

SACO LITTLE LEAGUE
Board Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2017

Attendees: Jamie Gagnon, Missy Pennell, Erin Davies, Derek Gellis, Rob Bolduc, Kristine Lausier, Kevin Lombard, Tom Palmer, Dave Page, Lisa Menard, Don Beaudette, Abby Purvis, Warren Kenniston, Dena Cross, Roland LaBelle, Jake Pelchat, Ed Pennell, Ryan Chessie, Seth Umel, Brian Foley, Chris Foley

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Secretary's report

Reviewed and discussed briefly

Motion to accept the minutes as they are: Erin Davies

Motion seconded: Kristine Lausier

All in Favor

Treasurer's Report

All in attendance were provided a copy of the financial report. The Treasurer reviewed all expenses and revenue for the last month. It was reported that we are in a similar place this year as we had been in the previous few years, which was commented to be good for the league.

Motion to accept the minutes as they are: Don Beaudette

Motion seconded: Tom Palmer

All in Favor

Equipment Manager's Report

- Don reported that he still needs to order more tennis balls, it was suggested that he try to order used ones online, they might be cheaper.
- Don is also going to be ordering a new net for the cage at Maremont Field and he will talk with Scot about the size, because as it currently stands we would have to special order the netting and it was thought that Scot might be able to make something work with a standard size. Potential cost for custom order netting was reported to be between \$600-\$800.

Uniform Manager's Report

- Dave reported that he feels the league is in good shape when it comes to the uniforms. He feels like he will have to order a few new uniforms for each team because of basic wear and tear.
- Discussion about the number of teams was had, 7 in Majors, 5 in Minors and 5 in Developmental. Dave will not order anything at this time but will order once all the team sponsors are confirmed and the numbers of players is finalized.

Hats will stay the same; they may just change up the color combinations

Uniforms for Developmental will stay the same

Field Manager's Report

- Rob got a quote for a privacy fence around both dugouts on the A field at Maremont it was \$700. Discussion about the cost of the windscreens we have used in the past and have to put them up and take them down each season. The cost for the removable windscreens for both dugouts is \$300 to \$400. Some discussion about the ease of having something in place year round that would last for years.

Motion to move on adding the privacy slats to the existing Anchor Fence quote: Kristine Lausier

Seconded by: Tom Palmer

All in favor

- Rob also presented a quote from the fence company to fix the dip in the B field at Maremont and replace the fence moving it out to 180 feet making it a legal Little League field. The quote was for \$7200. Further discussion was had about this cost and the pro's to being able to host tournament. Someone also suggested that we get a second quote. The issue was tabled.

PR Website Report

- Erin reports that she is updating items as they come in. If you have anything you want added to the website send that along to Erin.
- Suggestion from Dave that maybe as some point we could try to raise money on the website by selling Little League shirts or hats.
- Abby Purvis will send all the sponsors as they come in to Erin so they can be added to the website.

Fund Raising Report

- Team Sponsor that have not yet confirmed will be contacted by Abby this week.
- Reports that banner sponsorships have been coming in and are being processed.
- Abby reported that we will be selling candy bars again this year. She will order as soon as we have the final number of players and would like to hand them out on opening day.
- There are leads on new team sponsors once we know for sure how many we will need.

New Business

Saco Rec Report

- Kevin Lombard from the Saco Rec Department spoke to the group about the Friday night clinics, they are going well but we need to keep all parents behind the netting for safety reasons.
- Practice field space is tight so if you are a coach that is going to us space at TA please let the rec know right away so they won't book you any space.
- The goal of the Rec department is to get each team 2 practice times a week, the goal being that one of them is on a diamond and one on green space. Preference is given first to the Majors then the Minors then Developmental League.
- Kevin suggested that Developmental teams might want to team up and share practice space. He said that has worked out well in the past.
- The middle school baseball field has just undergone a \$30,000 renovation and is off limits to any and all Little League players and coaches. Please make sure you do not allow your kids on the field and if you see kids playing on the field you ask them to move.
- Practice fields will not be open until at least after April vacation

Jamie suggested that he will be adding all of the local league rules to our website so we will have a place to point parents to when they are upset over a rules they don't understand.

Safety Plan, safety officer not in attendance, Jamie will follow up with him outside of the meeting

- The number of All Star teams needs to be decided before April 1st according to our by laws. There was discussion about only submitting one team into to the 8,9,10 year old tournament.

**Motion made to keep 2 teams in the 8, 9, 10 tournament, 1 team in the 11 year old tournament and 1 team in the 11/12 year old tournament Missy Pennell
Second by Tom Palmer
All in favor**

- Jamie brought up the idea of that we could use our final week of games to do a small league playoff. Dave Page suggested that he felt like that would make the league too competitive and kids may not get fair playing time so that coaches could win. That was agreed and this idea is tabled for now.
- Evaluations scheduled for Saturday March 25, 2017
 - Majors 8 am to 10 am
 - Minors 10:30am to 12:30 pm
 - Developmental 1pm to 3 pm
 It's requested that coaches help out on this day even after their evaluations are done. Parents can sign up their players on Sign up Genius which will be added to the website.
- Draft Schedule
 - Majors Draft Tuesday March 28, 2017 at 6:30pm at Jimmy the Greeks
 - Minors Draft Wednesday March 29, 2017 at 6:30 at Kerryman Pub
 - Developmental Draft Saturday April 1, 2017 at 6:30pm at Duffy's
- Big Al's Clinic Schedule
 - March 27, 2017 5:30pm-8:30pm Riverton School in Portland Ages 9-12
 - March 28, 2017 5:30pm-8:30pm Riverton School in Portland Ages 4-8
- Opening day is scheduled for April 29th depending on the snow, it will be the same format as last year.
- Jamie will work with Rob and Scot to come up with a date for field day.
- Picture Day has been scheduled for May 6 at Maremont
- Coaches and Umpire clinics cost \$20 per person
Motion made to reimburse anyone who attends the clinics by Missy Pennell
Seconded by Erin Davies
All in favor
- Jamie need volunteer forms for all coaches assistant coaches and all board members
- Draft Procedure each coach is able to name one assistant coach and have those kids drafted where they would fall in the draft. If you have an assistant coach please let your player agent know prior to evaluations
- Next Meeting April 11, 2017 at 6:30
- Issue of a former coach wanting to return after being asked to resign. Discussion on this topic was lengthy. It was agreed he could return but would need to meet with the President and Vice President prior to the season.

Meeting Adjourn at 8:30 pm

Motion to adjourn Jamie Gagnon

Seconded by Missy Pennell

All in Favor