

Lincoln Little League

Board Meeting

May 6, 2024

Minutes

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Craig Kersey at 6:06pm.
2. **Members Present:** Craig Kersey, Rachel Parks, Susanna Maldonado, Amber Hawley, Nidia Goodell, Kaushal Diwan, Kendrick Kiefert, Stephan Bisland, Noah Zaputil, Stephanie Garcia, Fabiola Balderas, Danny Kirk, Todd Benzel, Daniel Elmer, Brittany Elmer
3. **Members Absent:** Patrick Winters, Chris Annicella, Paul Vanderschrier, James Walker, Jessica Howard, Jake Hanson, Mark Amioka, Lars Ronten, Vanessa Garibay, Claudia Soto, Kristy West, Nick Freitas
4. **Non-Members Present:** Adam Cook
5. **Approve Minutes:**

There was a motion by Amber Hawley with a second by Daniel Elmer to approve the April meeting minutes. This was board approved.
6. **Financial Update:** Chris Annicella
 - a. Due to Chris' absence, no financial update was given.
7. **All-Stars:**
 - a. Lincoln is hosting the 10s All-Stars. Nick Freitas, as the 10s All-Star Manager, will head the committee. There will need to be at least one (this can be run as a partnership) board member named the Tournament Director to run all official documentation for the tournament.
 - b. Over the next couple weeks decision will need to be made. Planning for the tournament includes check-in systems, umpires, clean up crews, snack bar, music, etc.
 - c. LLL is looking to use the same photographer from spring photos for All-Stars. The company is offering an \$18 option and a \$14 option. Craig Kersey is working on a date for pictures based on team selections and uniforms.
 - d. Yard signs: Todd Benzel is going to quote 2 companies. We need to know price and timing.

8. Majors Time Limits:

- a. Majors have a 2-hour time limit. At 1 hr 25 min there will be no new innings. Games must continue moving, especially on Saturdays. Managers need to support the umpires in their decision to call a game. Next season there can be a review of the rules and at that time adjustments can be made.

9. Field Designation Proposal:

- a. There was a suggestion that LLL designates Larry Costa as a Majors only field. There are scheduling concerns with limited field options. This is a topic that can be discussed again for next season.

10. Snack Bar Volunteers:

- a. There is a concern that there will be a large drop off in snack bar volunteers after the younger players end their season. There was a suggestion to make it a requirement that parents to All-Star players volunteer in the snack bar. At next month's meeting the board needs to decide on these requirements.
- b. The board will decide if in next season a portion of the volunteer hours need to be fulfilled in the snack bar. Any rules regarding volunteer hours can be made in Aug-Oct board meetings.
- c. All fields and snack bars will be used during TOC. Nidia Goodell will send Brittany Elmer the TOC schedule for snack bar planning.
- d. \$1 snack bar tokens: More tokens were handed out to board members. Brittany Elmer will track the tokens.

11. Volunteer Hours:

- a. Fabiola Balderas is going to touch base with all the team parents about the volunteer hours. The board will need updated lists of the parents that have completed their hours. Any parents that have not completed hours will need to complete them by July 8 or their check will be cashed. Susanna Maldonado will help by sending emails to remind parents with multiple follow ups.

12. Volunteer Dinner:

- a. 24 LLL volunteers are going to the dinner. LLL needs to provide 2-3 baskets to be auctioned off. Fabiola Balderas is going to create the baskets.

13. Volunteer/Umpire/Manager of the Year Nomination:

- a. Nominations for a volunteer are due immediately to jpd11da@gmail.com. The nominations are not limited to board members.

14. End of Season Movie Night Fundraiser:

- a. In mid to late July LLL will host a family movie event at Larry Costa field. The event coordinators of LLL will begin to plan for food and entertainment. There will be a small charge (\$5). Craig Kersey has a contact to get the license needed to show a movie.

15. Larry Costa Lighting:

- a. There are concerns that the left field light is shining in the 1st baseman's face. There is also a dark space in the outfield. LLL will work toward fixing it before All-Stars.

16. General Discussion:

- a. Guest Adam Cook shared concerns that Single A teams do not have equitable batting time. The board will review the rules in Aug.
- b. Adam Cook requested AA TOC dates. They will be available in a few days. There has been a delay due to rain. The league aims to end TOC when school ends.
- c. If anyone needs clarification on rules they are to go to their player agent. If there are concerns about a Manager's ability to follow the rules, reach out to the player agent. The player agent will bring the concern to the board and the board will address the Manager's misconduct. It should be noted that TOC will go by league rules.
- d. LLL wants to look into All-Star spirit wear so the league gets a % from the sales.
- e. All-Star Managers have been decided:
 - i. Juniors- Coleman
 - ii. 12s- Hunter
 - iii. 11s- Hanson
 - iv. 10s- Freidas
- f. The snack bar is testing out a breakfast sandwich.
- g. Suggestion: It would be beneficial to have a daily post on social media. There could be a spotlighted board member to share what they do for the league.
- h. On the 4th of July sponsors get field space to watch the fireworks. Does LLL want to have the snack bar open? Is security needed?
- i. Kendrick Kiefert is going to look at the BBQ to try and repair it.
- j. LLL is considering upping the volunteer cost to compete with other neighboring leagues.
- k. Kendrick Kiefert requests more field maintenance members for next season.
- l. Todd Benzel suggested a plan to provide more parking for board members at Larry Costa field. This is city owned land. The city would need to approve any changes.
- m. Sprit wear will soon have youth hoodies.
- n. Game observer needs will continue to be posted in the LLL board chat.

17. Next Meeting: Monday, June 3, 2024 @ 6pm, Brick N Barrel

18. Meeting adjourned at: 7:51pm