

# EASLEY LITTLE LEAGUE

## PARENT MEETING MINUTES

### February 10, 2020

Prior to the meeting parents received their 2020 Easley Little League Membership cards indicating their "Member in Good Standing" status. In order to vote for board members in August, this card must be presented for entrance to the meeting.

Parents were also given the opportunity to check or re-check the sizes of caps, jersey and pants to efficiently order our uniforms in a timely manner.

The parent meeting was held at Forest Acres Elementary School in their cafeteria. Standing room only crowd.

1. The meeting was called to order promptly at 6:00
2. The Mission Statement for Easley Little League was read by Steve Garrison, President of Easley of Easley Little League. (see attached slide)
3. Steve introduced the ELL Board members. All Board Members present. (see attached slide)  
Tara Kennedy, (team mom coordinator) gave a few details about team mom duties.
4. The next item on the agenda was our boundaries. A map was displayed showing our ELL Boundaries. Steve then explained how utilizing "League Finder" on our website: [easleylittleleague.org](http://easleylittleleague.org) would help you validate your address inside the boundary. Anyone residing outside our boundary and not attending a school; within the boundary is not eligible to play on an all-star team. See Little League Rule Book on boundaries. Steve mentioned any parent could purchase the Little League Rule Book Phone App for \$1.99.
5. Next we were given a registration update. This year there are approximately 232 kids Registered for Easley Little League. T-ball (ages 4-7) has 10 teams with 9 players per team. Coaches Pitch (ages 6-8) has 5 teams. Minors (ages 9-10) has 4 teams. Majors (ages 11-12) has 3 teams.
6. The next item on the agenda was registration fees and what is covered. Our fees include accident insurance, liability insurance, crime insurance, umpires, patches, jersey, pants, belt, cap and an end of the season award. Steve also gave us a comparison of our fees versus

neighboring Greenville LL and Wren LL.

He explained how important the City of Easley's contribution is to our Little League program and a true benefit of living in the Easley Community.

	T-Ball	Coaches Pitch	Minors	Majors
Easley LL	\$ 85.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Greenville LL	\$125.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00	\$160.00
Wren LL	\$120.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 165.00

We can keep our prices where they are because the City of Easley pays for chartering, lining of the fields, grooming the fields, cutting the grass, repairs, equipment, personnel and fuel that would cost Easley Little League over \$32,000. He asks everyone in Little League try and thank someone from the city.

7. Next topic was fund raising. Steve recognized Kirk Johnson from Palmetto Fundraising to explain this year's card. The card will sell for \$25 and includes a new app that provides multiple travel and shopping discounts. Prizes will be like last year with a new award going to parents whose kids sell the most. The award will be a dinner for 2 with child-care provided.

After Kirk finished, Steve explained the need for fundraising in order to help pay for umpires, baseballs and the need to purchase new gear for our league.

8. Chad Hall, our new marketing and technology director was introduced to explain our sponsorship program. "If you know someone who would like to donate any amount", please contact Chad (864-414-1188).

9. Next, Steve gave a list of volunteers needed for coaching:

TBALL 10 MANAGERS 40 ASSISTANTS  
CP 5 MANAGERS 20 ASSISTANTS  
MINORS 4 MANAGERS 8 ASSISTANTS  
MAJORS 3 MANAGERS 6 ASSISTANTS

\*\* If you plan to work with the kids in any capacity, you must pass a background check.

10. All coaches need to attend the coaches meeting either Thursday Night February 13 7PM at Rock Springs Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Look for the Easley LL sign.

11. The next item Steve explained was evaluations:

**TBALL PLAYERS ARE NOT EVALUATED, TBALL PARENTS WILL HEAR  
FROM THEIR COACH ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>.**

**A. Coaches Pitch** evaluations will take place **Saturday Feb 15** on the Purple Field at  
JB Red Owens complex.

**CHECK IN AT 12:30PM EVALUATIONS START AT 1 PM.**

**CP DRAFT TUESDAY FEB 18<sup>TH</sup> 7PM TOWER FIELD 1**

**COACHES CALL PLAYERS FEB 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**B. Minors** evaluations will be **Saturday Feb 22** on the Purple Field at JB Red Owens  
Complex.

**CHECK IN AT 9:30AM EVALUATIONS START AT 10 AM**

**MINORS DRAFT MONDAY FEB 24<sup>TH</sup> 7PM TOWER FIELD 1**

**COACHES CALL PLAYERS FEB 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**C. Majors** evaluations will be **Saturday Feb 22** on the Purple Field at JB Red Owens  
Complex.

**CHECK IN AT 11:30AM EVALUATIONS BEGIN AT 12PM**

**MAJORS DRAFT TUESDAY FEB 25<sup>TH</sup> 7PM TOWER FIELD 1**

**COACHES CALL PLAYERS FEB 26<sup>TH</sup>**

12. Next Steve announced **NO RULE CHANGES** this year.

13. The last item discussed was the Board's decision to implement the Easley Little League  
Parent Code of Conduct as a guideline that emphasizes the environment, we are trying to  
create for the kids. This code of conduct must be signed by each parent before your child  
becomes a part of a team.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED YOUR COPY, PLEASE FIND A COPY ATTACHED IN THIS DISTRIBUTION  
EMAIL.**

14. Floor was opened for questions

15. Meeting adjourned

**MB**

