

## Lincoln Little League

### Board Meeting

February 6, 2024

#### Minutes

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Craig Kersey at 6:07pm.
2. **Members Present:** Craig Kersey, Rachel Parks, Chris Annicella, Susanna Maldonado, Paul Vanderschrier, Amber Hawley, Nidia Goodell, Mark Amioka, Kendrick Kiefert, Lars Ronten, Noah Zaputil, Fabiola Balderas, Claudia Soto, Stephanie Garcia, Danny Kirk, Todd Benzel
3. **Members Absent:** Patrick Winters, James Walker, Jessica Howard, Brian Briley, Jake Hanson, Stephan Bisland, Kaushal Diwan, Vanessa Garibay, Kristy West
4. **Non-Members Present:** Daniel Elmer, Brittany Elmer, Terry Bonnin, Nick Freitas
5. **Approve Minutes:**

There was a motion by Paul Vanderschrier with a second by Stephanie Garcia to approve the January special meeting minutes. This was board approved.
6. **Financial Update:** Chris Annicella- a detailed report was sent via email
  - a. The CD has earned \$1500. This has been rolled over for 3 months.
  - b. Overall, the account is looking good. Currently, \$10K shy in revenue because of smaller registration numbers than previously projected. The offset in revenue should be balanced by the smaller amounts that will need to be spent on upcoming costs in areas like uniforms, as one example.
  - c. The league is going to need money to pay for the scoreboard install.
  - d. Claudia is waiting on a budget for Opening Day.
  - e. We have about \$15,000 in sponsorships.
7. **Assessment Review @ Designated Hitter:**
  - a. It cost \$1100 to rent.
  - b. Cons: hard to hear, did not allow for pop-up drills, parents complained that there was only one day to come: a Saturday would have been better, hard to get an idea of a players' capability to throw longer distances
  - c. Pros: got it all done in one day
  - d. Suggestions: get a digital display for easier reading of players' numbers or get better stickers with a printed number

**8. Opening Day:**

- a. Opening Day will now be held at Potter's Stadium. We have to be out by 1pm. The timing of all the events is still being worked out.
- b. The committee is still working on gathering prices with a consideration of the cancellation fee in case of rain on Opening Day.
- c. The committee is also weighing the possibility of purchasing some of the entertainment options if it is cheaper. Will have to consider things like, generators and insurance concerns.
- d. The committee is working on game ideas to appeal to the older kids.
- e. There was a suggestion to ask the local PTCs for vendor lists that are already city approved.
- f. There is a plan for a Dunk A Manager/Coach/Umpire that will work as a fundraiser for the league.
- g. The board got to see a sample of the swag bag that players will receive on Opening Day.
- h. Craig passed out incentive tokens to board members to encourage our core values. 1 Token=\$1 at the snack bar.
- i. Stephanie Garcia shared the newest spirit wear that will be available for the youth. The shirts will have the LLL logo on the front and the core values on the back.

**9. Voting in New Board Members:**

- a. There was a motion by Noah Zaputil with a second by Claudia Soto to approve Daniel Elmer as Single A Player Agent, Brittany Elmer as Snack Bar Coordinator, and Nick Freitas as AA Player Agent. This was board approved.

**10. Game Changer: See attached slides for all of Kaushal's information**

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1E\\_4SLF8deTNN2z11fLnwKgg9cCjnzpmlLNNqYuiZi0c/mobilepresent?slide=id.p](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1E_4SLF8deTNN2z11fLnwKgg9cCjnzpmlLNNqYuiZi0c/mobilepresent?slide=id.p)

- a. After Kaushal Diwan has used Game Changer on a trial basis, he is suggesting LLL use the program for score keeping in AAA, Majors. Juniors could use it, if desired.
- b. The primary reason for using Game Changer is for players to have insight to their personal stats.
- c. Game Changer is a free app but with limited access without a subscription.
- d. There were concerns about user error and that affecting the consistency of stats. It was also brought up that scorekeeping has always been a volunteer parent. We shouldn't need to change that.
- e. Another concern is tracking scheduling on both Game Changer and Team Sideline throughout the season. Terry Bonnin let the board know that Little League International is requiring the use of Sports Connect beginning next year.
- f. There was a motion by Craig Kersey and a second by Chris Annicella to buy one \$75 license on Game Changer. This was board approved.

**11. General Discussion:**

- a. Craig Kersey is suggesting a new board position titled Technology Coordinator. This would be a person with an understanding of technology to help run all the league's tech needs. Craig will write up a job description and look for the places that might overlap with other board positions. Craig will have a role description written for the next board meeting.
- b. Kendrick Kiefert- Some bases at LC have gone missing. We need to be mindful of codes and locking supplies and equipment up.
- c. Player Agents need to reach out to their coaches and remind them that their division Player Agent is their point person for questions.
- d. There is a field clean up day in the works for volunteers to sign up.
- e. Lars Ronten wanted to know more about sponsorships. Jersey sponsors were needed within the next day (this timing has since passed). We were at about \$15,000 with a goal of \$20,000. There is still time to be a banner sponsor. It was suggested that we put banners on other fields in addition to McBean.
- f. There have been communications with an electrician to help with the scoreboard installation.
- g. Paul Vanderschrier shared there will be a rules clinic on Feb 18, 1-4pm at Rocklin Library. This is mandatory for all upper divisions.
- h. An umpire clinic will be held on Feb 25 and March 3.
- i. Brittany Elmer suggested a Parents Night Out fundraiser in the future.

**12. Next Meeting:** Monday, March 4, 2024 @6pm, Brick n Barrel

**13. Meeting adjourned at:** 7:46pm