

Lincoln Little League

Board Meeting

March 4, 2024

Minutes

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Craig Kersey at 6:08pm.
2. **Members Present:** Craig Kersey, Patrick Winters, Rachel Parks, Chris Annicella, Susanna Maldonado, Paul Vanderschrier, Amber Hawley, Kaushal Diwan, Jake Hanson, Mark Amioka, Kendrick Kiefert, Noah Zaputil, Fabiola Balderas, Claudia Soto, Danny Kirk, Kristy West, Todd Benzel, Daniel Elmer, Brittany Elmer
3. **Members Absent:** James Walker, Nidia Goodell, Jessica Howard, Lars Ronten, Stephan Bisland, Vanessa Garibay, Stephanie Garcia, Nick Freitas
4. **Approve Minutes:**
There was a motion by Paul Vanderschrier with a second by Amber Hawley to approve the February meeting minutes. This was board approved.
5. **Financial Update:** Chris Annicella
 - a. Current finances look good. Giving notice of bigger purchases is appreciated.
6. **Juniors Division:**
 - a. Interleague mercy rule: 10 runs after 4.5 innings
 - b. Game length: 2 hr 15 min time limit. There will need to be an addendum written into the interleague rules.
 - c. Uploading for Team Sideline: Rocklin is linked to Team Sideline. Host team needs to provide umpires. Scoring is done by visiting team- managers will need to know this.
 - d. Scoring and Pitch Count: Currently unsure who keeps and enters the information into Team Sideline. It is being looked into. Note: Juniors Division does not have to use Game Changer.

7. Scorebook:

- a. The question of keeping a written scorebook along with the records in Game Changer was brought up. Discussion revealed that Game Changer has the ability to print the scorekeeping records for each game.
- b. Accountability for scoring will be based on managers agreeing to the end score as it is posted on Team Sideline. The posting of the score requires the numbers to match. Observers of the game also have the ability to follow the scoring on their phones through Game Changer. At Larry Costa field where there is a box, both the scorekeeper and the person controlling the scoreboard will sit in the box for scoring accountability. The use of a paper scorebook is optional.
- c. Clarification is needed on how Game Changer tracks pitch count for accurate number of rest days needed for the pitchers.

8. Defensive Substitutions:

- a. If a manager needs to make an outfield substitution, the manager will come to home plate to report the substitutions to the umpire. The umpire will tell the scorekeeper.

9. All-Star Selection: A google slide-deck was sent to board members for review

- a. Members of the board need to review the slide deck sent by Kaushal over GroupMe. You can view it by logging in under your board credentials. At this point, Kaushal welcomes feedback based on his proposal for All-Star selections moving forward and the board will revisit the topic at the next meeting where there can be an official vote.
- b. The board recognizes that there needs to be a proactive approach to selecting the All-Star Managers. Mid-April Susanna will send an email to managers to gather a list of those interested in managing an All-Star team. The selected managers should be watching during the final games to get a good grasp on which players are top choices for an All-Star team. Conversations should be happening between Managers for informational purposes on players' skill level.

10. Sponsorship Plaques from 2023

- a. Each board member took 2-3 plaques to pass out around town.

11. Old Town Pizza Dine Out Fundraiser Update

- a. The league made \$484.03 and the raffle ticket drop off was successful.

12. Opening Day Update

- a. Set up will begin at 6am. Players and managers need to arrive at 8am. Goodie bags will be handed out to managers to distribute to their players during this time. 9am the teams will walk the bases. T-ball will begin the walk around and be followed in order by division. The first game begins at 10:30 as the ceremony ends. There will be a Facebook live for most of the raffle prizes. The top 3 prizes will be announced at Opening Day.
- b. There will be no food trucks so the snack bar needs to be fully stocked and staffed. A volunteer sign up has been created, but not posted at this time.
- c. Player Agents need to communicate to managers that it is the managers' responsibility to manage their players actions and conduct at any time that they have their players under their supervision.

13. Vote to Spend Money on Twelve Bridges Fields 2 & 3

- a. City of Lincoln has approved phase 1 of making the fields at 12 Bridges more versatile and able to accommodate different divisions of baseball. The changes will require 4-5 days of work only after some time of dry weather. This may require the rescheduling of a few games.
- b. Phase 1 will include changing the fields to dirt fields with 50ft and 60ft pegs to accommodate farm, Single A, AA and potentially AAA. The proposed cost is \$67,000. The money is already in the account. Future sponsorships could have banners put up on these fields.
- c. LLL is investing in a city park for the benefit of the league and the players. Future phases could include concrete, bleachers, and dugouts.
- d. There was a motion by Craig Kersey and a second by Jake Hanson to approve the spending on Phase 1 of the Twelve Bridges Fields 2 and 3. This was board approved.

14. General Discussion:

- a. Craig Kersey- New sizes for board jerseys are available. Please wear these jerseys at Opening Day and when you attend games. He also purchased more hats to sell as spirit wear.
- b. Chris Annicella- One of the L-frames in the batting cages is rusted out. Mark Amioka will pick out a new option.
- c. Jake Hanson- Batting cages are not currently restricted to or from any divisions. However, on days when there is a Majors game or a Juniors game, those teams have priority the hour before their game and those time slots are blocked out on the booking schedule.
- d. Managers need have signed code of conduct agreements, medical forms, and a \$150 volunteer check from each player before the player can receive their hat and jersey. Managers, assistant coaches, and team parents do not need to turn in a check.
- e. Paul Vanderschrier- Umpire training went well. 48 umpires trained on the first date and 42 trained on the second date. There was good feedback and William Jessup did well as a host for the training. There will be another in a month or two. An email went out to umpires about a parent meeting on Friday, March 8, 2024 @ 5pm located at Larry Costa Field. Uniform shirts and hats will be passed out at this meeting.

- f. The next District 11 meeting is Thursday, March 14 in Auburn- 11610 Atwood Rd Auburn (St Joseph Catholic School). This is the last one for the season. The more LLL board members that come, the better it looks for the league.
- g. Todd Benzel- Suggestion of a fun get together for board members to meet, bond, and get to know each other more. In May there is a Volunteer Dinner event that District 11 hosts in Auburn for everyone to enjoy.
- h. Board members and Managers need to be aware that GroupMe does not work for everyone. Be aware, if it seems like your messages are being ignored, it might not be working correctly.

15. **Next Meeting:** Monday, April 8, 2024 @ 6pm, Brick N Barrel

16. **Meeting adjourned at:** 7:56pm