

**Linden Little League
January 7, 2019 Minutes
Linden High School Library
6:00 pm**

Date: Monday, January 7, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:11 pm

Attendance: Those in attendance were Mario Vigna, Chris Ricketts, Angela Rugani, Tiffany Craven, David Black, Brad Coussons, Brian Waddle, Jen Plaster, Ron Stevens, Kathy Hamilton, Amanda Ricketts, Tonya DeSpain, Kelly Guido
Guest: Linden Softball League : jennifer Foster, Melanie Oneto, Angela Russell, Andrew Lagomarsino, Marissa Pitt, Jacob Pitt, Nick Alonso, Cameron Isaacson, Christy Dunn, Lesley Reese

Approve Meeting Agenda: Agenda modified to collaboration meeting with Linden Softball

Approve Minutes of 11-26-18 Meeting: Brad Coussons made a motion to approve the minutes from 11-26-18 meeting. Mario Vigna seconded. All-in-favor.

Correspondence: none

Reports:

President- Mario Vigna:

Need to have bylaws completed by before season starts.

District League meeting is Umpire & Chief/ President meeting. Vice President will attend in place of president on Sunday, January 20th, Bret Harte, 1:00 pm/2:00 pm.

Vice President- Chris Ricketts:

No report. Will attend the district meeting in Mario's absences.

Treasurer-Tiffany Craven:

Tiffany was not able to get the monthly statement from the bank. She and Mario will work on getting access form the bank to do online banking.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Constitution Submission:

Constitution was submitted electronically to Jeanne and was posted on the website on . The signed copy needs to be mailed to the district office. Chartering and insurance for the 2019 was also paid on 12/26/18.

6.2 Bylaws

Still some loose ends with the bylaws. Bylaws committee meeting will be on Friday, January 11, at 6:00pm at Pizza Plus.

6.3 Fundraising updates

Cards have not been ordered yet as we still need additional vendors to add to the card. Suggested that we add a 5% off of Linden Little League Apparel online store. Hit-a-thon will still be scheduled for opening day. Need to have rosters built before we can give additional information to the parents. Kathy Hamilton will reach out to Janelle to get banners made for upcoming events of the Little League.

6.4 Stockton Ports

Board agreed to purchase the minimum amount of tickets for the May 17th Stockton Ports game. The cost to the league is \$400. If we are not able to sell the tickets, they will be given away.

6.5 Vendor approval for apparel and photography

Those who meet with John Vargas of Play it Again Sports/Direct Apparel on December 12, (Jen Plaster, Jackie Plaster, Brian Waddle, Mario Vigna, Angela Rugani, Tiffany Craven, David Black) felt that he would best meet the needs of our league for equipment, uniform, and apparel needs. The link for the apparel was shared and purchases can be made to have apparel by skills assessment.

Walt Duval of Youth Sports Pros will be providing the photography service this year. After his presentation to the board on 11-26-18, his ability to edit photos and cost made him the best choice for the league this year.

7.0 New Business/Open Discussion

7.1 Collaboration of Linden Little League and Linden Softball League

LSL topics of interest:

- Joint Registration Events - Jan 8th and 15th
- Skills Assessments/Tryouts Coordination - Jan 26th
- High School Softball Clinics at Complex - Feb 9th and 16th
- Snack Bar Coordination- Softball does not want any joint responsibility of the snack bar at this time.
- Field Scheduling - Preseason practicing and games: Baseball and softball will work together to ensure that field usage is shared at all sites, softball will have first choice on Waterloo and Waverly fields but baseball is welcome to use the fields when softball is not using them or play on the grass. Glenwood and East Complex fields would still be first choice for baseball and softball to use when baseball is not using them. Softball schedule is changing this year where the month of May will have more tournament play outside of Linden. The little league will have more access to the complex at other fields during this time.
- LSL start practicing +/- 2/11
- LSL opening day - 3/9, Little League will not use the complex for this weekend
- LLL opening day - 3/16
- End of year LSL Area Tourney - full complex - weekend of 6/1 or 6/8, still waiting to confirm the end of the baseball schedule
- Joint Fundraising Opportunities for Field construction budget- softball has purposed to do a joint fundraiser of selling raffle tickets for prizes.

Additional discuss and planning will continue. Mario and Sammy Cox will meet to discuss approaching the Linden Athletic Booster for help with sponsoring the development of the 50/70 field project.

7.2 Responsibility of Maintenance to facilities used by Linden Little League

Continued research is being done to ensure that we are maintaining facilities and their contents that belong to the Linden Little League. Little League will need to submit the Use of Facilities Request forms to Linden Unified School District along with a calendar and \$250 deposit for each site to be used before any dates can be confirmed.

7.3 Equipment Inventory

Chris Ricketts will get incontact with John Vargas about an equipment quote. An inventory of the baseball storage container will be done on Saturday, January 12, at 11:00 pm.

7.4 Volunteer processing

Ron needs to start processing the submitted volunteer forms online and process the paper forms as soon as possible.

7.5 Linden Little League Store

Link sent out through email.

7.6 Concussion Protocol

Brian has prepared handouts from the Centers on Disease and Control "Heads Up Concussion" coalition for coaches, parents, and players. Parents and players will need to sign the concussion handout at skills assessment.

7.7 Walk Registrations January 8th and 15th from 5pm -7pm in the Linden High School Library

Will be a work in process with the additional online registrations.

7.8 Player agent for Minors and Field Maintenance

Andrew Lagomarsino was nominated for the board position of Field Maintenance Manager and Brad Coussons was nominated for player agent of the minors. Mario made the motion to approve the nominations and Jen Plaster seconded it. Vote was unanimously in favor of those nominations.

Next Meeting January 28, 2019, at 6:00 pm in the Linden High School Library.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Mario Vigna at 8:45pm