

Stamford American Little League (SALL)
Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes – 12/17/15 @ 7pm

A meeting of the SALL Board of Directors was held at the Italian Center in Stamford, CT, on 12/17/15.

In attendance:

Board members: Ric Anderson, Nick Vivona, Rosaria Bria, Bob Katchko, Karen Montagnese, John Tromba, Mike Fenske, Jason Benner, Brett Szczesny and Mike Deenihan

League Members: none

Regrets received: Judy Vivona, Jen Hanley, Jenn Salvatore, Pete Karukas, Joe Fauci, Jeff Goodman and Nick Montagnese

1. Approval of Minutes

Vice President – Nick Vivona called the meeting to order at 7:15pm. – Approval of minutes of 12/03/15 (Jason Benner - motion / Mike Fenske - 2nd)

2. President's Report

Nick Vivona updates on President's Meeting:

- a) Perry Pierce will be attending a mid-January Parks & Recreation Committee meeting to determine if girls' softball will be added to little league baseball in Stamford.

Question asked by J. Tromba – Are there any plans for Stamford to merge into solely two leagues as was brought up in previous meetings? Nick Vivona stated there are no plans for mergers in the near future.

- b) The current age bracket for baseball has been updated to include the year 2019.
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BOARD ROLE UPDATES

Nick Vivona – Safety Officer:

- Northrop field fencing is fixed – approval for final payment has been granted. There are caps installed on the outfield and new high fencing has been installed on the 1B/3B side.
- Bob Katchko will review Vine and Kane fields' fencing and authorize repairs as well as review the bull pen fencing at Vine.

Ro Bria – Snack Bar:

- No updates at this time.

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Karen Montagnese – Player Agent (AAA and below):

- An email to the SALL community was sent out introducing herself and her role as the Player Agent.

John Tromba – Player Agent (Majors Commissioner / AA Commissioner):

- No major updates at this time – would like to begin discussions on creating committee for tryouts.

Question asked by K. Montagnese: Where will the draft be?

Nick Vivona responded by stating tryouts will be at AITE school and the draft will be immediately afterward. AAA draft will be at Italian Center (Judy Vivona will be responsible for making arrangements with the Italian Center - John Tromba/Karen Montagnese will be responsible for making arrangements with AITE.)

Bob Katchko – Field Commissioner:

- Northrop field is completed
- Over the next month he will be getting quotes on a batting cage for Northrop. He will also look into better grade fencing for the bull pen at Vine.

Question asked by J. Tromba – If a batting cage could be part of Northrop improvements?

Nick Vivona noted the ground would need to be leveled for that to be a consideration.

- All field winterization is complete.
- A plan is in place by Bob Katchko to install foul poles at Northrop and Vine by the end of January (will need assistance from board and league members).

Brett Szczesny –Treasurer:

- There is \$22,188.62 in the checking account and \$20,983.12 in the CD.
- Will be checking Little League rules to see if there are any concerns with setting up a separate account with a debit card for Snack Bar use only. The intent is to have all snack bar deposits go into the main account and treasurer will move monies to ‘Snack Bar’ account as needed.
- Suggested discussion for the upcoming season – all Snack Bar deposits need to be labelled either Vine or Northrop so they income can be itemized as a line item on the P&L statement.

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Jason Benner – Equipment Manager:

- All equipment has been evaluated – there are five bags of equipment that are no longer useable due to damage as well as catchers helmets.
- Suggested for the upcoming season, having different uniforms to differentiate between lower divisions and upper divisions (AAA and Majors).

Jen Hanley – Information Officer:

- New website launched on 12/8/15
- As of meeting date, there are 19 children registered for winter clinics
- Actively working with Active Network (website company) – all urgent issues have been resolved.

Mike Fenske – Coaching Coordinator:

- Winter Clinics begin on Wednesday, January 6th.
- Developed and distributed a Winter Clinic handout with details of intentions
- Overall plan is to have children learn the fundamentals of baseball and challenge them to improve on their skills.
- Children will be evaluated by managers during the Winter Clinics
- At launch of clinics, Nick Vivona and Mike Fenske will present the plan/structure to all volunteers and players to make sure everyone is informed and aware of what is expected.
- Encouraged all involved (managers/coaches etc.) to watch the training videos located on the Little League website

Question asked by N. Vivona – Do we want to allow out of district children to join the Winter Clinics?

Brett Szczesny motions to accept out of district children into the Winter Clinic program provided the maximum number of kids per session is not exceeded and the limit will be determined by the committee. Bob Katchko 2nd motion – Motion is passed.

Ric Anderson – President:

Thank you to everyone for all their efforts during this administrative phase. Looking forward to January being a productive time with Winter Clinics and prepping plans for tryouts and drafts.

Nick Vivona makes a motion to adjourn – Rosaria Bria 2nd the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.