

Mattawan Little League

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday April 10th, 2017 at 8:00 pm

Main Street Pub, Mattawan

Board Members present: Rob Sullivan, Lisa Sylvester, Angie First, Kelly Rowekamp, James Carlisle, Jon Sytsma, Jeff Beak, Shawn Klinger, Christi Grabowski, Jason Maes, Betsy Geddings, Scott Steeves and Steve Thomas.

President Rob Sullivan convened the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Rob Sullivan thanked all members for their service in prepping fields for opening week. Discussed field prep that needs to be completed: lining of outfielders, loose trash pick-up, and batters boxes.

Motion to approve Minutes from March 2017 meeting by James Carlisle, 2nd Jon Sytsma. Motion passed.

Motion to reconfirm positions of Executive Board as follows President Rob Sullivan, VP of Baseball Lisa Sylvester, VP of Softball Angie First, Secretary Kelly Rowekamp, Treasurer Tim First, League Information Officer James Carlisle, Player Agent of Baseball Jon Sytsma, Player Agent of Softball Jeff Beak, and Safety Officer Shawn Klinger made by Scott Steeves, 2nd Lisa Sylvester. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: read by Angie First.

- Enrollment down 570 from 610 last year.

- Charter fees increased.

Motion to approve charter budget to \$2000.00 made by Lisa Sylvester, 2nd Shawn Klinger. Motion passed.

Motion to approve financial report made by Jon Sytsma, 2nd Lisa Sylvester. Motion passed.

League Information Officer Report:

- Parents want better communication from coaches.

- E. Board meetings are scheduled for Mondays prior to Board meetings at 8:00 p.m.

VP of Baseball Report:

- Need 1 game for Majors 1.

- could be practice or split squad 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

- need coaches to cancel practice time on fields to make it available to other teams ASAP online.

VP of Softball Report:

-Batter boxes on 2 and 4 need repair.

Player Agent of Baseball Report:

-No report.

Player Agent of Softball:

-No report.

Safety Officer Report:

-2 injuries so far, both with completed injury reports.

-Golf cart repaired, wheels on pitching machine replaced, and pitched wheels checked and replaced as needed.

Concessions Manager Report:

-All orders are done and filled. To be unloaded Weds. Ice machine is in. Freezer is in

-Sign up Genius for parents went well for concession stand, will be used for Field Director sign up.

-Reminder Garbage night is Thursdays!

Tee Ball Report:

-Home page did not have start date for T-Ball.

-Discussion about possibly reducing fee for T-Ball next year since they play fewer games.

A Baseball Report:

-No report.

AA Baseball Report:

-No Report

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-Must increase pitcher practice.

Major Baseball Report:

-Problem with not enough pitchers or catchers. Need pitcher instruction. Discussion to have pitching clinics for boy's baseball, similar to the girl's softball pitching clinics.

Junior Baseball Report:

-No report.

Minor Softball Report:

-No report.

Little Major Softball Report:

-No report.

Major Softball Report:

-No report.

Junior Softball:

-No report.

Challenger Softball Report:

-Sponsorship (for Jim McCarty) Sponsors need forms, Tim First to update sponsors.

-New sign forms – to be scanned and sent.

-Challenger – Needs Banner on Home page with date of June 10th . Also to ask for volunteers and buddies for the Challenger tournament.

-Would like to order plaques for Challenger Sponsors with group picture on them. Will check on cost and report back at next meeting.

-Will get list of Sponsors to Information Officer to put on Website.

Umpire Report:

-Umpire meeting to be held Mat Carpenter and Mark Barnes will be available for baseball and softball.

Building Report:

-No report.

Grounds:

- (By Angie First) Bryce would like to thank Steve Thomas for donating a saw.

-Managers can pick up balls and scorebooks at barn after 6:00p.m. On weekdays.

-Make sure fields are raked/dragged after practices.

-Review Video on website for correct raking of field for baseball and general field prep.

Equipment:

-No report.

Entry Signs:

-No report.

Old Business:

-None

New Business:

-Discussion about building of South building Pavilion vs. indoor facility. Discussed 5 year plan of MLL.

- Shawn Klinger motioned to reapprove motion for \$12, 00.00 for Pavilion. 2nd James Carlisle.

- After more discussion on issue Motion made by Angie First to lay on the table the motion until May 2017 Board meeting where more discussion, estimates for construction and discussion about a 5 year plan for MLL can continue. 2nd Lisa Sylvester. Motion passed.

-After discussion about Internet/IP camera for security at ball fields. Motion made by James Carlisle to approve up to \$2000.00 for equipment. 2nd Shawn Klinger. Motion passed.

-Discussion about acceptance of credit/debit cards at concession stand. Tim First is investigating cost of 2 terminals to be used at concession stand vs. square product. POS discussion included fees attached to each purchase vs. increase of sales, ability to sell larger items T-Shirts, hats ect.), increased inventory management and increased revenue as reported by other leagues who offered credit card/debit card as an option. Motion to investigate cost made by Angie First, 2nd James Carlisle. Motion passed.

- Following meeting, email motion by Tim First for "\$1,200 from capital to be spent and to authorize that a new budget line be added for Credit Card Transaction fees of 2.75% per transaction". 2nd Angie First. Motion passed. (Added by Rob Sullivan, 1 May 2017)

Review of Action List:

-No report.

Meeting Closure:

Adjournment by Rob Sullivan. Motion made by Angie First, 2nd Lisa Sylvester. Motion passed.

Next Meeting May 1, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. Main Street Pub, Mattawan.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kelly Rowekamp, MLL Secretary