

**Linden Little League  
January 28, 2019 Minutes  
Linden High School Room 17  
6:00 pm**

**Date:** Monday, January 28, 2019

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm

**Attendance:** Those in attendance were Mario Vigna, Chris Ricketts, Angela Rugani, Tiffany Craven, David Black, Brad Coussons, Brian Waddle, Jen Plaster, Scott Brent, Andrew Lagomarsino, Tonya DeSpain, Eric Weber, Joe Bottoms, Brenton Kelso, Amanda Ricketts, Kelly Guido

Guest: Linden High School Softball Coach Miller

**Approve Meeting Agenda:** Agenda modified to collaborate with Coach Miller of the Linden High School Softball team.

**Approve Minutes of 1-7-19 Meeting:** Tiffany Craven made a motion to approve the minutes from 1-7-19 meeting. Brian Waddle seconded. All-in-favor.

**Correspondence:** none

**Reports:**

**President- Mario Vigna:**

Mario gave the notes taken by Vice President Chris Ricketts at the district meeting.

\*We would like to have an umpiring clinic with Steve Christmon

\*ASAP plan needs to be submitted by safety, Ron Stevens ASAP

\* Emailed copy of constitution had been received but not the physical copy, (mailed January 21, 2019)

\*JDP paper forms needed to be worked on

\*District 8 wanting to interleague but has not been approved. Initial interleague discussion within District 15, possibly been thwarted by Foothills playing with Buckley rather than Linden. Continued contact with district 15 officials will hopefully allow us to get approval in place to make game schedules.

**Vice President- Chris Ricketts:**

Chris attended the district meeting in Mario's absences.

**Treasurer-Tiffany Craven:**

Tiffany reports that the current balance in the account is \$23,959.76. We received a commission check from our apparel sales of \$86. A bill dating 5/6/17 was paid for service work done by Lovotti Inc. for \$324.70. Ron Stevens was reimbursed for \$50 for donuts sold at the skills assessment. Sponsorship wise we need to recognize R&B Sandblast for their Grand slam donation. Additional fundraising for to the public will be the discount cards and the Hit-a-thon.

We are not able to get a debit card through F&M. To help expedite paying for concessions a prepaid card may be utilized to reduce members having to come out of pocket and then needing reimbursement.

### **Umpire & Chief- Brad Coussons**

Brad attended the district 15 Umpire & Chief Meeting. See attached notes for new rules. Going to need to work with the high school to get junior umps.

## **6.0 Old Business**

### **6.1 Fundraising/Sponsorship Updates**

No report to be given at this meeting as Mike and Kathy Hamilton were not able to attend. Its believed that the discount cards are likely ordered. Andrew Lagomarsino has offered to donate a microwave to the snack bar.

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

### **7.1 Coach Miller, AD Weber, Coach Saunders**

Expectations of Softball Complex (including snack bar, restroom, etc) and JV/Varsity Baseball Fields:

-AD Weber addressed league with the intention of getting on the same page to continue to foster the relationship between the youth groups of Linden and the use of the high school facilities. Linden Little League will work to keep the facilities cleaned to avoid needing paid services provided by the school district to ensure no additional custodial services are needed. The Complex is used the most. The high school will make sure to clean up after themselves with regards to the bathrooms and trash and Little League will do the same.

-Coach Miller complimented Linden Little Leagues efforts to be organized and asked "How can I help you?" He got the league a copy of the high schools schedule so that Little League can plan accordingly. High school has the complex until 5:15pm.

-Snack bar will need to be shared with the Linden High School Softball. Janelle will be softball snack bar point person for the high school. We will have some of the cabinet space and softball will have theirs. Replacements will be paid for by the little League.

Outfield Fence at the Complex

-Linden High would like the assistance of purchasing the outfield fencing posts at the complex. The expense would be shared between Linden High and Linden Little League.

Q&A from Linden Little League

-Clarification the high school will use the complex until 5:15pm.

### **7.2 Opening Day**

-AD Weber said that Opening day can be held on Varsity Field with use of the PA. In the event of rain we will us the Linden High "New" Gym

Pictures beginning at 8 am

Opening Ceremonies at 9 am

Hit a thon 10:30 am

Will need to reschedule the Hit-a-Thon in the event of a rain out.

### **7.3 Additional Designation of Background Check Responsibility**

Brian Waddle has been given permission and access to help with the JDP background processing.

### **7.4 Skills Assessment February 2, 2019**

Skills assessment will be moved to the old gym in the event of rain. Farm will do a meet and greet with players. Minors and majors will run through some drills and hitting.

### **7.5 Draft February 2, 2019**

Draft will be held in Room 17. Only coaches will be allowed in the room. The order will be 3:30 majors, 4:30 minors, and 5:30 farm. T-ball teams will be put together by league officials. Random draw for draft team name and draft selection

### **7.6 Equipment Purchasing**

Equipment is tentatively covered by Chris Ricketts sponsor. Equipment is suppose to be in on February 2. Need to order scorekeeper books, line up cards, and pitch count clickers. Coaches will be called to a coaches meeting and given gear bags with catchers gear, balls, and batting helmets. Coaches will be responsible for the equipment.

### **7.7 Linden Little League Apparel Store**

It is a 7 day turn around for the apparel to be printed. Next apparel purchasing window will be timed so that the apparel is ready before opening day.

**8.0 Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned by Mario Vigna at 8:39 pm

## January 20, 2019 Umpire Meeting Report

Steve Christman, District Umpire in Charge, would like to conduct Umpire Clinic- February 23/24<sup>th</sup> open dates. Christman email is wsumpire@gmail.com . Emergency contact Duane email is ddj4ins@caltell.com

District 15 wants to conduct clinic on March 1<sup>st</sup> in Angels Camp/San Andreas. Must register by 2/15. Cost Free.

WE NEED TO ORDER RULES BOOKS IF WE DO NOT ALREADY HAVE THEM.

### Rules Changes in new Little League Rules

- **Background Checks-** If a background check finds a sex offender this must be reported to Safety at Little League International.
- **Tournament Rule-** Extra Innings Rule-after 6<sup>th</sup> Inning Tie-runner placed at 2<sup>nd</sup> base for visiting team.
- **6 AK-** Catcher/Pitcher counts 4 innings per each- 1 inning of catching then can pitch 30 pitches and NOT return to catcher.
- **4-12-** Double Header Play- if pitcher goes 30 innings or less then he/she can pitch in next game.
- **Tee Ball Bats-** they can be used in Minors/Coach Pitch.
- **Dead Ball Rule-** defined better.
- **Pitcher that goes with hand to mouth must wipe off in dirt circle.**
- **Manager/Coach makes trip to mound** to remove pitcher he cannot talk to other players until he walks away from dirt circle.
- **Tournament Rule- 12 players max with 3 coaches only.**

**Zero Tolerance for coach/player/spectator misbehavior.** Little League is a Youth Program.

Board Members should help umpires with unruly coaches/players/spectators in attendance.

If we have 2 Junior Umpires then we must have a game coordinator at those games.

If we have our own league rules then we must submit those Jeannie for approval. Example- Pinch runner for Catcher to speed up game.

Interleague play we must have and use the same rules.

If coach protests a call then Board has to settle these with coach.

**Where do we want to go with our umpires?** Professionals, Juniors?  
Plate umpires with Cal/Mex scheduler will charge \$45 per game.