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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2016

Time: 6:30 PM Erlingheuser Room, City Hall

Regular Meeting:

1. Roll Call:

- Members Present: Colleen Rondon, Kurt Haas, Henry Rondon, Baron Jones, Steve Tamburrino, Charlie Revere, Chris Sherman, Keith Maynard, Melissa Haas
- Members Absent: Chris Ahearn, Marc Cornish, Joe Czajkowski, Joe Pinto, Chris Saddler, Brad Zealor

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes from 6/13/16 Meeting – approved unanimously.

4. Public Session – no one present

5. Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer not present, report to be sent at later date.

6. Baseball Report

- 12U All Star – Played two district games, Union City pickup games were played after districts; 11U All Star – played two district games; 9-10 All Star – Played five district games, currently in PJ Foley Tournament.
- Parent asked if 9-10's could keep playing after PJ Foley. Discussion: Problems with scheduling other teams, football conflicts, special games form would have to be filled out and submitted to district. Kurt to email Dan Lynch telling him that parent expressed interest.
- Future/Rising Stars wrapping up this week.

7. Softball Report

- All Star team went four games; took 2nd place.
- Issues with microphone during All Stars – to be looked into.
- Concession stands (Nolan/Nelligan) did well for games we hosted.
- All Star uniforms – pants did not fit many girls again. Pants were wrong sizes, not what ordered. Colleen will look into this.

9. Fall Ball Registration

- Three in-person dates, first next Tues 7/26 (6-8 pm) at Nolan (Melissa, Colleen to attend; 7/30 at Nelligan (Steve T, Charlie to attend); 8/9 at Nolan (Colleen, need more board members).
- On line registration – Colleen was able to set up. Colleen will work with players agents to check on ages for each division.

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- Colleen will send email to league regarding registration.
 - Colleen worked on website, goal is by end of year to get rid of Eteamz. Web address is: www.ansonialittleleague.org
 - Baron to look into giving us access to website QU students designed.
10. Concession Stand pricing and stocking
- Discussion: Prices were made uniform between baseball/softball. Some prices adjusted. Colleen will create new pricing sheet based on our discussion.
 - Motion made and seconded to accept prices as adjusted - approved unanimously.
11. End of Season Celebration 2017
- We have received positive feedback on 2016 Quassy Day.
 - Discussion on booking Quassy for next year: Can we book date and cancel later? Deposit had to be put down last time. Board members positive about experience. Discussion of food again, few families got there later than food. We will as Quassy if they can start serving food later. Colleen will ask about reserving date now without deposit. All agreed to try to book 6/11/17.
12. Accommodating parent requests for teams
- By laws/Little League rules: Only language about accommodating families so they can have kids on same teams. No additional info about accommodating requests.
 - We tell people we will try to accommodate.
 - Discussion on how Future/Rising Stars chosen: Teams chosen based on age/experience/talent. Coaches had input in addition to Chris Saddler's. Not all survey replies were accurate, some parents could not commit later. Future Stars: Didn't have enough for two teams, had to have one.
13. Rec Board/Director/Public Works Update
- Rec Board hasn't met in two months.
 - Public Works did great job getting fields ready. After Fall Ball, we will request that public works cut out grass from pitching mound to home at Nolan. Suggestion made to turn bleachers to face field at Nolan.
14. Equipment Update
- Equipment sign out sheet to be printed on carbon paper. Draft form: Add bases and pitch counter. To be used for fall ball.
15. Expenses
- a. Proposed expenses –
 - > District tournament fees (\$200 per team, credit in Little League account so final amount was approximately \$537)
 - > PJ Foley tournament fees (\$550)
 - > Valley Pride Shirts (total unknown)
 - > Future Stars/Rising Stars uniforms
 - > Accountant
 - > Nelligan Concession Stand cleaning (Hood at Nelligan should be periodically cleaned, Joe Pinto looking into that)
 - > Safes for concession stands - Due to \$35 being unaccounted for after game at Nolan, proposal made to get safes for concession stands. New system would be to leave \$60-70 loose in cash boxes after games, rest put safe deposit slots in sealed envelopes. Safes priced at about \$70, can be bolted into wall/cabinet. Proposal made and seconded to spend up to \$100 for each – approved unanimously.

- Coffeemaker for Nelligan - Proposal made and seconded to spend up to \$100 for coffee/water maker – approved unanimously.
- b. Reimbursements - Concession Stand Restocking. Colleen - \$507.31. Motion made and seconded to approve - approved unanimously.

16. New business:

- Discussion of end of season party for coaches and board members. Could be about 75-90 adults. Possible date: Friday Aug 12th. Chris Sherman to look into Bricks/Barley, Porky's, The Hops Company. Chris Sherman to email board by end of week.
- Question raised: Should we have one registration for whole year like soccer to bring numbers up? Discussion: Incentive is gone to come back for spring season. Alternative could be to give discount for fall ball if played in spring. We need to look at why softball numbers are going down while baseball numbers going up. We did send reps from our board to Derby board meeting at their request – no issues raised.
- Charlie looking into 9-10 Fusion travel team. Issue raised – don't have enough players to maintain both Little League and travel team.
- Point made that tee ball program needs to be developed. Talked about fields being played on, making tee ball more fun.
- Little League issues raised this year: communication, consistency of schedules. Some parents not getting league emails. Setting consistent practice days important to parents.
- Clinics – Steve will get some info on pitching clinics for softball. Discussion on pitching clinics – bringing in specialty coaches, offering to certain number of players (1st come 1st serve), charging small amount to keep players invested. Clinics that are set up in stations are more active. Getting high school teams to come in on certain days has been successful for baseball – look into this for softball.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.