

SACO LITTLE LEAGUE
May 15, 2018
Meeting Minutes
Saco Parks & Recreation Center

President Jamie Gagnon called the meeting to order: 7:00 pm

ATTENDANCE: Jamie Gagnon, Warren Kenniston, Kristine Lausier, Scot Lausier, Don Beaudette, Brian Thompson, Dena Cross, Derek Gellis, Karen Moore, Lisa Menard, Andy Tripp, Abby Purvis, Matt Harbour

TREASURER'S REPORT: Warren went over the Treasurer's Report.

MOTION to Approve Treasurer's Report made by Kristine Lausier. Seconded by Don Beaudette. **ALL IN FAVOR**

EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR UPDATE: Ordered tournament balls. Discussed some catchers equipment and helmets could be replaced. Andy mentioned that the smaller shin pads keep falling over, straps are over stretched, etc. Don will look into get a couple new full sets of the smallest size.

FIELD MANAGER UPDATE: Sprinklers have been turned on at Summer Street. Field is in great shape. Discussed the purchase of a tow behind field machine. Some questions around what we would tow it behind and how we would transport from one field to the other. Tabled for future discussion.

FUND RAISING REPORT: Abby discussed the success of the calendar fund raiser. Final numbers were not in yet but it will be well in excess of \$10,000 in profit after all expenses.

COACHING COORDINATOR REPORT: Andy talked about the importance of Pitching and asked if the board could extend this year's pitching preseason pitching clinics. Maybe put them closer to the season, open it up to more kids, etc. Pitching is and will continue to be the biggest challenge and we have to continue to find ways to develop the kids outside of the little league season.

Andy also suggested that next season we should have a more comprehensive indoor practice plan to accommodate the poor weather in spring. Every coach should have access to an indoor facility and all teams have equal chance to start on the same date. Some teams this season had connections at BHS or TA to get gym time but not all coaches have those connections.

Andy will look into Gorham Sports Complex to see what the price and availability would be to rent some time during the week. We could have at least 4 teams in that facility simultaneously.

The chaotic practice scheduling procedure was also discussed at length. Andy recommended that we offer to take over the scheduling process so that it can be more organized and transparent. This year was extremely difficult in this regard. Saco Rec is under new direction and further the facilities manager is also new to his role so we are hopeful that it will be better but the league has offered to provide assistance for next season.

NEW BUSINESS

District President's Meeting

Jamie discussed the meeting and some of the topics covered. Most were around all stars player selection and preparation for the tournament selection meeting on June 3rd.

11 Year Old D4 Tournament

Saco will be hosting this tournament which will start on 7/8 and run through 7/15. We will be looking for scorekeepers, scoreboard operators, field crew, concessions workers and a tournament director

Closing Ceremonies

It was decided that we would, weather pending, go back to having Closing Ceremonies at the Summer Street field. Food will be ice cream and water and after the year end awards will be a homerun derby.

Year End Awards

We had a conversation on year end awards and whether or not we wanted to change anything. **MOTION:** Kristine Lausier, seconded by Don Beaudette made a motion to get trophies for the Development Division and stay with t-shirts for the 9-11 year olds and sweatshirts with names for the 12 year olds. **ALL IN FAVOR**

All Stars

We discussed the procedure for voting for All Stars. First will be an electronic form that will be sent out via email that parents should fill out to inform the league that they would or would not like their child included on the ballot. This email will be sent out by 5/19 and will be due back by 5/26. Then the player vote will be conducted no later than June 2nd. Coaches can meet after the player vote to conduct a coaches vote for to bring the roster to 11 but the roster will not be finalized until after Managers are approved. **MOTION:** Derek Gellis, seconded by Don Beaudette to have the process remain where players select top six from each team, coaches vote on next 5 players and the Managers have either one or two discretionary picks to complete the roster.

Game Play

Jamie reminded coaches of the field responsibilities including raking, tarping, picking up trash, bringing flag in, locking up all buildings and closing the gate to the field when leaving.

Cancelations – All cancelations will be made by the Vice Presidents. If no decision is made before arriving at the field, the umpire will be the one to make a decision on whether the game is played. All rescheduling should go through the VP's.

Standings – Disregard the standings online as they include games against towns that are not considered “conference” games. Jamie will send updates as we get closer with the updated standings.

Pool Players – We have very few pool players on the list. Please make sure to encourage your teams to sign up for a spot if they want to play as a pool player.

Game Reporting – Please continue to send in Pitchers of record and final scores by text or email to Jamie. He will update them on the Pitching Log (posted on the website) and will update the scores.

Next Meeting Scheduled for June 6th

Motion to Adjourn (8:45 pm)