



**2019-2020 Board of Directors
Board Meeting #1
Monday, October 7, 2019; 7:00pm – Stamford JCC Boardroom**

AGENDA

Attendance:

Board Members:

#	Name	Present?	#	Name	Present?
1	Rob Aiello	Y	8	John Gonzalez	Y
2	Amy Aiello	Y	9	Diane Mannello	Y
3	Bill Brucker	Y	10	Mike Noto	Y
4	Jason Dube	Y	11	Bob Pascarella	Y
5	Rebecca Docimo	Y	12	Martin Vera	Y
6	Mickey Docimo	Y	13	Roger Watson	Y
7	Adam Effren	Y	14	Joe Zinicola	Y

League Members: None

#	Agenda Item	Lead
1	Approve prior meeting draft minutes	Mike N.
2	President's report	Mike N.
3	Treasurer's report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss outstanding balances from banquet • On-line payment processing 	Bob P. Becky D.
4	Review Board roles – refer to Rob's email	Rob A.
5	Review key upcoming items and dates	Rob A.
6	Other business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting date: Monday, 10/28/19 	All
7	Adjournment	Mike N.

October 07, 2019 Minutes:

SALL Board of Directors Meeting called to order at 7:00pm at JCC Stamford

President's Report – Mike Noto

- Meeting opened by Mike Noto with a review of his last President's report – good year, a lot done more to do in 2019-2020 year
- Discussion raised regarding how to handle Stamford Little League on an ongoing basis due to dropping numbers.
- Discussion of “two” options but only one that tentatively all three Stamford Little League Presidents will get behind.
 - Option #1 - Merge SALL with Stamford National – Stamford North is not in favor of this option and will speak against it at Presidents' Meeting – *meeting of the Presidents' is TBD*
 - Option #2 - Make Stamford 1 Little League with 2 Divisions – “Vikings” (Stamford National) and “Knights” (SALL) use the High Schools as a factor to determine division you play in
 - Board Composition would need to be discussed but thoughts were raised on One Executive Committee with 2 Sub Boards representing the divisions
- Successful fielding 3 All Star Teams for Summer 2019

- Success of LaMotta – we sponsored the 12U tournament, Ridgefield helped with LaMotta, discussions to be had at the Presidents' Meeting to get Division 1 support for this event going forward
- Kane enhancements – proposing dug outs to be done for Kane and some field improvements

Treasurer Report – Bob Pascarella

- Nothing new to report from the September meeting; Net \$11k for 2019; some funds have been coming in as donations in honor of Ed Rotkewicz (\$750); other current league expenditures are fall ball umpires

2019 AAA/Majors Spring Banquet - Becky Docimo

- Reviewed the outstanding balances from the AAA/Majors Year End Banquet, attempts have been made to collect funds
- List to be given to Mike Noto with e-mails for follow up on payments

Review of Open Board Positions to assign names to roles – preference is one name per role with others in support of the role:

- President – **Mike Noto**
- Vice President – **Jason Dube**
- Secretary – **Amy Aiello** (work with Roger Watson on the transition of this role)
- Treasurer – **Bob Pascarella** (need to start working on replacement for next year)
- Player Agent(s)– **Role is open**
 - Discussion of having 2 Player Agents –
 - one for Lower Leagues (AA, A, T-ball): *John Gonzalez*;
 - one for upper leagues (AAA/Majors) – **TBD** need to find a lower level parent willing to step up or someone with a graduated player
- Safety Officer – **John Gonzalez**
- Coaching Coordinator – **Rob Aiello & Joe Zinicola**
- Information Officer – **Becky Docimo**
 - With Rob Aiello to help out with this role and support registration
- Sponsorships & Fundraising (decision was made to merge these two back into one) – **Diane Mannello & Amy Aiello**
 - This role will line up sponsors but banner hanging/removal to be moved to the Field Commissioner
- Concession Manager – **Bill Brucker**
- Field Commissioners – decision was made to split this co-role into two distinction roles:
 - **City Liaison & Permits** – responsible for our relationship with the City and BOE to help secure our field and practice space permits, confirm when fields are in use for preparations during the seasons – **Mickey Docimo**
 - **Field Operations** – check fields, get supplies to field (quick dry, chalk, etc), sponsorship banners up/down, Clean Ups and Maintenance – **Adam Effren**
- Recruiting Coordinator – **Joe Zinicola**
 - Work to get some volunteers at the school level to help us get the word out: flyers, signs and peachjar – *SALL Schools*: Newfield, Davenport, Stark, Stamford Catholic Academy (elementary/middle), Rippowam & Turn of River
- Umpire Coordinator – **Bob Pascarella** (*need to find a new candidate to shadow this year to prepare for 2020-2021*)
 - With help from Martin Vera and Mike Noto
- Equipment and Uniforms – **Martin Vera** (*need to find a new candidate to shadow this year to prepare for 2020-2021*)
- Scheduling Coordinator – **Rob Aiello**
- Division Commissioners
 - Majors – **TBD**
 - AAA – **Bill Brucker**
 - AA Ball – **TBD**
 - A Ball – **TBD**

- T-ball – **TBD**
- All Star/Spring Travel/Summer Travel B & Friendship – Not needed currently
- Fall Commissioner for 2020 – to be discussed at a later date
- **Events** will need to have different people heading up the individual events
 - Opening Day – Saturday, April 18th with Rain Date of April 19th
 - AAA/Majors Banquet – Sunday, June 7, 2020
 - Yearbook – **Becky Docimo**
 - Lower Division Closing Ceremonies – TBD
 - Team Photos – TBD
- Team Parent Coordinator – **need to define this role better for all divisions**
 - Lower levels usually help by getting snack schedule set up for Manager and helps collect money/unsold Discount Cards
 - Upper levels use this role to help get the concession stand coverage in place, helps collect money/unsold Discount Cards

Calendar Review – Reviewed some dates for the 2019 – 2020 year:

- Opening Winter Clinic Registration on October 19th and registration early bird pricing for the 9/10/11/12 will end November 16th and registration will close either when all open slots are filled or December 7th whichever comes first
 - Winter Clinics begin January 4th and 5th
- Open registration for Spring Season – December 15th with early bird pricing
- AAA/Majors Try-outs to be booked at Rippowam (if available – M.Docimo to secure this permit) or AITE – *Sunday, February 23, 2020*
- Drafts – AAA Thursday, February 27th and Majors Friday, February 28th
- Indoor practice for AAA/Majors starts in March – looking to book SHS (*M.Docimo to secure the permits for this)
- AAA/Majors game start Monday, April 13th post Spring Break (*SPS Spring Break April 4-12, 2020*)
- T-Ball, A-Ball, AA-Ball games start Saturday, April 25th
- Opening Day – Saturday, April 19th with rain date for Sunday
- Discussion around Inter-league play again this Spring – this will be put on the agenda for another meeting, Mike Noto to bring this to the Presidents’ meeting for discussion with North and National
- Stamford LL “merger”/changes what is process and approval path for this – we would need to find out what an official Little League process would be.

Fall Ball Discussion – question was raised about how Fall Ball division ages and kids “playing up” and why this is done for kids who would not potentially be in that division in the spring:

- Item needs further Board discussion and then discussion with the other Stamford leagues so that teams are consistent and matches are even
- Thought are use the Spring Baseball ages for Fall Season with the following break down:
 - 7/8 – AA
 - 9/10 – AAA rules with live ball, all kid pitch
 - 11/12 – Majors
 - Younger would be Fall Instructional Clinic

AAA/Majors Draft – brought up again changing the “freeze” number for each team

- **Current Process** – Manager choses 1st Coach ahead of time to work with in try-outs/draft which results in 2 freezes per team; all Managers/Coaches must help out/participate with Fall Clinics in order to be eligible to coach in the Spring season
- **Proposed Process for 2020:** Managers chosen for AAA/Majors teams – their child would be frozen in the draft (child will be ranked for draft level to determine freeze round); Coaches for each team determined by draft picks;
 - If proposed change is made we will need to review/update By Laws;
 - Further discussion is need on how to proceed as objections were raised about not having the manager able to pick 1st Coach prior to draft

Winter Clinics – Reviewed the information provided by Rob Aiello

- Discussed logistics –
 - 5/6 and 7/8 to be held at Davenport to facilitate set up/take down; Take place on Saturday mornings, each of these clinics have 24 max slots and cost for those clinics will be \$100 per child
 - 9/10/11/12 to be held at BVSA on Saturday or Sunday afternoons depending on date; 60 max slots open and clinic pricing will be early bird of \$125 per child (10/19 – 11/16/2019) and \$150 per child after 11/17/2019 until slots are full or registration closes on December 7th
 - Scholarships available if requested from the Mickey Leone fund
 - All board members agreed to updated pricing for 5/6, 7/8, and 9/10/11/12 Clinics to cover costs
 - Clinics begin January 4, 2020

Field Discussion –

- City offering to work on Kane – turn the field, grass in the infield, new bleachers (\$3500) – timing to be reviewed
- Work to secure Davenport full time for SALL – Mickey has letter in to Cindy Grafstein
- Vine – work to be completed shortly on that field but looking at doing fence repairs
- Discussion on what is our responsibility and what is the City's responsibility
 - City does up to the fence, we have to maintain beyond the fence
- Proposal brought up to get a landscaper to help us with field maintenance
 - Spring/Fall Clean Ups - \$135 per field per clean up – includes weeding, leaves
 - Weed control applications \$125 per application per field which should last about 3 months and not needed until the Spring (figuring 2 per field per year – Apr 1st and July 1st)
- Adam to get formal proposal to do Fall Clean up at 3 fields – Vine, Kane and Northrop
- Fall Clean Up day – looking at 1st weekend post the Fall Season ending – proposed date: *Saturday, November 2nd*; need to confirm and get out information and sign up

Next Meeting – Monday, October 28, 2019 at 7pm JCC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Minutes Passed: October 28th Board Of Directors Meeting