

SACO LITTLE LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING

September 18, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Saco Parks & Recreation Center

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

ATTENDANCE: Jamie Gagnon, Warren Kenniston, Dave Lawler, Don Beaudette, Rob Bolduc, Abby Purvis, Lynnsey McDonough, Derek Gellis, Karen Moore, Erin Huth, Dena Cross, Joe Gallant, Les Tripp

TREASURERS' REPORT: Warren went over the Treasurer's report. Concessions and Field Accounts are in line with last year ending balances. Will make transfers to bring starting balances of 5k in concession and field accounts. Operating Account YoY is up approximately \$9,000. Current Balance \$35,366.37. **MOTION** to Accept the Treasurer's Report as is made by Rob Bolduc, seconded by Don Beaudette. **ALL IN FAVOR**

UPDATES:

Equipment Update: Don Beaudette:

Don has most all equipment from teams. Equipment all sorted and ready for re-distribution next season. (5 Development Bags, 6 Minors and 6 Majors)

Practice Balls – 25 Dozen (Will need to order 35 dozen)

Game Balls – 29 Dozen (Will need to order 21 dozen)

Development League – 8 Dozen (Need to order 12 dozen)

10/15 Batting Helmets needed (Approximately \$300-400)

6 Catchers Mitts

5 Catchers Helmets

10 28" Bats

Uniform Manager Update: Jamie Gagnon

Uniforms have all been collected from most teams. Need Ray's Trucking and a few from Portland Pie. Jerseys are in equipment room at Maremont Field. He has a few individual jerseys that he will drop off at field.

Field Manager Update: Les Tripp

Does the batting cage net need to be taken down?

Price out the cost of filling center field on B Field.

Regrade low spots in parking areas and add reclaim?

Need to have irrigation blow out the lines

We will have a field day maybe 10/21 to do the following:

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

- Empty Trash

- Clean the Shack and winterize

- Weed whack entire facility

- Remove Wind Screens from B Field

State of the League: Jamie Gagnon

2018 Season

- 180 Total Players (5 Majors Teams, 5 Minors Teams, 6 D League Teams)

 - Majors – 56 Players (Down from 72)

 - Minors – 61 Players (Up from 57)

 - D League – 63 Players (Down from 69)

3 Tournament Teams

8/10 Year Old Team Won District Tournament, State Runners up

11 Year Old Team – 1-2 with a big 9 inning win against Sanford

12 Year Old Team – Won District Tournament and State Tournament

Facility Improvements

Major Renovation at Summer St. Facility. Replaced all Cedar Siding on dugouts and concessions.

Also removed Junior Trojans Scoreboard, and replaced scorer's booth window with overhead door.

The 2018 season was another transformative year for Saco Little League. From a financial perspective, we continued to manage and monitor operating costs more closely, and we moved on ways to increase revenue for the league, most notably raising our registration fee to be more in line with surrounding communities and changing our annual in-season fund raiser. The cumulative impact of the operating cost discipline and top line growth resulted in a year over year increase of approximately \$9,000 in our operating account. This is with a significant capital improvement project at Summer Street, the purchase of three new scoreboards (one for each field), and purchased new team bats to comply with new LL Bat Standard.

From a playing experience perspective, we explored ways to provide unique opportunities to our players. We offered pre-season pitching and catching clinics at a minimal fee, we introduced Saturday Night under the lights and utilized the softball field to allow the players to experience night baseball, and we introduced a league tournament and championship, to name a few.

As mentioned, our Tournament teams were tremendously successful this past season. Our 8/10 year old team won the District 4 Championship and were the State of Maine Runners up. The 11 year old team, which we were not even sure we would be able to field, pulled off an amazing win in 9 innings against a tough Sanford team before going on to lose to the eventual State Champion, York. The 11/12 Year Old team won the District 4 Championship and State Championship and represented Maine in the New England Regional in Bristol. More important than these teams' on-field success was the feedback we received about how they conducted themselves off the field. Each of the state tournament hosts, Old Town & Machias, reached out to commend the kids on how they conducted themselves.

We also hosted the 11 year old District 4 Tournament this past season. As many of you know we received many comments from the coaches, parents and spectators on the shape the field was in and how well run the tournament was.

Our Christmas Tree Sales continue to be a major contributor to our fundraising efforts. Even what can be considered a relatively slow year we still were able to net approximately \$9,000. As a result of increased competition and variability in tree size we were still left with over 75 trees of the 550 total. If we decide to continue with this fund raiser we may want to consider fewer trees and reducing the days we are open to make it easier to cover the shifts required. We sold 63 trees on Mon – Wed and 426 trees from Thursday-Sunday.

Looking forward to the coming year we are committed to a continued focus on communication. We will continue to improve our online registration process and open registration earlier with a potential discount for those that register early. We have also discussed the importance of continuing to explore new ways to make the experience more engaging at all levels of play but most specifically at the Minors and Development levels.

In terms of disciplinary issues last season the Executive Committee heard handled only one case and worked the player, their family, the umpires and the district officials to come up with an appropriate action plan to the satisfaction of all involved.

We would like to thank the following board members who have contributed to the board in a variety of roles throughout the years. Dave Page, Steve Butts, Lisa Menard, Kristine Lausier, Don Beaudette and Scot Lausier.

NEW BUSINESS:

BOARD ELECTIONS

President- Jamie Gagnon Motion by **Les Tripp** Seconded By **Rob Bolduc**. All in Favor

VP Developmental- Dave Lawler Motion by **Karen Moore** Seconded By **Warren Kenniston**. All in Favor

VP Minors – Karen Moore Motion by **Derek Gellis** Seconded by **Lynnsey McDonough**. All in Favor

VP Majors – Derek Gellis Motion **Dena Cross** Seconded by **Warren Kenniston**. All in Favor

Equipment Manager – Joe Gallant Motion by **Rob Bolduc** Seconded by **Derek Gellis**. All in Favor

Player Agent Dev. – OPEN

Player Agent Majors - OPEN

Player Agent Minors – Dena Cross Motion by **Rob Bolduc** Seconded by **Derek Gellis**. All in Favor

Treasurer - Warren Kenniston Motion by **Dena Cross** Seconded by **Abby Purvis**. All in Favor

Fundraising Coordinator – Abby Purvis Motion by **Dena Cross** Seconded by **Warren Kenniston**. All in Favor

Secretary – Missy Pennell Motion by **Rob Bolduc** Seconded by **Warren Kenniston**. All in Favor

Concessions Purchasing Director – Lynnsey McDonough Motion by **Warren Kenniston** and Seconded by **Derek Gellis**. All in Favor

Concessions Director- Summer St. -- Lynnsey McDonough Motion by **Warren Kenniston** and Seconded by **Derek Gellis**. All in Favor

Concession Director - Maremont -- OPEN

Uniforms Manager – Rob Bolduc Motion by **Derek Gellis** Seconded by **Lynnsey McDonough**. All in Favor

Coaching Coordinator – Andy Tripp Motion by **Karen Moore** Seconded By **Rob Bolduc**. All in Favor

Safety Officer – Erin Huth Motion by **Karen Moore** Seconded by **Dena Cross**. All in Favor

League Information Officer -- OPEN

Field Manager - Maremont. – Les Tripp Motion by **Karen Moore** and Seconded by **Rob Bolduc**. All in Favor

Field Manager – Summer St. – OPEN

Christmas Tree Sales: Derek Gellis

MOTION: Continue with the Christmas Tree Fund Raiser at our Maremont Field location. Motion made by Derek Gellis. Seconded by Karen Moore. ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION: Reduce the order of trees from 550 to 500 trees. Motion made by Warren Kenniston. Seconded by Les Tripp. ALL IN FAVOR

Friday After Thanksgiving trees will be delivered

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
- Policies for playing up/playing down, All-Star team selection
- Player Fees for 2018
- 2018-19 Dates
- Improving Communication to Parents through fliers to schools including overview of each division
- Saco L.L. Apparel
- Continue with League Tournament?
- Pre-season Clinics
- Pitching/Catching Clinics

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 2018-19 season and any other issues important to the best interest of the Saco Little League community.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 pm by Jamie Gagnon. All in Favor.

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 9 at 6:30. Saco Rec.