



Santa Monica
LITTLE LEAGUE



**Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes**

Feb 13, 2018

1. Call to Order

Jasan called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

Board Members in attendance: Matt Edelman, Jasan Sherman, Jose Nuno, Beth Clark, David Schmillen, Tom Bevan, Kirk Goldstein, Eric Mirich

Board Members in attendance after the start: John Matise (initially by phone), Peter McCormick, Michael Balsley, Bernard Rahill

Board Members not in attendance: Ric Munoz, Grant Devaul, Matt Steinhaus

Non-Board Members in attendance: Eric Sackler

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Prior Minutes

Matt E. made a motion to approve Minutes from the following prior meetings:

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

Tom seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.

4. Board Meeting Schedule

Matt E. noted the following upcoming Board Meeting dates:

- Mon Mar 5th
- Mon Apr 9th
- Mon Apr 30th

5. Manager/Commissioner Update

Kirk explained that we have 8 teams for T-Ball instead of 4 last year and that we still need 4 Managers and a TB and 5P Commissioner.

Kirk also explained that we have 6 teams for 5-Pitch instead of 4 last year and that we still need 2 Managers.

Kirk further explained that we have 8 teams for Machine Pitch which is flat from last year and that we still need 4 Managers.

Kirk also explained that we have 6 teams for AA instead of 8 last year and that we still need 1 Manager.

Kirk also explained that we have 3 Juniors teams instead of 2 last year and one 50-70 team and that we still need 1 Juniors Manager.

A discussion ensued about recruiting candidates to be Managers.

Kirk noted that he needs help getting email lists together from Michael or Ric for each division and getting a notice out to all families at each level asking for parents to step up to Manage.

Matt made a motion to approve Tom Bevan as TB-5P Commissioner. Jasan seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.

6. Spring Season Registration and Recruiting Update

- Number of Registrants

Jasan noted that we have 545 registrants vs 524 last year. Jasan commended the Board for the success in recruiting.

- Number of Players on Waitlist

Jasan explained that we have 11 players across multiple divisions on the waitlist. Kirk noted that based on the age levels and parent preferences, we should be able to accommodate everyone.

- Number of Teams per Division

See above.

7. Spring Season Schedule Review

- Game Schedule

Kirk explained that the Commissioners are responsible for creating the schedules for their divisions and that Michael Balsley has the Majors template from last year that Matt Steinhaus can use, and that Noah is working on the AAA schedule.

Kirk noted that there is interest in having interleague games at the Majors and AAA level from North Venice, Culver Marina, Malibu and Ladera, which will enable teams in those divisions not to have bye weeks.

- Spring Break Plan

A discussion ensued about when to hold scrimmages and/or games. A decision was made that the league will have scheduled scrimmages on the weekend of 3/24 and 3/25, no games on the weekend of 3/31 and 4/1 and scheduled games on the weekend of 4/7 and 4/8.

8. Opening Day Update

- Schedule / Run of Show

Beth went through a series of questions and issues regarding Opening Day requirements. A discussion ensued.

A decision was made to change the scoring of the Home Run Derby so that balls that hit the fence on the fly will be worth 1 point and HR's will be worth 2 points.

A decision was made to price the pancake breakfast at \$15 for pre-purchases online and \$20 for in-person purchases.

- Volunteers

A discussion ensued about how to recruit volunteers for Opening Day.

9. Dodger Day Update

Beth explained that we could proceed with our Dodger Day on Jackie Robinson Day with \$42 tickets or on another day with less expensive tickets. A discussion ensued, with the decision being re-affirmed to proceed with Jackie Robinson Day.

10. Communications Timeline

- Lower Division Team Assignments

Kirk explained that AA will be done this week and that the other divisions ideally will be assigned by the middle of the week after President's Day.

- SAMO Clinics

Jasan explained that we need to be able to tell the coaches in advance of each weekly clinic approximately how many players will be attending. A discussion ensued.

- Game Schedule Distribution

Kirk explained that game schedules for AAA and Majors should be distributed by the 24th and for AA and others within one week.

11. Little League Congress Rules

- Newly Updated Rules

Jose explained that Little League Congress voted on the following new rules for 2018 that are mandatory for all local leagues.

- a. The number of 12 year-olds on a Majors team is not capped.
- b. A pitcher may not pitch on 3 consecutive days in games regardless of the number of pitches thrown on the first two days.
- c. The Seniors Division must have a minimum of ten games in a season.
- d. Player substitutions will be the same as tournament play during the regular season.
- e. Mound visits have changed such that Managers will be allowed 2 visits per inning instead of 3, and 3 visits per game instead of 2, per pitcher.

Jose further explained that Little League World Congress votes to enable local leagues to consider an optional 3rd Inning Mercy Rule, which would establish a 15-run rule going into effect in the 3rd inning in addition to the 10-run mercy rule that is in place for the 4th inning, with the rules applying one inning later in 50-70 and Juniors, with this option being applied on a mandatory basis for all tournament play.

- a. Jasan motioned that we adopt the 10-run 3rd inning rule. Beth seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.

12. Snack Shack Spring Plan

Jasan explained that Bernard is trying to hire someone to work in the Snack Shack, which Bernard is trying to do before Opening Day.

Bernard noted that he has someone who could work in the Snack Shack on a part-time paid basis and is looking either for another person to work part-time or full-time, also on a paid basis.

Bernard also noted that once the paid individuals are in place, he will work through the Commissioners and Managers to secure volunteers.

13. Sponsorships Update

- Banners

Peter explained that he is in the middle of contacting last year's sponsors to discuss this year's opportunities, inclusive of offering color banners.

Peter noted that he also is addressing whether the existing banners need to stay up or be taken down for Opening Day.

- Fundraisers

Peter explained that he is considering some ideas for post-Spring Break.

14. Spring Season Key Dates

Matt E. reminded Board Members to review key dates [HERE](#)

15. Additional Board Member Updates

None.

16. Other league business

- Player Waiver Request

Jasan explained the situation involving Oliver Mather, whose mother submitted his autistic medical diagnosis as part of a request for him to play in the Majors division even though he has aged out of the division.

Jasan noted that he has discussed the situation directly with Oliver's mother, Meghan, and that Meghan has discussed the situation directly with District 25 and that she also has been in touch with LLI.

Jasan made a motion that we follow the recommendations of LLI with regard to Oliver's eligibility and inform Meghan of our position. Kirk seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.

- Jasan explained that David Harris would help manage a Juniors team as long as he is working with Jim Ries and Tom Bevan.

17. Good and Welfare

Matt E. mentioned that David Schmillen has stayed fully committed in his Board role even though his sons decided not to play this season.

18. Adjourn

Jasan adjourned the meeting at 9:30.