

**APTOS LITTLE LEAGUE**  
**Aptos Little League Board of Directors**  
**March 12th, 2020 7:00pm Rio Sands Hotel**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:**

President: Erik Cormier  
VP: Soren Bjorn  
Player Agent: Brian Dudley  
Secretary: Ericka Bermudez  
Treasurer: Steven Allen  
Field Manager: Will Meyers  
Equipment Managers: Scott Tidd, Brian Pieracci  
Umpire in Chief: David McGillicuddy  
Safety Officer: Brad Williams  
Fundraising Chairwoman: Absent  
Sign Sponsorship: Amber Melenudo  
Snack Shack: Brianna Bauer and Cristin French  
CIO Manager: Scott McConville  
Social Media Manager: Absent  
Registration Coordinator: Absent  
Majors Commissioner: Alex Smith  
AAA Commissioner: Amber Melenudo  
AA & Fall Ball Commissioner: Absent  
Tee Ball Commissioner: Scott McConville  
Farm Commissioner: Manny Rivas  
Uniform Coordinator: Absent  
Opening / Closing Day Coordinator: Absent  
Hit-a-Thon: Absent  
Parent(s-Guests) Attendance: Joey Cassidy, Wes Hunter

**I. Call to Order (7:02pm) & welcome words by Erik.**

- Roll call of the Executive Board members

**II. Approval of Minutes**

- Motion to approve February minutes.
- Motion passed and APPROVED

**III. Changes to Agenda**

None

**IV. New & Open items**

- Aptos Little League 2020 Season and any & all baseball activity has been suspended due to COVID 19. Little League International strongly recommended a full suspension of any & all baseball related activities until April 6<sup>th</sup>. All eight other D39 local leagues have voted to suspend and follow the recommendation of the Little

League International. Erik opened discussion to those attending meeting for discussion. Decision / consensus to create an Executive sub-committee, named the 'Re-launch Committiee', in order to follow through and continue writing a plan for how to proceed with closure as well as with details necessary for when the league is ready to resume baseball activity. This will include strategy for re-launch, procedures, implementation & oversight.

- Committee volunteers include Scott Tidd, Brad Williams, Scott McConville and Brian Dudley.
- Committee members need to come up with detailed plan necessary to re-launch league based baseball related activities
- Motion to approve suspension until April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. put to the floor. Motion passes in unanimous vote.
- Harry Burgess vs Aptos Little League.
  - Mr. Burgess has filed a claim against Aptos Little League from an incident on the AAA field bleacher on Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Little League International has assigned a risk adjustor with the GL carrier. Both Erik & Brad Williams have been in contact with the risk adjuster. Erik advised board to offer a "No Comment" answer to any & all inquiries about this incident. All inquiries should be sent to the GL carrier. Please advise them to contact risk adjustor/insurer from Little League International Mr. Rick Flannigan.
- Amendment to Local bylaws.
  - Majors Managers to continue discussion on Majors minimum play, majors use of special pinch runner, majors "Married Subs". Solution needs to be reached prior to season starting.
  - Addition of additional language for repairing pitching mound
- AAA Scoreboard was approved by DSA and installed by Sun Metrics. Once season opens up it would be nice to have people from the school district, junior high school & Fuse Architects as well as others involved in completing this project to join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony. Local media can be present.
- Rio Del Mar Prep Day. Brian Pierraci was going to donate use of a tractor to help with the fields. However, due to season suspension due to COVID-19 field prep day has been postpone to date yet to be determined.
- Batting Cages at AJHS have working lights now.

## **V. Information Office Update**

## **VI. District Update**

- Aptos LL will host Majors District (AllStars) tournament (12's) – this is up in the air pending League Play. As 2020 Season is suspended till further notice.

## **VII. Treasurer Update**

- Steve sent out details on current financial status

- Polo ground follow up. Currently City of Santa Cruz Parks will provide a credit to the league as fields were closed by the county a lot last year due to rain. However, if this season the fields are open most of the time and there is no rain the league is responsible for paying about \$20K next year in order to lease the baseball fields. Big expense. Due to COVID-19 we need to follow up to see if League is still responsible for this expense as fields are closed.
- Driscoll – Donation of 6K. Thank you! Reminder.... Donations to the League are very important and we need more.
- Uniforms cost /payment from parents has gone well.
- Team sponsorship collections has gone well.
- SportAbout submitted bill from last year's as well as from this year. Need to work with them on how to avoid billings from prior years.

#### **VIII. Fundraising Manager Update & Sign Manager**

- Aptos LL Fundraising Event at the Aptos Village put on hold due to Coronavirus
- Hit-a-thon – Money collected but actual hit-a-thon put on hold due to Coronavirus/ Delay of Opening Day, we will plan to reschedule Opening Day including Photo Day/Hit-a-thon later in the Spring
- Signs around fields – new orders placed – Nice surprise

#### **IX. Field Manager Update**

- New turface supply at AJHS. Pallet is there. Will need to be spread once fields are open again.

#### **X. Equipment Manager Update**

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#### **XI. UIC Update**

- Need for Umpires. Can we get parents from other Divisions to help umpire? Similar to Shack

#### **XII. Safety Office Update**

- Brad introduced / showed Emergency Kit (box) / First Aid kit he put together to be located at each of the fields. Lots of medical equipment in each box. Each field will have a fully stacked first aid kit available.

#### **XIII. Snack Shack**

- Needs to be constantly clean and ready for impromptu inspection by the city of Santa Cruz.
- On the positive as after two years of buying equipment and remodeling it is now open for business. First year no major restorations/equipment has been bought. Thanks to all those over the last two years who worked to have the Shack re-opened.

**Commissioner(s) Update:**

Majors-

AAA- Having an issue with scheduling umpires, working with our UIC to solve this

AA - Still need to find Sponsors

A - Uniforms are too small, may need to order a few more

Farm -

T-ball For the future / next season. Allow for this division's registration to go later. 12 kids per team is too many to start, we had 5-10 inquiries of players wanting to register after the deadline. We can start with 10 players per team, then add when there are late registrations, T-ball parents are new to the league, may not receive the marketing communication for registration

**Meeting Adjourn at 8 pm**

**Next Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The board will schedule a special meeting of the board of directors before this meeting to re-assess the suspension due to COVID-19.**