



Santa Monica
LITTLE LEAGUE



**Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes**

Jan 16, 2018

1. Call to Order

Jasan called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

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

Board Members in attendance after the start: Peter McCormick

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

Non-Board Members in attendance: Christian Miyamae, Luke Spiegel, Noah Graff.

2. Public Comment

The non-Board Members in attendance introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Prior Minutes

Matt E. acknowledged that he had not submitted Minutes for approval for several meetings such that there are multiple sets of Minutes to review. Matt E. asked if Board Members would be ready to vote on approval of Minutes from the following prior meetings:

- Oct 2, 2018 Meeting
- Oct 30, 2018 Meeting
- Nov 28, 2018 Meeting
- Dec 18, 2018 Meeting

Multiple Board Members indicated they needed more time to review the outstanding Minutes so the decision was made to move approval to an email vote.

4. Board Meeting Schedule

Matt E. reminded the Board of the following dates of upcoming meetings:

- Tue Feb 13th
- Mon Mar 5th
- Mon Apr 9th

5. Spring Season Registration and Recruiting Update

Matt E. noted that the reports from Michael and Ric had certain discrepancies. A discussion ensued.

Tom noted that LLI will be pulling our player registration information directly from Blue Sombrero whereas we mailed it in last year, so it is important to ensure that the data is set up based on actual DOB as opposed to the division in which parents may have registered players. Ric explained that this is how the data is made available in the system. A discussion ensued.

Ric mentioned that several parents of lower division players are asking for information about game schedules. A discussion ensued.

Jasan raised several ways we can continue to recruit players. A discussion ensued.

Michael noted that he will send a note out to the Board to organize another round of flyer hand-outs at local schools.

Jasan emphasized the value of having Board Members reach out to pre-schools to explain that a group of friends can form their own T-ball team. A discussion ensued.

- Number of Teams per Division

Ric explained that we have 72 players aged 11-12 such that we expect to have enough players to field 8 Majors teams.

Ric explained that we have 74 players aged 9-10 such that we expect to have enough players to field 8 AAA teams.

Ric explained that we have 65 players age 8 such that we expect to have enough players to field 6 or 7 AA teams.

Ric explained that we have 49 players age 7 such that we expect to have enough players to field 5 or 6 MP teams unless we see a registration surge like we did last year in February, in which case we may have 7 or 8 teams.

Ric explained that we have 34 players age 6 such that we expect to have enough players to field 3 or 4 5-Pitch teams unless we see a registration surge like we did last year in February, in which case we may have 5 or 6 5P teams

Ric explained that we have 65 players age 4-5, with some of the 5-year-olds possibly being ready to play 5P, such that we expect to have enough players to field 4 T-Ball teams unless we have several 5 year-olds who stay in T-Ball, in which case we may have 5 or 6 T-Ball teams.

Ric explained that we had 40 teams last year and that based on current traction, it seems we may have the same number this year.

6. New Manager/Commissioner Candidates

Kirk introduced the following candidates:

T-Ball Manager

Cris Denham. Matt E. motioned to approve Cris. Tom seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.

Managers at one of multiple possible levels

Christian Miyamae and Luke Spiegel as co-Managers. Matt E. motioned to approve Christian and Luke. Michael seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.

7. Manager Assignments

Kirk reviewed the status of each division relating to Manager needs.

- T-Ball. The 3 approved candidates all will have assigned teams.
- 5P. The 3 approved candidates all will have assigned teams.
- MP. The 4 approved candidates all will have assigned teams.
- AA. The 6 approved candidates all will have assigned teams.
- AAA. Kirk explained that there are more candidates than the number of teams we expect to have so the Board discussed which Managers to assign. The following approved candidates were assigned teams:
 - Eric Mirich
 - Michael Balsley
 - Mark Kapczynski
 - Michael Kadish
 - Michael Waterstone
 - Michael Parker
 - Michael Goddard

The following approved candidate was assigned an alternate position in the event more teams are formed:

- Adam Telanoff
- Majors. Kirk explained that there are more candidates than the number of teams we expect to have so the Board discussed which Managers to assign. The following approved candidates were assigned teams
 - Kirk Goldstein
 - Kevin Smith
 - Matt Edelman

- Noah Graff
- Peter McCormick
- Ric Munoz

The following approved candidates were assigned an alternate position in the event more teams are formed:

- Randy Redmond
- Andy Telanoff

8. Communications Timeline

- Informing Manager Candidates

Kirk agreed to inform all Manager candidates of the results immediately and to instruct the candidates with assigned teams to provide their practice slot preferences to David Schmillen.

- Confirming Practice Slots

Matt E. noted that we should have practice slots confirmed before the Majors Draft for Majors and AAA.

Michael raised the idea of setting time slots for each division based on age in order to have practice times be most age-appropriate. A discussion ensued.

- Assigning Team Names

Jasan noted that team names for Majors and AAA are assigned during the draft.

- Confirming Evaluations Day Schedule

Ric noted that the schedule on the 27th will be:

- Opening the field at 8am
- First evaluation time at 8:30
- Last evaluation time at 3:15
- Finish by 4pm

Ric explained that the proposed schedule will enable evaluating 165 players.

Ric noted that we will need approximately 20 volunteers.

Grant noted that it will be important to minimize delays. A discussion ensued.

Ric explained that he will be assigning evaluations slots starting this week.

- Parents Mixer/Fundraiser

Peter noted that he is still evaluating alternatives for a Parents Fundraiser. A discussion ensued.

9. Local Rules

Jose shared the new rules that are in place for the Spring season:

- New bat rule and the consequences of using an illegal bats, which is a mandatory rule.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct rule 9.01, sub-section D regarding sign stealing, which is a rule each local league can decide whether or not to adopt.
 - Matt E. motioned for SMLL to adopt the rule. Tom seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.
- In Minors and below, Rule 4.19, Sub-section G establishes that protests must be resolved on the field before the next pitch, which is a rule each local league can decide whether or not to adopt.
 - Matt E. motioned for SMLL to adopt the rule. Jasan seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.
- The new and old pinch runner rules, which each local league can decide between.
 - Tom motioned to approved the old pinch runner rule. Kirk seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.
- Continuous batting in Minors and below, which is a rule each local league can decide whether or not to adopt.
 - Jasan motioned to adopt the rule. Ric seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.

10. Snack Shack Spring Plan

Matt E. explained the two alternatives that he had discussed with Bernard:

- Outsourcing
 - Jasan noted that the Lazy Dazy runs the Beverly Hills Snack Shop and might be interested in running ours.
- Hiring 2 people who, along with Bernard, would manage opening and closing and would manage additional staffing through volunteers.

A discussion ensued.

Jasan motioned that Bernard try to outsource the running of our Snack Shack, which Jasan agreed to assist in trying to accomplish. Michael seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.

11. Tracking Volunteer Waiver Fees

Based on a discussion of how the website enables tracking, Michael agreed to create a list of parents who paid the waiver fee.

12. Majors/Minors Drafts

- Format
 - Jasan noted that this would be explained on Draft night.
- Rules
 - Jasan noted that this would be explained on Draft night.

- Schedule
 - Jasan noted that the start time would be 7pm on both nights.
- Location
 - Jasan noted that if we could not hold the drafts at New Roads School, we could hold them at Pacifica Christian thanks to Michael.
- Team Assignment Player/Family Communications
 - Kirk noted that these communications would be at the discretion of Player Agent.

13. Sponsorships Update

- Banners
 - After a discussion about the city enabling the league to use color banners, Peter agreed to discuss with potential sponsors whether or not they care about color, as opposed to the blue and white banners currently on the fields.
 - Peter and David agreed to make sure the existing banners are in good shape for Opening Day.

14. Opening Day Update

Beth reviewed the email report she had sent prior to the meeting. A discussion ensued.

Beth noted that she needs to discuss certain budget items with John.

Beth proposed setting April 15th for Dodger Day, which is also Jackie Robinson Day. A discussion ensued, after which the Board agreed to proceed based on Beth's recommendation.

15. Spring Season Key Dates

Matt E. reviewing the following key dates for the Spring season:

- 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
- 2/19 – SAMO Clinic #1 (to be repeated weekly)
- 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

16. Additional Board Member Updates

None.

17. Other league business

None.

18. Good and Welfare

Ric brought his check from the garage sale proceeds run by the Cooperstown team and provided it as a donation to SMLL.

19. Adjourn [Jasan]

Jasan adjourned the meeting at 10:30pm.