

**Linden Little League**  
**August 5, 2019 Minutes**  
**PIZZA PLUS BANQUET ROOM**  
**6:00 pm**

**Date:** Monday, August 5, 2019

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm

**Attendance:** Those in attendance were Mario Vigna, Chris Ricketts, Angela Rugani, Tiffany Craven, Ron Stevens, Mike Hamilton, Brian Waddle, Ryan Owens, Jen Plaster, Amanda Ricketts, Jack Plaster. Guest Joe Piombo. Brad Coussons was excused.

**Approve Meeting Agenda:** Coach Piombo to speak about item 6.4 Player/Coaches Clinic after officer reports. Motion to approve- Brian Waddle 1st, Chris Ricketts 2nd. Unanimous approval.

**Approve Minutes of July 8, 2019 Meeting:** Ron Stevens suggested that under 7.2 Review By-Laws for 2020 that the number of minimum plates for the All Stars team should be 11 rather than 13. Board will address again in the coming months.

**Correspondence:** none

**Officer Reports:**

**President- Mario Vigna**

No district meetings for July or August. All Star U12 team was eliminated in Sectionals, placed 3rd. All Star U10 team was eliminated in sectionals, placed 2nd. The board and league performed well this year in postseason play.

**Vice President- Chris Ricketts**

No report.

**Treasurer- Tiffany Craven**

Financial report is attached to the minutes. Both Tiffany and Mario are working to rectify the tax penalties incurred by the former board for not having paid the taxes.

[Financial Statement for August 2019 LLL](#)

**Old Business**

**6.0 Player/Coaches Clinic**

Coach Piombo and Ron Stevens have been working on a tentative Skills Camp for both coaches and players of Linden Little and potential Linden Little League players to participate in. Coach Piombo has had a lengthy career as a coach both at the youth level, high school, and college. He wants to share this knowledge to both coaches and players. This skills camp would be held in the fall so that weather is

taken into consideration as well as field availability. The camp would be held on a weekend day and a week day. Coach Piombo has already recruited some coaching/volunteer staff, who have committed to volunteering and would like to have additional assistance from possible coach candidates from Linden Little League. Vision for the coaches assisting is to develop coaches from the bottom up with the exposure to drills and exercises that would help the coaches develop the players. Coach Piombo is not charging the little league for his services for this camp. He would like the league to provide a shirt and snack to the players who attend. Players of the camp will not be charged by Linden Little League for their participation in this camp.

Tentative dates for the camp would be Sunday, September 29, 2pm - 4pm and Monday, September 30, 4pm - 6pm and a second section on Sunday, October 6, 2pm - 4pm and Monday, October 7, 4pm - 6pm. Ron will confirm dates with Coach Piombo as well as district facilities usage. Efforts to reach out to the surrounding schools of which there are potential Linden Little League players will be made. Shirts to read, Linden Little League Skills Camp, printed in one color, on one side, on cotton shirts, with no mention of the year so as to be able to use multiple years. May just take the sizes used for the purchase of jerseys last year and buy an additional amount to account for additional players. League will have a banner printed to thank Coach Piombo and his staff for the camp. Once dates and times are confirmed, Brian can set up a registration online, to find out how many players are wanting to participate.

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

Nothing new to report. Tiffany Craven suggested a Corn Hole competition to raise money for the league. Tentative date would be March 28, 2020 or April 4, 2020 from 1pm -6pm, to be held at St. Michaels, if available. Corn Hole boards would be made and could be part of the prizes. Angela Rugani to contact St. Michaels about availability.

### **6.2 Review 2020 Board Member nominations and election**

Article III, Section 2- Regular Members, who is any adult and a person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the local league who are in good standing as well as all officers, board members, committee members, managers, coaches, volunteer umpires, and other elected or appointed officials should be notified of the annual meeting of the members as stipulated in Article V, Section 6, 2nd Wednesday of September@ 7pm, September 11, 2020,

Per Article V, Section 1 the secretary of the league will notify the membership of this meeting personal delivery, electronically, or by mail to each member 10 days in

advance of the meeting. Tentative meeting location will be the Linden High School Library.

### **6.3 Review 2020 Schedule/Calendar**

Shed organization meet up, Monday, August 12, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Sponsorship signs will also be taken down.

### **6.4 Skills Assessment**

League will continue to have skills assessment for farm and up to assess players abilities. This is also the opportunity to have players try on uniform sizes.

### **6.5 Online Registration**

All "paperwork" must be loaded, in player accounts online from home or at the walk up registrations. All players whom attend Linden schools should use the School Enrollment form when proving residency. Only players who do not attend a Linden school should use the three categories specified for proof of residency.

### **6.6 Family Discount**

Families will continue to receive a discount of \$5 for each additional participant after the first.

### **6.7 Team Volunteer Duties**

The league would like teams to take more initiative in posting team information on their designated team websites as well as use other forms of communication offered through the Blue Sombero site such as texting and emailing families.

## **New Business/Open Discussion**

### **7.1 Louisville Demo Day**

There will be a Louisville Demo Day on August 20, from 5pm -7pm at D&D Academy in Lodi for families to go and try out new bats.

### **7.2 Field Modifications**

League will reach out to administration at Glenwood in hopes of possibly using the back corner of grass to make into a tee ball field by extending the fence, putting storage for equipment, and benches for player "dugouts". Other efforts of tree planting for shading of current bleachers on the first base side of the field will need to be done in the spring as well as cover the dugouts. The league is still looking into a possible shed/storage container for Glenwood.

### **7.3 Apparel Logo**

Apparel logo will be left the same as the 2019 season.

Jack Plaster motioned 1st and Mike Hamilton 2nd to adjournment. Unanimous Meeting is adjourned at 8:34pm.

Next board meeting is Wednesday, September 11, 2019, at 7:00pm, Linden High School Library.