



Arcadia Little League – Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2020

1. Open Meeting: 7:03pm; Roll call taken. Meeting via Zoom / Conference call due to COVID19.
2. President Intro. Cheri Pierce gave introduction and general updates.
3. Treasurer Report. Discussed amounts in bank account and pending expenses that will be had for remainder of year.
4. Discussed banners and requests for refunds. 1 of 5 have asked (a minority of sponsors but still important). Need to address this for all sponsors. Discussed ARL's ability to roll over the sponsors into next season just to give them a realized sponsorship for little cost. ARL would absorb the cost of the reprinting the banners which would be cheaper than the refunds we might otherwise give.
 - a. Pulled one of every banner to put on fence facing Indian School Road but for many we have multiple banners. We put those additional banners in storage to preserve them. Some sponsors have expressed that the Indian School display is not as effective for them.
 - i. Consideration is to approach sponsors and make sure they are good with us rolling it over to next year. Otherwise explore other options. Goal is certainly to maintain relationships with sponsors.
5. Lengthy discussion about refunds of player registration fees, alternatives and impact on cash balances and ability to function during off season.
6. Harlan Mitchell made the following motions:
 - a. Motion to cancel the 2020 ARL baseball/softball season (2nd by Grant Sanders). Discussion followed:
 - i. Discussed Minors and Majors and desire of many managers to still play. All softball coaches said they wanted to play. Maybe in an alternative format.
 - ii. Grant expressed that it is likely that by May 18, 2020 SUSD will close all fields permanently for the school year and well into summer.
 - iii. Will still have to deal with temperatures and other league rule issues. There are only 2 leagues in District 6 that have not cancelled.
 - iv. Hearing from parents. It seems all parents are waiting on us to make a decision (and are presuming that we are going to cancel).
 - v. Kevin C. brought up that it is unlikely to battle SUSD over fields so how would we do this without alternative fields. We are worried about getting adversarial with SUSD.
 - vi. Called for Vote: Called for roll call vote: Yes=21; No= 3. Motion passes to cancel season.
 - b. Motion to refund \$100.00* to each player that completed payment for the 2020 baseball/softball season (2nd by Shane Rooney). **After some discussion, Motion was modified: Motion to ask each family to choose one of the following: refund of \$100 to



each player that completed payment for the 2020 baseball/softball season or to donate the \$100 back to ARLL. Discussion followed:

- i. Give each player option to donate the refund instead if they want.
 - ii. Vote was held: Yes=Unanimous.
 - iii. Board to consider if the player received a sibling discount.
- c. Motion to refund 50%* to sponsors that purchased banner packages. After discussion the Motion was modified: **Motion to ask each sponsor to choose one of the following: refund 50% to sponsors that purchased banner packages, donate the full amount back to ARLL, or roll over sponsorship to next year using already printed banners (2nd by D. Dietrich). Discussion followed:
- i. Discussion was had. Will also give sponsor option to donate the refund back to the league as well.
 - ii. Discussed what amounts would be needed if we have full refunds? Have enough in bank but it eats way into "savings".
 - iii. Also puts large burden on those that will handle this to approach and negotiate each sponsor.
 - iv. Talked about possibly giving discount for next year for those sponsors that stay engaged.
 - v. VOTE was held: Yes: Unanimous

**Refund may change based on Chris Richardson's recommendation as he reviews financials and sponsor reactions.

7. No new business. Next meeting June 8, 2020 at 7pm.

8. Close Meeting. Motion to adjourn by Cheri Pierce. Paltzik second. Adjourned 8:14.