

Leominster Lassie League Board of Director Meeting
October 2, 2019 @ 7:00 PM @ Slate

In attendance : Nichole Wheeler, Dawn Grebinar, Dave Dube, Shawn McNamara, Julie Bergstrand, Curtis Ruby, Chuck Sargeant, Ron Bidinger, Andrea Belcastro, and Brady Townsend

Excused: Meaghan Abrams

Meeting called to order at 7:11 PM

Secretary's report – minutes emailed to board and uploaded to website, no changes / concerns

Treasurer's report - \$33,000 in accounts with \$4,000 needing to be paid to landscaper, \$600 to Alan and Caitlin for concession and \$1200 for Tonya

Old Business

1. Casino night cancelled – too many volunteers needed, will revisit this early next year
2. Johnny Appleseed fair – made \$600

New Business

1. Bylaw reading for changes - The recommended changes to the By-laws were forwarded to a second reading at the November board meeting, Curtis motioned to move them forward, Julie B seconded the motion and all 8 present members were in favor of moving them forward to a second reading, 0 were against.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

DELETE -Section 2c. Honorary members. The Board of Directors may from time to time elect honorary members of the corporation, who need not be residents within the geographical limits referred to in Sect. 1. The Board of Directors may bestow honorary membership upon any persons in recognition of meritorious services or other contributions made by such persons to the League. Honorary members shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or in the property of the corporation and shall have no voting rights. They may be members for life or any time so designated by the Board.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the following: Six officers of the Corporation: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Youth Player Agent (1 to be voted on), Women's Player Agent (1 to be voted on), and 5 at-large members. The Board of Directors will have the only voting rights but will confer with coaches and other members of the league. All Board of Directors voted in need to have been involved in the Leominster Lassie League for at least the past **(ADD "calendar")** year as a parent/guardian, coach, and/or volunteer. The Board of Directors shall have a term of two years.

Move to Article III Committees Section 4 . The Board of Directors may designate committee members and delegate duties and authorities to committee members as the Board of Directors may deem advisable.

And delete the statement that is there now- The President will create committees as needed during the year

ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS

DELETE This is redundant to Article IV Section 7 -Section 7. The Board of Directors shall have the ability to make decisions for the board of directors outside of a meeting or calling a special meeting where an immediate decision must be made and cannot wait until a scheduled meeting. Officers must be in a majority vote and the issue will then need to be presented to the board at the next scheduled meeting. If this is not an emergency situation then the item can wait until the next scheduled Lassie League meeting.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the board of directors of the corporation shall be held in September for the purpose of electing the board of directors, receiving reports of funds and progress, and any other League business to be discussed. The meeting shall be held at the time and place designated by the Board of Directors. Anyone in attendance at the Annual meeting is eligible to vote for the Board of Directors as long as they **(ADD - had a child in the league during that calendar year)(DELETE – currently have a child in the League)**, are a player in the Women's League or have

been a volunteer during the current year. Anyone interested in becoming a board member must submit their interest in writing to the current board at leominsterlassieleague@gmail.com prior to September 1 st for the 6 officers and the 5 at-large members. The general membership will vote by ballot for these positions. A neutral person should be designated to oversee/count the votes. All ballots will be put into an envelope and attached to the Annual Meeting minutes **(ADD – An email invitation will be sent to the Director of the Leominster Recreation Department.)**

Move to Article XII Amendments -Section 5. Any changes to the by-laws should be handled by a by-law committee who will submit recommendations and then will require a second reading for the vote to be official.

ARTICLE VII QUORUM The Quorum shall consist of one half plus one of the **(DELETE- “active membership of the”)** Board of Directors

ARTICLE VIII NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS (DELETE SECTIONS 1 and 2 AS REPETITIVE)

Section 1. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting by a majority of votes cast by the current sitting board members who are entitled to vote.

Section 2. All Officers of the corporation shall be elected by and from the new Board of Directors as elected in section 1 by a majority vote. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, the top two candidates with the most votes will move on to a second ballot. If there is a tie between two candidates in any position, ballots will be cast no more than three times. If after the third attempt there still remains a tie, that position will be tabled until the next scheduled meeting. Only those board of directors who were elected under section 1 may vote.

(MOVE this section to Article V making it section 7) - Section 3. If any vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board by death, resignation, or otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at any regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE IX Umpiring and Playing RULES

(DELETE – this contradicts what is stated elsewhere that rules are changed through the Rules Committee)

Section 3. Any modification or amendments to the rules, once approved by the Board, must be brought by the divisional player agent upon request of the divisional managers to the rules committee

ARTICLE X MANAGERS AND COACHES

Section 2B -3 If the infraction is a second offense, the infraction will automatically come before the sub-committee.

A. An infraction occurring outside of a game context. A signed written **(Change “request” to “statement”)** detailing the transgression(s) will be submitted to the League President. He will submit the **(Change “request” to “statement”)** to the subcommittee.

Article XIV DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION

Pursuant to M.G.L., Chapter 180, Section 11 or 11A, dissolution of the corporation requires two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting provided that dissolution is previously discussed by the Board of Directors. A quorum of the membership shall be present for any dissolution vote. The proposed agenda for the Annual Meeting shall contain any notice for dissolution vote. Should this Corporation dissolve, it's assets shall be used to settle any outstanding financial obligations. Any and all remaining assets shall be placed in a scholarship Trust Fund. This Fund will be administered by Leominster High School Guidance Department. Scholarship criteria shall be those currently in effect.

Change to : Dissolution of the Corporation will be decided by a vote between the current Board of Directors and the Leominster Recreation Department. Should this Corporation dissolve, it's assets shall be used to settle any outstanding financial obligations. Any and all remaining assets shall be placed in a scholarship Trust Fund. This Fund will be administered by Leominster High School Guidance Department. Scholarship criteria shall be those currently in effect.

2. Tournaments for 2020 – Skirt in the Dirt 12U June & 14U July

- 2020 tournaments were scheduled as 12U – June 19 – 21 and 14- July 19-21

3. Landscaper contract request

- Rob Daniels presented a 1 and 2 year landscaping and irrigation system contract to the league and would like a answer prior to November 1st as they are not taking on as many commercial contracts next

year. The contract \$11,925 for 1 yr and \$11,425 for 2 yr

- Rob has been on top of the irrigation system when it needed new parts and came and fixed the next day.
- They did extra duties to the complex when requested such as fixed the gate on field 2, the back stop on field 3 and added more grub control. Over the year Rob has been easy to work with and would change the mow days to accommodate the different divisions throughout the year. He addressed concerns within 1-2 days and always was willing to do extras as needed.
- The board did not feel the need to wait until winter to put the field maintenance contract out to bid as this company did a great job this year and there were no complaints.
- The board voted to accept the 2 year contract for Lassie field maintenance from S&R Landscape. All members were in favor of this contract.

4. Foul ball nets estimate

- Nichole received a bid from Beacon Athletics for nets to cover the right side of Field 2 to prohibit foul balls from going into the parking lot. The estimate was \$30,000 and the league can't afford this at this time. We will continue to look into other options for the safety of the families and players.

5. Neighborhood Grant Proposal

- Nichole applied for the Neighborhood Grant from the city last week for \$2,000 to fix the hill on field 3 to stop the continuous erosion. Nichole will let the board know when she hears more about the grant recipients.

6. Tractor & drag net

- Currently we have 2 small john deer tractors and then the large diesel tractor. We do not use the smaller tractor except for during tournaments to pull the cart for trash. Currently we remove the infield groomer from the other tractor and attach the cart to do trash instead of taking both out.
- Mike Nelson has approached us about purchasing the small tractor from us along with a metal grooming net which we have numerous ones. You can purchase a brand new one for slightly over \$2,000 so the board discussed asking \$1,000 for the tractor and the net.
- The present board voted all in favor of selling the tractor and a drag net for \$1,000 to Mike Nelson.

7. Umpiring organization vote

- Discussed USA as our current umpiring organization. USA umpire fees went up to \$50 this year for regular season games. Wayne Coe, Joanne Cummings and Andrea Allen have been great to Lassie League and are always reachable for questions /concerns.
- The board voted all in favor of continuing to use USA in 2020.

8. 2020 Registration (open date & calendar raffle)

- Add to agenda for next month but include that the amounts of the calendar raffle pay out needs to change as we pay out too much.

9. Fall clean up date / close up Friday, November 8th

- Nichole has scheduled the inmates for clean up on November 8th. The boxes will be cleaned, cages taken down, concession cleaned and sanitized and parking area clean and cones put away.

10. 2018 Donation for field 3 from Ron – still have \$\$ for field

- We still have about \$2,000 from Ron Bidinger's donation from 2019 for the fields. We discussed what is needed for the fields at this time and it was suggested to purchase more of the softball mix soil from NE Specialty Soils and add it to fields 1B and 2. Nichole will call and order this after the season is completed so we can spread it and allow it to settle over the winter.
- All in favor to spend the rest of the donation on more material for the fields.

New item added : Wachusett league

- Curtis debriefed the board about the Wachusett League board meeting he and Tess Davis attended last week. They discussed the leagues merging in the lower division (10U intermediate) and the older division possibly (18U / majors) . The middle ages would not work as we have ages 11-13 in majors and they do a 12U and 14U. More discussion will take place.

Adjourn : Next meeting November 6th @ 7:00 at Slate