Shaler Area Little League Board Meeting Minutes

November 12th, 2019

Members in present/absent

President - Dave Hymowitz -present

Vice Pres - Pat Murray - present

Treas - Quinn McGuire - present

Sec - Doug Bartolowits - present

Slow Pitch Commissioner - Maria Mehlhoff - present

Fast Pitch Commissioner - Jim Krummert - present

Tball - Instruct Commissoner - Dave Lorence - present

Farm - LL Commissioner - Mark Perez - present

Pony - Colt Commissioner - Greg McDonald - absent

Softball Equip Manager - Ray Clarke - absent

Baseball Equip Manager - Matt Griffin - present

Concessions Manager - Mike Rothmeyer - present

Ways and Means / Asst Treasurer - Amy Bonati - present

All Fields Manager - Nick Beatty - present

1. Field clean-up efforts on Saturday the 9th were successful. All field boxes/sheds were cleaned up. (I got to the meeting in the middle of the discussion but it sounded as if this effort was successful). Matt Griffen said he would pull anything of value out of the Ellen Hughes box along with the lock.
2. Dave touched upon our active fields that SALL will maintain moving forward: Burchfield (2), Crawshaw (2)(upper and lower fields, probably not Jeffrey), Richter (2), Farrell (1), Stoneridge (1), Scott Pony (1) totaling 9 fields.
3. Field managers for said fields: JJ – Richter, Greg Mac or Quinn – Stoneridge, Dave H. – Burchfield, Matt Griffin – Farrell, Nick Beatty – Crawshaw. Field managers will be in charge of anything needed for the field. Nick will serve also as field manager head. Saturday, March 28th will be a mandatory field clean-up day for all coaches playing on their appointed fields.
4. New voting positions: Dave H. proposed new voting positions: to be raised and discussed for next meeting. Questions were raised on whether this requires an amendment to by-laws.
5. Concessions: Mike, Dave, and Sarah discussed Richter and Burchfield concessions. Work at Richter is required (plywood on ceiling to prevent dust from falling on food, installation of a sink). Drop safe was also suggested at Richter. Eliminating fried foods at Richter concession and working on standardizing menu for both to run congruently.
6. Baseball:
   1. Does SALL stay in SABA? Dave suggested staying in SABA. Matt G. reported on meeting with Hampton, Deer Lakes, BMP, McCandles and NH. That league would like to have a competitive / non-competitive or all-stars/in-house divisions. Board had concerns that this would discourage community ball feel. Certainly would like to play with those organizations but not in that way. Vote was put on the floor for SALL baseball up to the farm level stay in SABA and for LL to continue to play in NH league as last years’ LL division did. This other avenue could be good option for Sunday league teams.
   2. Quinn reported that SALL has $154.00 to apply to umpire fees next year with Dave Gregory.
7. Events/Fundraising: consideration for other events: SALL 5k, mini-golf, wiffle ball tournament, kickball, monte-carlo/night at the races, kids bingo. Not to do ALL but find about 4 solid events we can do to make money. SALL will no longer do cabana night. Golf outing this year will be 10th annual and will want to make it big.
8. Calendar: Dave H. proposed the calendar dates for the year. Some dates TBD or subject to change. Will want to get this on website for all people to access. Question raised on the tournament team tryouts for all softball and baseball divisions. Is this date too late in order to get jerseys ordered etc.? Suggestion to have a sign-up for summer ball via blue sombrero? Make-up in-person registration date conflicts with shaler basketball tournament at the middle school.
9. Online Communication/Social Media
   1. Website: Front page content was updated this summer/fall with pictures of the spring and summer seasons. Sponsor page was updated. Team and Divisions Fact sheet was added. Some links still don’t have content and could be useful (IE Coaches corner page, fields page, teams page, etc.) JJ offered to help out with content management and updates. Agreed not to do any major overhaul of the site. Also JJ and Doug to discuss social media aspect.
   2. Blue Sombrero is now Sports Connect. Now charging $3 per registration. This effects total cost for parents.
10. Registration: concerns were raised for registration fees with $3 increase charged by Sports Connect. Motion was made on the floor by Pat Murray to lower the cost of registration by $3. 2nd by Jim Krummert. I’s had the vote.
11. Proposed budget was discussed: highlights include: baseball/softball academics, equipment, money for field managers, events, concessions and administrative costs. This to be reviewed and voted upon next month.
12. Insurance renewal, Quinn will get with Greg Mac.
13. Matt Griffin will submit flyer for Peach Jar (online school portal). Fees will be around $200.