeting in Feb. was a special case.

The next meeting would be April 21st.

KES GYM:

Mr. Culwell wanted to know when the KES gym was open to use.

Mr. Ellsworth noted that it was available now. The League had Mondays from 6:30pm and every other week night at 5pm. If something breaks in the gym, please let him know.

COACHING CLINIC:

Mr. Ellsworth noted that the Rondout Athletic Director, Al Baker has offered to put on a coaching clinic. The Board could revisit this once all the coaches were in place.

THOMAS STANGE QUESTION:

Mr. Stange wanted to be clear on what round he needed to pick his sons in the draft. Was it 5 & 6, or 4 & 5?

As all of the Major Managers were present, they discussed this and agreed that Terrence and Jacob Stange would be picked in the 5th & 6th round.

SIBLINGS THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN PICKED:

Mr. Hickey wanted to know if he had a practice now, was it alright to invite siblings even though they aren't officially drafted yet?

Mr. Ellsworth noted that they were covered by League Insurance.

Everyone was fine with this.

EQUIPMENT:

Mr. Ellsworth would email Mrs. Bowman to go over the equipment situation and where they stood.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. De Pew motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Ellsworth. All Members Present in favor.

As there was no other business, at 9:00PM President Ellsworth adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,


Becky Stange, Secretary