

Linden Little League
General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2020
Daniel Gunther Residence
18149 Monte Vista, Linden AND Zoom Access
7:00 pm

Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Attendance: Those in attendance were Mario Vigna, Dan Gunther, Angela Rugani, Tiffany Craven, Kathy Hamilton, and Jen Plaster, Ron Stevens and Ryan Owens. Virtual attendance Brian Waddle. General membership in attendance Amanda Ricketts, Robert Rugani, Mike Hamilton, Eddy Bianchi, and Robert Weldon, and Clinton Nixon..Not in attendance: Sindy Plaster.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda as is.

Approval of August 24, 2020 Minutes: Daniel Gunther 1st and Ron Stevens 2nd.

Officer Reports:

Presidents Report

Condition of the League:

The league had held a skills camp in the early fall to help develop both players and coaches. Coach Piombo put on the camp and provided additional support coaches of his own and requested that no player be charged for their participation and requested that the league provide participants with a shirt and a snack. We had an excellent turnout for the Linden Little League Skills Clinic. Between 50 - 40 players each day of clinic. Poster was made to thank Coach Piombo and gift cards of \$25 were given to Coach Piombo to give to the coaches who participated. Coach Piombo offered his assistance should coaches need drills to do with their players.

We were the first league in District 15 to open our registration in November, so as to allow families additional time to upload the required documents and keep our registrations strictly online. We also had some help walk-up registrations to help those who needed additional technical support.

In preparation for the season we held skills assessments and worked around other community activities such as Linden Developmental Basketball league. Coaches clinic to cover responsibilities, expectations, support, rosters, and practice sign ups. There was also a scorekeepers clinic to start the process of developing volunteer scorekeepers, for the levels of minors and above, to use GameChanger, to better streamline the scorekeeping process.

The league was also able to build a T-ball field at Glenwood school. This field is the appropriate sized field for the T-ballers and would also allow more flexibility in scheduling with an additional field.

The 2020 season did not proceed past opening day. Due to the pandemic all activities were shut down and have not resumed as of this meeting. Although only one game had been played, the league had purchased jerseys, belts, socks, equipment, insurance, and district fees. The board refunded 70% of the player registration fees that our families paid. We also included that those who wanted to just donate their registration for a tax write off, we can provide the league tax ID number. In an effort to help the businesses who have helped us, Linden Little League purchased \$800 worth of gift cards from Pizza Plus, DeVinci's, and Orlando's to give back to our families. These gift cards were distributed to Linden Little League players, coaches, and volunteers. We had also asked any family, in our Little league community, that was greatly affected by the pandemic and needed some financial assistance to please reach out. We had two families reach out to the league, and it was decided by the league that \$2000 checks could be made to each of these families.

Due to all of the restrictions in place due to the pandemic and directives of our county, our annual golf tournament became a golf day. Golf day was held on Saturday, June 27th, at Oakmoore golf course. Those who participated paid for their round of golf as this could not be used as a tax right off. As a thank you to those who participated, the league covered the cost of food and drinks.

General Summary of Funds:

The league purchased shirts and snacks for the baseball skills camp, The League gained funding from sponsorship from large corporations and local businesses. The current board had to pay the tax fines, incurred by the former board of 2018. Player participation fundraising was only the Hit-a-thon through 99 Pledges of which the League used to support players and coaches with the purchase of community based gift card purchases and two money donations to the families in need. Concessions only purchased food items for opening day, and any leftover food was given out during player registration refund pick up and league golf day. All funds of Linden Little League are held at F&M Bank branch of Linden. The current balance of the League account is \$31,955.99.

Real/Personal Property Owned by League:

Real property is held between Linden High School Softball Complex and Glenwood Elementary. At the Linden High School Softball Complex the league is in a league storage container. The container has- gear bags, batting helmets, catcher's gear, baseballs, pitching mounds, and pitching machines. Linden Little League also purchased a storage container for the Glenwood facility which would serve as both storage and possibly a snack bar.

Board of Director Election

All those present are assuming the intention of potentially holding a board of directors office position and may participate in other capacities such as committees or subcommittee participants.

Officers of the Board of Directors Election

President Nominations and votes:

Name	Votes
Mario Vigna	Unanimous

President for 2021 Mario Vigna

Vice President Nominations and Votes

Name	Votes
Dan Gunther	Unanimous

Vice President for 2021 Dan Gunther

Treasurer Nominations and Votes

Name	Votes
Tiffany Craven	Unanimous

Treasurer for 2020 Tiffany Craven

Secretary Nominations and Votes

Name	Votes
Angela Rugani	Unanimous

Secretary for 2021 Angela Rugani

League Information Officer Nominations and Votes

Name	Votes
Brian Waddle	Unanimous

League Information Office for 2021 Brian Waddle

Player Agent Nominations and Votes

Name	Votes
Co-Agents Alicia Zylstra and Gina Gunther	Unanimous

Co-player agents Alicia Zylstra and Gina Gunther

Safety Coordinator Nominations and Votes

Name	Votes
Joe Bottoms	Unanimous

Safety Coordinator for 2021 Joe Bottoms

Coaching Coordinator Nominations and Votes

Name	Votes
Clinton Nixon	Unanimous

Coaches Coordinator for 2021 Clinton Nixon.

Sponsorship/Donations Nominations and Votes

Name	Votes
Kathy Hamilton	Unanimous

Sponsorship/Donations for 2021 Kathy Hamilton

Concessions Manager Nominations and Votes

Name	Votes
Jen Plaster	Unanimous

Concessions Manager for 2021 Jen Plaster.

Umpire-In- Chief Nominations and Votes

Name	Votes
Chris Ricketts	Unanimous

Umpire-In-Chief for 2021 Chris Ricketts.

Field Mantainces Nominations and Votes

Name	Votes
Kyle Zylstra	Unanimous

Field Mantinces for 2021 Kyle Zylstra.

Marketing/Public Relations Nominations and Votes

Name	Votes
Alicia Zylstra and Gina Gunther	Unanimous

Marketing/Public Relations for 2021 Alicia Zylstra and Gina Gunther.

Old Business

Constitution Changes

The league voted to amend the league Constitution and move the general membership meeting from the first Wednesday in September at 7:00 pm to the first Monday in August, at 7:00 pm. This will give the new board of directions more opportunity to plan for the new season. Motion moved by Ed Bianchi and seconded by Jen Plaster to move the general membership from the first Wednesday in September at 7:00 pm to the first Monday in August, at 7:00 pm passed unanimously.

Potential Change from District 15 to District 8

The board has discussed the potential to look into changing districts. By changing districts there would be more opportunities for interleague play with District 8, whose leagues are a 25-35 minutes drive from Linden. This would also help to alleviate scheduling with the limited number of fields that we currently have to work with. There is also potential for a higher level of competition. Motion moved by Mario Vigna and seconded by Ed Bianchi to change from District 15 to District 8 passed unanimously.

New Business

Plan to Allow Linden Little League to Start Activities

Brian shared the guidelines set forth by the county for community groups to develop a plan to be presented to the county and school district to allow the league to use the district facilities during the closure. The league will look into the information shared and find out next steps.

Additional Administrators on Facebook Page

Brian added Alicia and Angela as administrators on the Facebook page to allow for more information to be shared.

Additional Vote for Co-Field Maintenance

Motion made by Alicia Zylstra and seconded by Ed Bianchi to add a Co-Field Maintenance officer, Robert Weldon passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Alicia Zylstra moved that the meeting be adjourned and Ed Bianchi seconded, meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm

Next meeting, Monday, October 5th, 6:30 pm at Daniel Gunther's Residence.