



**2019-2020 Board of Directors
Board Meeting
Monday, October 28, 2019; 7:00pm – Stamford JCC**

AGENDA

Attendance:

Board Members:

#	Name	Present?	#	Name	Present?
1	Rob Aiello	Y	8	John Gonzalez	N
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	N
6	Mickey Docimo	Y	13	Roger Watson	Y
7	Adam Effren	Y	14	Joe Zinicola	Y

League Members:

Attendees: ___None_____

#	Agenda Item	Lead
1	Call meeting to order and approve prior meeting minutes	Mike
2	President's report	Mike
3	Treasurer's report	Bob
4	Master Plan Report/Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does the Board need to be aware of? • Items for us to review/discuss 	Jason
5	Review key upcoming items and dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss program dates, BOD meeting dates 	Amy
6	Review Open Roles from last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss Open Commissioner Roles: T-ball, A, AA, Majors • Player Agent 	Rob
7	Field Operations and Permit Update & Discusson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Field Clean Up Day • Update on field work: Vine, other fields • Update on Landscaping proposal • Update on securing Davenport full time • Discuss Newfield Field Use - ?? historically field has been given to Softball • Permits Update for Winter Clinics, Try-outs, Winter Work-outs 	Adam / Mickey

8	Grant Opportunities -- Capital Needs?? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field Improvements – Kane Other Items that could be done if grant \$ is received? 	Bill B.
9	Fundraising & Sponsorships Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundraising Discount Cards Sponsorship Update Bishop Photo will do the signs just need to have them in “late winter” 	Amy & Diane
10	Discuss what we are going to do in honor of Emmet Samuel Manheim <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Retire” a Jersey # in his honor and hang it at Northrop, Vine, Kane Fundraiser with proceeds to benefit Childhood Cancer 	All

11	Winter Clinics Update – Registration #s <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration Oct 19 – Dec7th (or until all slots are filled) 	Rob
12	Opening Day Discussion – Need a Volunteer to Coordinate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date: Saturday, April 19th (Rain Date: Apr 20th) Pictures – do them like last year at the Davenport field separate from Opening Day or ?? 	All
13	Other business items -	All
14	Adjournment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Meeting date: Monday, November 18th at JCC 7pm 	Mike

October 28, 2019 Minutes:

SALL Board of Directors Meeting called to order at 7:10pm at JCC Stamford

President’s Report – Mike Noto

- Not much new currently to report on.
- Davenport – dirt is there but home plates are missing
- Mickey has a new contact – Cindy Grafstein and we are working to secure Davenport for SALL
- Request was made to cut down on “reply to all”
- E-mails to all with outstanding Banquest balances – money is coming in

Treasurer Report – Bob Pascarella

- Not much to report
- LL Charter has been done and fee has been paid
- Expenses currently are the Fall Ball Umpire Fees
 - 2019 we did a \$200 bonus for the Umpire In Chief for post Spring Games (Pat)
 - 2020 Board reviewed and voted a bonus payment of \$300 for Umpire in Chief for post Spring Games (Pat)
- Hope in Motion money collected was paid out
- Bob needs additional signers on the bank accounts
 - Jason D. and Mike N. will be added to the accounts
- Karp’s account – Mike D. is the signer on the account, need to transition this to a current Board Member – Director of Fields & Permits
- Winter Clinic Registration money is coming in
- Winter Clinics deposit was paid remaining balance is 50% to be paid
- Paypal account has been set up – savings account was set up to enable this payment method

Master Plan Discussion: Jason Dube

- Jason has walked the fields and will send information to Adam/Mickey
- Clean-up efforts will need to be focused at Vine for Fall Clean Up Day on November 2nd
- Jason has taken down/will have taken down the nets at Kane & Northrop by Saturday
- Get a Dumpster to get rid items that are not needed
- Banners – stored in the Vine Press Box
 - Mike D. is preparing a recap and status for banners that are there and ones that need to re-done for next year
- Fall Ball Wrapped Up this week – things went well and we were able to most of the games in
 - Working on for next year the possibility of doing 9/10 and 11/12 team but we will need buy-in of the other two Stamford leagues to make sure we have matched levels of play

Review Calendar: Amy Aiello

- Calendar provided to the Board with dates for upcoming dates of notice
- Brought up the date to Open Spring Season Registration with Early Bird Pricing on December 15th
 - Board is OK with Registration Open Date of December 15
 - Need to review and make a recommendation for cost of 2020 Spring Ball – next meeting
- Discussed try-outs and why Sunday vs. Saturday with a snow date
 - Everyone is good with moving try-outs to Saturday, February 22nd with a Snow Date of Sunday, February 23rd – date is needed to file the necessary permits for space

Open Roles from last meeting: Rob Aiello

- Coaches needed for the Winter Clinics 5/6 and 7/8
- Passed out a list of children who will be at the 5/6/7/8 levels to see if people can reach out and make personal appeals to get coaches for Winter Clinics
- Emily Ferro is helping to identify and recruit volunteers for lower levels.

Field Operations & Permit Update: Adam Effren & Mickey Docimo

- Kane and Northrop – Jason has given us a head start of shutting down those fields
- Fall Clean Up sign-up is a bit light on attendance
 - Clean up e-mail from Mike to the league will go out
- City
 - Did some tree work / should ask now to get it scheduled
 - Brush Clean Up at the fields
 - Permits Winter Clinics in progress
 - Davenport, Rippowam (try-outs) and SHS (Winter work outs)
 - 2020 is a 3 days/week at Davenport this year, but no Saturday which is the T-ball time slot
 - Need full time use of the field
 - Newfield Elementary – Softball uses this field all days for practice – not an option
 - TOR Field - ??

Grant Opportunities – Adam Effren/Bill Brucker

- Bill and Adam are working to see if we can secure money for projects
- Vine – Pressbox, shed doors = \$400 repair
 - Stairs being replaced, need to address finishing up those repairs on the stairs and landing to the pressbox
 - Adam received a quote for Dug-out work, Press Box painting, Steps powerwashed and sealed for \$4950 – approved by the Board
 - Concession stand window frames need to be replaced
- Applying for a grant from the Players Association – but the funds need to be used for “improve the level of play for the kids”
 - Could possibly be used to pay for turf installation at Kane
 - Kane - Dugout & Bleachers might be covered by the Grant
 - New Bleachers will require installation at today’s requirements – pad and secure them as opposed to dropping them on the ground at the field
 - Bleachers will be \$3500 each to purchase and the install could be \$10,000
 - Focus needs to be on Vine – Painting & Carpentry
 - Kane will be considered if grant money can be secured

- City will do work there turning the field and bring in more clay we will need to pay for the turf (approximately \$1,400) – this was approved by the board
- Jason addressed the Mets Fundraising reach out
 - Jason won't take that meeting unless the Mets Grant person attends the meeting
- Discussion on Field Use without permit
 - Public use of Vine without permit permission – idea to purchase and place bike locks on all gates at Vine/Kane/Northrop to make it harder for people to access the field without permission – Board was in agreement of this, locks to be purchased.
 - Also, remember and remind league participants to stop doing BP from the field on the mound use the batting cages to protect our fields.

Fundraising and Sponsorships: Diane and Amy

- Discount Cards -
 - Thank you to the Board for their help - request that forms be returned completed by November 28th, handed out forms
- Sponsorship Update -
 - Proposal to the Board to raise pricing for 2020 - increase of 10% to pricing of Team Sponsorships + Banner sponsors for Vine and Northrop
 - Board agreed with the proposed increase
 - Sponsorship plan is being worked on and will be brought to the Board for review
 - Bishop Photos has agreed to do the banners again for us for the fields, and continue their current level of sponsorship - banner sponsor, piece of the photo purchase revenues and they committed to doing our league photos for 2020 season
- Idea came up - Get a camera at Vine Road so we can enable live streaming of games
 - Can use this as possible ad stream= fundraising dollars
 - Cost of Camera is approximated at \$2,000
 - Vendors who have services for other outlets - Live Barn (does hockey rinks - buy a subscription and you can view game from a computer) and Fast Pitch Nation
 - Review how to get what we need to get this set up

Winter Clinics Update – Rob Aiello

- Registration numbers are low currently about 23 registration, just opened on October 19th
- Proposal raised to request additional gym time to do Winter Workouts for the Spring Travel Teams starting in March after the draft.
 - Board approved the expenditure which is approximated to be about \$500 in cost
 - Proposed that if we need to buy some time at BVSA for Spring Travel Teams – we should look into this
- Winter Clinics – need to consider some professional help at the Winter Clinics
 - Clinics at BVSA need to get technical help at them
 - Joe Zinicola is going to speak to them and see about pricing

In Honor Discussion:

- Ideas to be done –
 - Family to throw out 1st Pitch at opening day game
 - Do a “Be the Match” event at opening day
 - Stickers for children to wear on their batting helmets in honor
 - Donation to the Ronald McDonald House

Other Items:

- Mickey Lione Fundraiser coming up on November 24th
- Opening Day – need a Volunteer to coordinate
 - Pictures were discussed and decision was made to do them as a separate event from opening day as it ran smoothly last year – it was held at the field where T-ball was being held.
- Umpire Clinic attendance – Board approved John's attendance at the clinic
- Need to let John Gonzalez (Safety Director) know that the AED Sign for the Shed at Kane blew off and needs to be replaced.

Next Meeting – Monday November 18th. at 7pm JCC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm