

**Linden Little League  
October 29, 2018 Meeting  
Linden High School Library  
6:30 pm**

**Date:** Monday, October 29, 2018

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:47pm

**Attendance:** Those in attendance were Mario Vigna,Chris Ricketts,Angela Rugani,Tiffany Craven,David Black,Ron Stevens,Brad Coussons,Brian Waddle,Mike Hamilton, Jen Plaster, Scott Brent, Kathy Hamilton, Tonya DeSpain, Breton Kelso.

**Approve Meeting Agenda:** Additional items accept Fernando Trujillo's resignation from position of Field Maintenance Coordinator. Need to Ron Stevens seconded. All-in-favor. None opposed.

**Approve Minutes of 9/24/18 Meeting:** Ron Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes from 9/24/18 meeting. Tonya seconded. All-in-favor. None opposed.

**Correspondence:** None

**Reports:**

**President- Mario Vigna:**

Mario gave an update that Diamond Walnut would not be available as a venue for any fundraising events at this time.

Mario is scheduled to meet with Tim Sutton, of Linden Unified School District, and Sam Cox,at Waterloo School on November 7th to further discuss the planning of the 50/70 field. Planning would include two fields- one baseball, one softball.

Softball will actively participate in the funding of the field.

There is a Player Agent/Safety Officer/President Meeting on Sunday, November 18th, Bret Harte, 1:00 pm/2:00 pm/3:00 pm.

**Vice President- Chris Ricketts:**

No report.

**Treasurer-Tiffany Craven:**

Tiffany reported that both she and Mario have taken over the Linden Little League account. They will address with the bank why the account was opened as a personal account rather than a merchant account as well as find the EIN for Linden Little

League. She has received a donation of \$2000 from Tri-Valley Recycling. She has also working on a letter for fundraising.

## **6.0 Old Business:**

### **6.1 Constitution Committee Meeting :**

Ron emailed a copy of the current constitution and the Little League Constitution Template to those on the committee. Additional revising and editing is still required to address the need to have a quorum size that is accurate to the number of participating members and a lack of articles dealing with financial transparency. Constitution Committee Meeting on Monday, November 12th, Tiffany Craven's House, 24277 E. Hwy 26, 6:00 pm. Ron will chair this committee and provide update for general meeting.

### **6.2 Bylaws Committee Meeting:**

The bylaws committee meet on Friday, September 28. They provided the bylaws and ground rules for all divisions. Additional in board discussion the following items were suggested to discuss:

- need a standardized pitching machine
- no lights, how long does the game go, when can an inning start, who calls the game
- can T-ball play up
- in farm what happens when the ball hits the grass can the runner take two or should they take more
- when will we have an open meeting for general membership have view of finances (financial transparency)
- who will coach all-stars
- how are all-stars chosen
- drafting rules
- privacy rules- no videoing equipment attached to fencing
- what are the "rules" for players with special needs

The next bylaw committee meeting on Friday, November 9th, Pizza Plus at 6:30 pm. Mario Vigna will chair the committee and take minutes of this meeting to report at the next meeting.

### **6.3 Fundraising Committee Meeting:**

The committee discussed and researched several fundraising opportunities. See attached notes. Discussion of how to address sponsoring players as well as address the commitment from those who can't afford to pay the registrations fees were also brought up. Tentative opening day is still March 16th. Hopes of starting registration December 1. Need to delineate sponsorship and acknowledgment. The

next sponsorship committee meeting on Friday, November 16th, Mike Hamilton's House, 5433 Flor Ct., 6:00 pm. Mike will chair this committee and provide update for general meeting.

#### **6.4 New Field/Division (50/70) proposal Committee:**

Same information as was shared in the presidents report.

#### **6.5 Website Development**

Monetary donation can be made through Blue Sombrero. Website needs to have a merchant account to accept online payment. Blue Sombrero will process people. Ron will register on JDP as board representative. Discussion of who should be checked included board members and then public volunteers and will be tabled for further discussion. Ron will access data center for insurance information and get that information to Tiffany.

#### **6.6 Emblem/ Logo**

Emblem was emailed to members.

#### **7.0 New Business/ Open Discussion**

##### **7.1 Advertisement**

Scott Brent will be reaching out to Janelle at JustSigns for banners to give registration information.

**Next Meeting November 26, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Linden High School Library.**

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by Mario Vigna at 8:20 pm.