



*Santa Monica*  
**LITTLE LEAGUE**



**Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes**

**Nov 28, 2017**

1. Call to Order

Jasan called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

Board Members in attendance: Matt Edelman, Jasan Sherman, Kirk Goldstein, Jose Nuno, Ric Munoz, Beth Clark, David Schmillen, Tom Bevan, Peter McCormick, Michael Balsley, Eric Mirich.

Board Members in attendance after the start: Grant Devaul

Board Members not in attendance: Matt Steinhaus, Bernard Rahill, John Matise.

Non-Board Members in attendance: Scott Stoddard, Noah Graff, Gerald Bender, Jules Rothenberg, Dayton Patterson, Rich Hill, Kevin Smith, Randy Redmond, Jason Forest, Alex Arreola, John Baracy.

2. Public Comment

Ric Munoz mentioned that the Fall-Stars team planning to go to Cooperstown is having a fundraiser this weekend to reduce costs for the team to play in the tournament and that the team has made a decision to donate 10% of their funds to the SMLL Scholarship Fund.

Three questions were raised by non-Board Members in attendance and discussed:

- What has caused the number of registered players to go down over the past ten years?
- How are teams formed at different division levels?
- Can parents choose to keep their players at a particular level?

3. ONE DIVISION Celebratory Moment

Jasan described the approval of SMLL's move to a single division format. A discussion ensued.

4. Board Meeting Schedule

- a. Mon Dec 18<sup>th</sup>
- b. Tue Jan 9<sup>th</sup>
- c. Tue Feb 13<sup>th</sup>

5. Fall Ball Final Recap

Kirk explained we had a successful season inclusive of a robust interleague schedule and a Fall-Stars program in the 12U division. Kirk noted that the participants in the Fall-Stars program included Culver City, Beverly Hills, North Venice and Pony, along with the two SMLL teams. Kirk further explained that a four-team program may be the right goal going forward.

Ric noted that it was helpful to the Fall-stars program that it was hosted at Memorial.

Kirk suggested we might be able to run a Fall-Stars program for the 10U age group next year.

Kirk remarked that it may be worth making the Fall Ball teams larger in future seasons to ensure enough players can attend every game to form a full team.

Beth raised the subject that decisions were being made about playoffs by Board Members who also were Managers in a manner that could have been considered a conflict of interest and that this is something to be careful of going forward. A discussion ensued.

#### 6. Spring 50/70 Program

Kirk explained the meaning of 50/70 and noted that the goal for the Spring season is to have a dedicated 50/70 program and to make it available to 12-year olds who would like to have the 50/70 experience in addition to participating in the Majors program.

Jasan explained that LLI is encouraging local leagues to grow their 50/70 programs.

A discussion ensued.

#### 7. Commissioner and Manager Candidate Review and Vote

Kirk introduced the candidates:

##### Commissioners

##### Juniors / 50/70

- Candidate: Kirk Goldstein. Matt E motioned to approve. Ric seconded. Kirk was approved.

##### Majors

- Candidate: Matt Steinhaus. Matt E motioned to approve. Tom seconded. Matt was approved.

##### AAA

- Candidate: Noah Graff. Matt E motioned to approve. Tom seconded. Noah was approved.

##### AA

- Candidate: Randy Redmond. Matt E motioned to approve. Tom seconded. Randy was approved.

Machine Pitch

- Kirk noted that he still is looking for candidates.

#### 5-Pitch / T-Ball

- Kirk noted that he still is looking for candidates.

### Managers

#### Juniors

- Candidate: Jules Rothenberg. Matt E. motioned to approve. Grant seconded. Jules was approved.

#### 50/70

- Kirk noted that he still is looking for candidates.

#### Majors

- Candidate: Noah Graff. Matt E. motioned to approve. Eric seconded. Noah was approved.
- Candidate: Matt Edelman. Tom motioned to approve. Eric Mirich seconded. Matt was approved.
- Candidate: Jason Forest. Matt E. motioned to approve. Eric seconded. Jason was approved.
- Candidate: Jason Sherman. Matt E. motioned to approve. Eric seconded. Jason was approved.
- Candidate: Gerald Bender. Matt E. motioned to approve. Eric seconded. Gerald was approved.
- Candidate: Kevin Smith. Matt E. motioned to approve. Eric seconded. Kevin was approved.
- Candidate: Randy Redmond. Matt E. motioned to approve. Eric seconded. Randy was approved.
- Candidate: Alex Arreola. Matt E. motioned to approve. Eric seconded. Alex was approved.
- Candidate: Ric Munoz. Matt E. motioned to approve. Eric seconded. Ric was approved.
- Candidate: David Schmillen. Matt E. motioned to approve. Eric seconded. David was approved.
- Candidate: Peter McCormick. Matt E. motioned to approve. Eric seconded. Peter was approved.
- Candidate: Kirk Goldstein. Matt E. motioned to approve. Eric seconded. Kirk was approved.
- Candidate: Andy Telanoff. Matt E. motioned to approve. Eric seconded. Andy was approved.
- Candidate: David Sharpe. Matt E. motioned to approve. Eric seconded. David was approved.

#### AAA

- Candidate: Eric Mirich. Matt E. motioned to approve. Ric seconded. Eric was approved.
- Candidate: Michael Balsley. Matt E. motioned to approve. Ric seconded. Michael was approved.
- Candidate: Mark Kapczynski. Matt E. motioned to approve. Tom seconded. Mark was approved.

- Candidate: Adam Telanoff. Matt E. motioned to approve. Tom seconded. Adam was approved
- Candidate: Michael Kadish. Matt E. motioned to approve. Tom seconded. Michael was approved.
- Candidate: Michael Waterstone. Matt E. motioned to approve. Tom seconded. Michael was approved.
- Candidate: Michael Parker. Matt E. motioned to approve. Tom seconded. Michael was approved.
- Candidate: Michael Goddard. Matt E. motioned to approve. Tom seconded. Michael was approved.

#### AA

- Candidate: Scott Stoddard. Matt E. motioned to approve. Eric seconded. Scott was approved.
- Candidate: John Baracy. Matt E. motioned to approve. Eric seconded. John was approved.
- Candidate: David Schmillen. Matt E. motioned to approve. Tom seconded. David was approved.
- Candidate: Brian Phelan. Matt E. motioned to approve. Ric seconded. Brian was approved.
- Candidate: Michael Parker. Matt E. motioned to approve. Ric seconded. Michael was approved.
- Candidate: Rick Eastland. Matt E. motioned to approve. Ric seconded. Rick was approved.
- Candidate: David Jurenka. Matt E. motioned to approve. Ric seconded. David was approved.

#### Machine Pitch

1. Candidates: Dayton Patterson and Rich Hill. Matt E. motioned to approve. Eric seconded. Dayton and Rich were approved as Co-Managers.
2. Candidates: Todd Allen and Sean Broihier. Matt E. motioned to approve. Beth seconded. Todd and Sean were approved as Co-Managers.

#### 5-Pitch

1. Candidate: Doug Hayes. Matt E. motioned to approve. Grant seconded. Doug was approved.
2. Candidate: Brian Joyce. Matt E. motioned to approve. Grant seconded. Brian was approved.
3. Candidate: Michael Ward. Matt E. motioned to approve. Grant seconded. Michael was approved.

#### T-Ball

1. Candidate: Mark Kapczynski. Matt E. motioned to approve. Jose seconded. Mark was approved.
2. Candidate: David Jurenka. Matt E. motioned to approve. Jose seconded. David was approved.

### 8. Sponsorships Update

Peter explained that he talked again with the owner of the new batting cages who likely will buy a banner sponsorship.

Peter noted that he is going to get the full list of last year's sponsors from John and then meet with Beth and Mark to develop a plan to approach them and reach out to new sponsors.

Matt suggested that Peter consider whether or not to ask each team to be responsible for raising a certain amount of money. A discussion ensued.

Ric suggested that Peter secure testimonials from past sponsors about how their sponsorship has helped their business. A discussion ensued.

#### 9. Winter Batting Cage Access

Jasan explained that SMLL does not have access to batting cages at all from now until Feb 4<sup>th</sup>.

David noted that he will be changing the lock combinations such that the cages will be inaccessible until that date.

#### 10. Spring Field Space Update

David noted that all permits are set other than Marine Park in the mornings and afternoons. Kirk requested that David ask for permits at Marine on Sunday mornings.

David explained that he asked for permitting for the Clover Pit for T-Ball and 5P to practice there instead of at Stewart.

A discussion ensued about using field space on Mondays for a free clinic run by the SAMO High Coaches.

David noted that having a mobile backstop for field 6 and dugout cubbies for fields 5 and 6 would be good field improvements. A discussion ensued.

#### 11. Setting Spring Practice Schedule and Batting Cage Access

David explained that he will work with Michael and that they will develop a system that David will use to work directly with the Managers to set practice times.

David explained that batting cage access will work similarly to last year.

#### 12. Spring Season Registration and Recruiting Update

Ric explained that we are down from last season in terms of registration. Ric noted that we have 116 registrations this season whereas we had 193 by the end of November last year.

Ric and Michael agreed to work together on emails and eblasts to encourage additional registrations before the end of the early bird rate.

Matt and Michael suggested extending the early bird rate through Sunday Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. Matt motioned to approve this extension. Tom seconded. The motion passed.

#### 13. Spring Season Key Dates

- 11/30 – Early Bird Discount Ends
- 1/13 – Spring Training Day #1
- 1/20 – Spring Training Day #2
- 1/21 – Safety Clinic / Field Prep Training / Coaching Clinic #1
- 1/27 – Evaluations Day #1
- 2/3 – Evaluations Day #2
- 2/3 – Spring Registration closes for 8+ (wait list only)
- 2/5 – Majors Draft
- 2/7 – AAA Draft
- 2/10 – Spring Registration closes for 7U (wait list only)
- 2/11 – Coaching Clinic #2
- 2/11 – Majors and AAA Team Assignments distributed
- 2/20 – Majors and AAA Practices begin
- 2/26 – Lower divisions practices begin
- 3/3 – OPENING DAY: Majors and AAA
- 3/10 – OPENING DAY: Lower divisions

#### 14. Additional Board Member Updates

Jose noted that we will need to use new bats at Evaluations. A discussion ensued.

Jose noted that he will be holding an umpire's clinic in Jan and in Feb.

Jose noted that SMLL is a very friendly league compared to other leagues in District 25 and that if SMLL intends to be more competitive, the umpires may need to be more strict. A discussion ensued.

#### 15. Adjourn

Jasan adjourned the meeting at 10:25pm.