

APTOS LITTLE LEAGUE
Aptos Little League Board of Directors
November 14th, 2019 7:00pm Rio Sands Hotel
Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

President: Erik Cormier
Player Agent: Not Present
Secretary: Ericka Bermudez
Treasurer: Steven Allen
Field Manager: Will Myers & Michael Pini
Equipment Managers: Brian Picracchi & Scott Tidd
Umpire in Chief: Not Present
Safety Officer: Brad Williams
Fundraising Chairwoman: Not Present
Sign Sponsorship: Amber Melenudo
Snack Shack: Brianna Bauen
AAA Commissioner: Amber Melenudo
CIO Manager: Not Present
AA & Fall Ball Commissioner: Zeb Goodman
Tee Ball Commissioner: Not Present
Farm Commissioner: Manny Rivas
Uniform Coordinator: Fausto Ramero

Parent(s) Attendance: Nick Tanza, Ed Work, Sarah Newhouse
Guest: Gene Carlisle

I. Call to Order (7:06pm) & welcome words by Erik.

- Roll call of the Executive Board members

II. Approval of Minutes

- APPROVED

III. Changes to Agenda

– Game Coordinator

It will be mandatory to have game coordinators at all games when two youth umpires are umping games. What is a Game coordinator? A responsible adult to help keep an eye out for young umpires so that they are not harassed by parents/coaches/managers. The Game coordinators are the Chief in Charge.

– Wendy Smith

Leading initiative to build an artificial sports field at Mar Vista. Field will have baseball fields and soccer fields. She currently has architects drawing plans. Project is underway. Feel free to seek her out and ask about it.

– Aptos Junior High is hosting a mandatory parent clean up day to work on the soccer fields, basketball areas and baseball fields. Erik to follow up with Mr. Moran.

IV. Board of Directors nomination(s)

- CIO Team: There is still the need to find a third volunteer for the CIO team to help with social media such as Instagram, Facebook, etc. Graphic design background highly desirable. Potential candidate name given to Erik to follow up with.
- Opening/Closing Ceremonies:
 - Laura Sheppard introduced herself after being presented and nominated for role. Members present voted and approved her nomination.
- Change in Player Agent. Current Player Agent is moving out of the area and will not be a member of the Aptos Little League. A new player agent was recruited and the nomination to have Brian Dudley as the new Player Agent taking over this role was presented. Brian was not able to attend meeting. However, he sent Erik a presentation to share with the Board at the meeting. Nomination was put on the floor and present members all voting approving Brian's nomination.
- Farm Commissioner: Manny Rivas was officially nominated to be the new Farm Commissioner. Nomination was presented and members present all voted and approved Manny's nomination.
- Data Center will be available to specific Board of Directors members. Data Center is a repository with details on players' registrations, background checks, LL boundaries, and other details. This data center will only be accessible by permission granted to specific board members. (Erik, Brad, Brian, Scott, Steve, Ericka)

IV. New & Open items

- 2020 LL Charter submitted and approved.
- ALL has general, accidental, crime insurance and insurance has been paid
- AAA Score board follow up: DSA approval process is underway.
Fuse Architects Dan Gomez (Heritage Aptos Little League Parent and Coach) and Dan Townsend are volunteering to help finalize plans. They will finish plan and will give that to Erik. Erik will take that to Oakland's office and submit for approval.
As a thank you to Fuse Architects for their continued support to Aptos Little League over the years and for their current volunteered time & assistance with the score board a motion to have their name out on the fields and on website will be presented to the Fundraising department for approval.
- AAA Bleachers replacement follow up. Based on last month's proposal by Soren Bjorn to replace bleachers as well as an incident report filed on 10/30/19 it is necessary to pass a motion to fix / replace bleachers. Erik will meet with PVUSD and based on that meeting as well as report given to ALL last year bleachers will need to be addressed. Motion passed after members voted to allocate money to correct bleachers.
- 2020 Season Registration Banners are up around town.
 - Banners currently placed at Mar Vista, Aptos High School, Aptos Junior High, Rio Elementary. Smaller banners will be placed at Valencia, Twin Lakes, Intersection of Corralitos and Freedom Blvd as well as Cabrillo College Bridge.
Fall Ball banners will also be re-used for Spring Registration covering the "Fall Ball"

In order to continue marketing initiative to increase Spring registration Nick will research and move forward with how to use Peachjar school newslater to reach out more parents. Lauren also will talk to KZSC and give Aptos LL a shout out.

- Managers / Coaches application deadline coming up. Email needs to be sent out to remind coaches/managers they need to look at the website and download / fill out necessary paper work. Selection process:
 - President's criteria:
 - Member/player seniority
 - Coaching experience and history
 - Volunteered league time (not coaching or manager but actually helping out during fundraising events, attending meetings, field preps)
 - Schedule availability- if you volunteer to manage and or coach you are required to attend and be present and not to rely on assistant coaches
 - AAA/Majors Draft notes – This year there will NOT be Co-management unless granted prior approval from the Board and it will be on a case by case. Draft will be per green book rules. One manager per team only.

V. Information Office Update

- Early bird registration started November 1st
- As of right now 24 players are registered
- In-person registration will be available in December
- Registration fee change. In the past the League paid for each player's registration processing fee for using Blue Sombrero. The league has changed that and now Blue Sombrero pays for this.

VI. District Update

District 39th President's meeting attended by Erik and Brad.

Little League Day hosted by SF Giants and Oakland A's presented at the meeting. More details to come on these days and how they can be used as fundraising events. Event would require buying block of seats upfront. Motion to vote on this event at next month's meeting is put on the floor. Erik will do more research and determine if this is possible.

VII. Treasurer Update

- Steve sent out details on current financial status
- Things very similar to last year. Fall ball went ok. Not as many expenses from shack remodeling as last year coming in. Snack shack did not produce much during Fall Ball but expected to make up during Spring Season.
- Aptos Little League is incorporated

VIII. Fundraising Manager Update & Sign Manager

Uniforms- Fausto requires a minimum of three weeks prior to start of season for uniforms to be delivered on time.

IX. Field Manager Update

- Fields need to be cut. Fertilizer needs to be spread out before spring.
- Chalk- no need to order more this year.
- Place chalk at the Polo fields and at the elementary schools using new locks.

X. Equipment Manager Update

Baseballs will be ordered in January together with Catchers gear for lower divisions.

XI. UIC Update

- There will be two Umpire youth clinics. One in January and one in February. League needs to recruit new umpires. Umpires age: 12 and older.
- Need help reaching out to High Schools, Coaches, Social media, Pony League and offer volunteer hours to be able to recruit umpires.
- The District is willing to sponsor young (must be 18 years of age) to attend clinic on how to become professional umpires. Requirement- must have been youth umpires.

New Law coming out in the future will require all independent contractors to be issued W2. Umpires if paid may be considered independent contractors. Little League International is proposing that all umpires will need to be volunteers.

XII. Safety Office Update

ASAP plan has been completed and is posted on the website for all Managers to print necessary forms.

- New defibrillator (adult/child) & replacement battery are at the AAA and Majors field
- AEDs moved from the SHACK to each of the Score Booths
- AED requires BOD names to be posted next to them together with phone numbers to be contacted in case of need
- Ice packs and forms required to be filled out in case of incident reports will be stocked in each of the score booths at the junior high.
- Coaches for lower divisions are responsible for picking up ice pack and forms so as to have them available with themselves during all games.
- If an incident report is filed at the junior high the form may be left behind in the booth so that Brad follows up with it. Manager is responsible for reaching out to Brad and informing him of the incident.
- Currently League is under reporting. To avoid putting league at risk Managers are responsible for reporting all incidents.

XIII. Snack Shack

- Current plans on how to “beautify” Shack are currently being explored.
- Goal of having all food donated to the Shack so as not to have expense of buying supplies is currently being explored.

- What's the plan on having parents mandatory Shack duty? Goal would be to have each family parent (both mom and dad) have two mandatory days to work the Shack. Managers will be responsible for making sure each member of their team fulfills this requirement. IF managers do not implement requirement they will lose field time.
- Motion to propose amending local Aptos LL rules to enforce parental volunteer in the shack. If the parents do not volunteer the team will lose field time.
- Question: Who opens/closes Shack on a daily routine day? Who collects money at the end of each day? Plan still under discussion. Potentially this responsibility will be divided between ALL Board Members attending / present during games.

Meeting Adjourn at 8:18pm

Next Meetings

- **December 12th, 2019**