

Linden Little League
Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2019
Pizza Plus
6:30 pm

Date: Monday, October 7, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm

Attendance: Those in attendance were Mario Vigna, Chris Ricketts, Angela Rugani, Tiffany Craven, Mike Hamilton, Brian Waddle, Jen Plaster, Amanda Ricketts, Kathy Hamilton, Dan Gunther, Sindy Plaster, Alicia Zylstra, Kyle Zylstra

Approve Meeting Agenda: Agenda as is

Approve Minutes of September 11, 2019 Meeting: Jen Plaster 1st and Kelly Guido 2nd,

Correspondence: none

Officer Reports:

Presidents - Mario Vigna

Mario attended the presidents meeting on Sunday, September 29. The district reported that the number of leagues has gone from 13 leagues to 10 leagues and player registration in District 15 has dropped from around 2,223 in 2013 to 1826 in 2019. Because there are less leagues in the District, the cost to operate the District has gone from \$5000 in 2018 to \$6200. The District is asking that each league pays an addition \$120 on top of the number of teams we charter. We may want to consider moving to District 8:

Pros- More competition, working with district officials

Cons-We would not win, as much as we do in district 15

For the upcoming season, it would be good to try and play interleague with District 8 -Morada for the majors and work in some minors games even if only pre-season.

Tentative dates for the 2020 season:

T.O.C. June 13

District All-Stars Mid June

Sections All-Stars Mid July

Linden Little League dates, highlighted are waiting for approval in Facilitron, the Linden Unified School Districts electronic reservation service,

Walk Up Registration Help

Wednesday, November 20, 5pm-8pm, Linden High School Library

Wednesday, December 11, 5pm-8pm, Linden High School Library

Wednesday, January 8, 5pm-8pm, Linden High School Library

Skills Assessment (Access only on the JV Field at the Complex)

Saturday, January 11 8am- 1pm

Saturday, January 18 8am- 1pm

Monday, January 20 5pm- 8pm

The Varsity Field at the Complex, shows reserved for every weekday from 5pm -7:30pm and Saturday from 8:30am - 7:30pm starting on January 6, 2020 - May 29,2020 EXCEPT FOR our opening day of March 7.

Team Draft

Monday, February 3, 5pm - 8pm, Linden High School Library

Coaches Clinic

Wednesday, February 5, 5pm - 8pm, JV Field at the Complex

Umpires Clinic

Saturday, February 22,8:30 am-2:30 pm

Opening Day

Saturday, March 7, 8am - 3pm, both JV and Varsity Fields at the Complex

For events outside of the use of Facilitron

-Alex Nims for GameChanger training

Vice President- Dan Gunther

Attended District 15 presidents meeting with Mario. Wrapped up the Linden Little League Skills camp in Mario's absence.

Treasurer-Tiffany Craven

End of year profit and loss was submitted to District 15. Under the recommendation of the new CPA the little league is using, we have been encouraged to pay the incurred tax fees of \$6500 that were not taken care of by the former league. The fees were likely incurred do to inaccurate reporting.

Old Business:

Fundraising/Sponsorship Updates

-Need to reach out to Dick's for additional support for with coupons, free items used for prizes and gifts for League sponsored events.

-League will need to replace the sponsorship poster boards as they are cumbersome and consider more durable vinyl banners.

-Sub-Committee Meeting to discuss the perks of continued sponsorship in the league. Sunday, October 27, 2:00pm, at the Hamilton Residence,

-Alicia Zylstra wanted it noted that we should reach out to Christine Stepping to do actions photos. Christine would need to have parents sign waivers. Christine would give a list of games she would be able to take action shots at. Tiffany will contact Kap to take opening day/team photos.

-Angela Rugani to contact St.Michaels for the CornHole Tournament. Custom make cornhole boards, sell beer, 50/50 raffle, raffle off a free membership for \$20 a card. The event would be from 12pm - 4pm , March 28, 2020 or April 4, 2020.

-Annual Golf Tournament third Friday of June BUT no venue confirmed

6.2 Players/Coaches Clinic

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. Didn't have as many Little League coaches participated as hoped but Coach Piombo offered his assistance should coaches need drills to do with their players. The league would like to acknowledge Coach Piombo again during opening day 2020.

6.3 Online Registration and Walk Up Registration

The league will be encouraging all players who attend a Linden Unified School District school to use a School Enrollment Form rather than the arduous task of collecting all categories of residence. Additionally the league will try to reduce the redundancy of submitting paperwork such as birth certificates. Player agent and league information officer will come up with the process that is comfortable for the league to work with.

All paperwork and registration will be done ONLINE the walk up registrations are only dates and times when people whom need help with online registration, no physical paperwork will be accepted by the league. Computers and scanners, will be available to help parents register their player, online, at the walk up registration.

6.4 Review 2020 Schedule/Calendar

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New Business/Open Discussion

No new business

Adjournment, Mike Hamilton 1st and Dan Gunther 2nd. Unanimous meeting is adjourned at 8:32pm.

Next board meeting is Monday, November 4, 6:00pm, Pizza Plus.