Notes from Central Vermont Little League Annual Meeting

Monday, October 16th, 2017, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
U-32 Cafeteria, 930 Gallison Hill Road, Montpelier, VT

Attendees
2016-2017 Volunteers (7): Matt Allen, Chris Mason, Jesse Remick, Mike Russell, Kaylan Sweet, Mike Vitti, Mike Wichrowski

Tringe confirmed that a quorum (at least 20% of Members) was present. Cody called the meeting to order, and asked attendees to introduce themselves. Tringe presented the Central Vermont Little League Annual report, listing some of the 2016-2017 accomplishments and 2017-2018 goals. Committee chairs presented their reports, and some highlights of additional open discussion are listed below.

Fields and Facilities
Rick Gordon requested help (via letter) to improve the Plainfield field. Sweet noted that the Norwich Cadets as a labor resource. Allen mentioned MLB/Scott’s as a financial resource.

Team Sponsorships / Fundraising
The bottle drive at Casella is ongoing. Sweet asked of sponsors could donate through the website. Tringe and Mason to look into it.

Manager/Coach Selection; Development
Discussion of Minors Rules, and importance of awareness during the League tournament.

Equipment
Recommendation to laminate equipment checklists. LaRosa and Medose to follow-up.
Recommendation to have equipment order to Thygeson's by March. Discussion of options for surplus equipment, including some being stored at the Montpelier Recreation Department. Discussion of a helmet fundraiser.

Uniforms
Recommendation to use league logo (pending) as the base graphic for stock uniforms.
Recommendation to come up with a system (color, logo, etc.) and stick with it from season-to-season, which makes it possible to do multi-year sponsorships. Vitti appreciated that there were non-Yankee and Sox options (such as the Astros).

Schedule
Recommendation for banners / publicity for the the League Tournament. Recommendation to identify end-of-year schedule conflicts as early as possible. Recommendation for continued coordination with Onion River Soccer.
Communication
Recommendation to create a coach resource guide for new coaches. Deadlines need to be enforced, especially for uniform ordering.

Finance
Ending balance is sufficient to cover 2017-18 charter and insurance fees.

Softball
Recommendation to develop rules standards. The District 4 website has contact information for other Leagues. Recommendation for additional outreach to Cabot and Twinfield softball programs.

Board of Directors Election
Thanks to outgoing members: Mark Cioffi (Calais), Rick Dyer and Jennifer Chambers (Worcester), Jason Giroux (Berlin), Darien McElwain (Softball), and Kris Jensen (E. Montpelier). Tringe acted as the Election Chair. Motion from Duggan that the number of board seats should be 15 or less; seconded by Adams. Approval was unanimous. The slate of 15 nominees, per the nominating committee (Executive Board), was presented. Nominations were opened to the floor. Medose nominated Mike Russell, but the nomination was withdrawn in order to keep the number of nominees at 15. Motion from LoRosa to close nominations; seconded by Wichrowski. Approval was unanimous. The 2017-18 Board was announced. Approval of the new board was unanimous. New members include Matt Allen (Worcester), Dan Winters (E. Montpelier), Kaylan Sweet (Berlin), and Mike Wichrowski (Calais).

Motion from Tatro to adjourn Annual Meeting; seconded by LaRosa. Approval to adjourn was unanimous.

The new Board of Directors met immediately following the Annual Meeting.

Minutes from 9/18 were presented. Motion from Medose to approve minutes, seconded by Sweet. Approval of minutes was unanimous.

Motion from LaRosa that same slate of Officers from 2016-17 serve again in 2017-18. Second by Allen. Duggan declined nomination to the Coaching Coordinator. Approval of revised slate was unanimous.

In other business, LaRosa requested a centralized database for league documents. Per Tringe, all documents are on Google Drive. The bottle drive to support the league is ongoing, and the drop-off location is at Casella on Rte. 2. Duggan requested that a discussion of Babe Ruth baseball be added to the November Board agenda.

Motion from Cody to adjourn, seconded by Campbell. Decision to adjourn was unanimous.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, November 14th, 2017, at the Montpelier Recreation Department, 55 Barre Street, Montpelier, VT, at 7 PM. All Board meetings are open to Volunteers, and the public.