

SACO LITTLE LEAGUE
September 11, 2017
Meeting Minutes
Saco Parks & Recreation Center

President Jamie Gagnon called the meeting to order: 6:30pm

ATTENDANCE: Jamie Gagnon, Warren Kenniston, Dave Page, Don Beaudette, Rob Bolduc, Abby Purvis, Lisa Menard, Derek Gellis, Karen Moore, Andrew Moore, Dena Cross

TREASURERS' REPORT: Warren went over the Treasurer's report. All three account balances (concessions, field maintenance, and operating) exceed last year's balances. Will make transfers to bring starting balances of 5k in concession and field accounts. Safeguard clothing invoice still needs to be paid. Water bill still outstanding (\$1,987.43), will check with Scot Lausier one last time to get a revised bill and clear the balance.

UPDATES:

Equipment Update: Don Beaudette:

Don has all equipment from teams. Equipment all sorted and ready for re-distribution next season.

Practice Balls – 52 Dozen (Only need to order 8-10 dozen)

Game Balls – 34 Dozen (Only need to order 14-15 dozen)

Development League – 13 Dozen (Only need to order 5-6 dozen)

Overall ball purchases for 2018 season should be 1/3 of the typical cost.

10 Batting Helmets needed (Approximately \$300)

Big expense will be baseball bats to meet the new USA Baseball Standard

Uniform Manager Update: Dave Page

Uniforms have all been collected from teams and Dave has them all stored at Maremont Field. He has a few individual jerseys that he will drop off at field. He only anticipates a few replacement jerseys per team. Pending on number of teams in the Majors we will have to replace Hobbin's as he will not be a sponsor this season.

All-star vests are on sale right now for 5.99/from 14.99 under armor brand through Epic Sports. *Should we order for 9/10 year old teams?*

Field Manager Update: Rob Bolduc

Do the batting cage nets need to be taken down?

We will have a field day on either 10/14 or 10/15 to do the following:

Prepare Maremont site for Christmas Tree sales (lights, A frames, pvc pipes, etc)

Cover Scoreboards

Weed whack entire facility

Remove Wind Screens from B Field

Need to have irrigation blow out the lines

State of the League: Jamie Gagnon

2017 Season

198 Total Players (Majors – 72 Players / D-League – 69 Players)

3 Tournament Teams

9/10 Year Old Team went 2-2 losing to York who went on to win the District and State Tournaments

11 Year Old Team – Won District Tournament and State Tournament

12 Year Old Team – Won District Tournament

Facility Improvements

Significant fencing repairs to Maremont Fields. Reinforced B Field Back Stop.

Installed Privacy Slats on both dugouts on A Field at Maremont

New Mounds built for bullpens at both Maremont and Summer St Fields

The 2017 season was a year of significant transition for Saco Little League as there were many new board members occupying new roles. From a financial perspective we have worked to manage and monitor operating costs, and we have identified potential areas to increase revenue. Among the items the board will discuss at the first meeting will be Player Fees and our In-Season Fund Raiser.

We will continue to put controls in place to manage costs and explore ways to reduce costs in the coming year.

The Organization's Christmas Tree Sales continue to be a MAJOR contributor to Saco L.L. fund raising efforts. Revenue for last season exceeded expectations and we sold out of trees for the second consecutive year.

At our October Board Meeting we will set the dates for this year's fund raiser and assign 3 board members to each week to assure that we always have at least one board member present for every shift.

Last season there were only a few minor player and coach disciplinary issues that were addressed but no significant issues requiring any disciplinary hearings.

Looking forward to this season, we are committed to a continued focus on communication. We will continue to improve our online registration process.

We would like to thank outgoing board members who have made significant contributions to Saco L.L. over the years. Tom Palmer, Penny Critchley, and Erin Davies all have dedicated many hours to the league and the current board would like to publicly recognize their contribution.

Christmas Tree Sales Update: Derek Gellis

550 Trees have been ordered

Friday After Thanksgiving trees will be delivered

Secretary has ability to communicate and send email through the Google site.

Fundraising Report: Abby Purvis

Exploring the possibility of changing our In-Season Fund Raiser to a Calendar. More details to come in the October Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

BOARD ELECTIONS

- President- Jamie Gagnon** Motion by **Dave Page** Seconded By **Don Beaudette**. All in Favor
- VP Developmental- Dave Page** Motion by **Rob Bolduc** Seconded By **Derek Gellis**. All in Favor
- VP Minors – Rob Bolduc** Motion by **Don Beaudette** Seconded by **Abby Purvis**. All in Favor
- VP Majors – Derek Gellis** Motion **Don Beaudette** Seconded by **Rob Bolduc**. All in Favor
- Equipment Manager - Don Beaudette** Motion by **Warren Kenniston** Seconded by **Rob Bolduc**. All in Favor
- Player Agent Dev. – Karen Moore** Motion by **Don Beaudette** Seconded by **Rob Bolduc**. All in Favor
- Player Agent Majors - Kristine Lausier** Motion by **Don Beaudette** Seconded by **Derek Gellis**. All in Favor
- Player Agent Minors – Dena Cross** Motion by **Don Beaudette** Seconded by **Warren Kenniston**. All in Favor
- Treasurer - Warren Kenniston** Motion by **Don Beaudette** Seconded by **Rob Bolduc**. All in Favor
- Fundraising Coordinators – Abby Purvis** Motion by **Dave Page** Seconded by **Warren Kenniston**. All in Favor
- Secretary – Missy Pennell** Motion by **Don Beaudette** Seconded by **Derek Gellis**. All in Favor
- Concessions Purchasing Director – Lisa Menard** Motion by **Don Beaudette** and Seconded by **Warren Kenniston**. All in Favor
- Concessions Director- Summer St. -- OPEN**
- Concession Director - Maremont -- OPEN**
- Uniforms Manager - OPEN**
- Coaching Coordinator - OPEN**
- Safety Officer – OPEN**
- League Information Officer -- OPEN**
- Field Manager - Summer St. - Scot Lausier** Motion by **Warren Kenniston** and Seconded by **Don Beaudette**. All in Favor
- Field Manager - Maremont – OPEN**

Topics for Discussion for October Board Meeting:

- iPad for accepting Credit Card Payments at Christmas Tree Sales
- Assign 3 Board Members per week for Christmas Tree Sales / Sign Up Genius link
- How do we recruit more umpires with many moving on this coming season
- Approving Constitution and By-Laws for coming season
- Summer Street facility renovation
- Policies for playing up/playing down, All-Star team selection
- Bats replacement – Do we phase?
- Player Fees for 2018
- Critical Dates
- Improving Communication to Parents through fliers to schools including overview of each division
- Scoreboards Update
- All Star Vests – \$5.99 through Epic Sports

In closing, all BoD members should begin to develop preliminary goals for October meeting to include higher-level budget needs, specific projects, overall or specific goals for the 2017-18 season and any other issues important to the best interest of the Saco Little League community.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:54 pm by Jamie Gagnon. All in Favor.

Next Meeting: Week of October 9-13 at 6:30. Will get consensus of board on what day works best.