



APTOS LITTLE LEAGUE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 7:30pm  
Zoom Video Conference

- 1) Call to Order: 7:32pm
  - a) Executive Board members present: Brian Dudley, Ericka Bermudez, Mark Florez, Erik Cormier, David McGillicuddy, Soren Bjorn, Brad Williams, Amber Watkins
  - b) General Board members present: Brian Pieracci, Nick Tanza, John Paul Bergh, Alex Smith, Garret LaTorre, Laura Sheppard, Fausto Romero, Ed Work, Amber Melenudo, Cristin French, Kenny Perkin, Scott McConville, Quinn Cormier, Will Meyers
  - c) Guests present: Adrian Cavlan
- 2) Approval of Minutes- Motion to approve minutes from last month passed by show of hands
- 3) Changes to Agenda
- 4) New & Open items
  - a) Concrete bleacher foundation, securing by bolting down- Thank you to SunMetrics and Las Animas Concrete for donating concrete & labor.
    - i) Need one more bleacher for AAA left field fence line- propose purchasing another bleacher. Estimated \$3000 in cost plus installation. Motion on floor to purchase for additional seating for social distancing. Motion second and therefore approved.
    - ii) Fencing heightening on LF of AAA field, shrubs cut back, retaining wall in LF of Majors field. Discussed installing locking fence doors for ingress/egress to bleachers on both sides of Majors/AAA fields. This will allow for social distancing of the batting team. This motion was put forth, motion second was approved.
    - iii) Dugout usage / field division. Need for social distancing for teams in and around dugouts. Will not be utilizing dugouts for the entire team. Outline will be illustrated in the safety protocol. Polo fields and Rio fields don't have dugouts. Managers will be provided bio degradable spray paint to mark areas where players place their equipment and sit when not at bat. Players need to be outside the field of play.
  - b) Field Work Day was a success- Thank You to all the volunteers that came out and helped
    - i) A Tool Shed donated some of the heavy equipment- Will Meyers coordinated donation of this. They have provided the league a sign to put up. League will also put forth a social media post thanking them.



- ii) Brian Pieracci donated tractor for Rio and he also helped paint the Rio Fields backstops.
  - iii) New 'no dogs allowed' signs at AJHS. This was coordinated by Amber Melenudo. Dogs contribute to holes by digging / looking for gophers while off leash by owners. Signs should mitigate owners for allowing their dogs within the fenced field area. This should help our fields remain safe and flat.
- c) Spring 2021 registration opening? -
- i) CSLL has opened registration, we can look at how they've opened
  - ii) Need to come to an agreement into a set of health and safety protocol for the league. The #1 priority is the health & safety of our players, volunteers, coaches and members. We need to be clear & transparent about our plan. Creating a clear & concise platform in the registration process (Waiver, Refund policy, Health & Safety protocol, Parent/Player pledge, etc). Should also provide access to the state of CA Public Health Department website. We have a responsibility to the community to maintain a safe environment. The District 39 has provided a uniform plan and some direction but it will be up to the leagues to customize. SLV opened up registration. Cap/Soquel opened up registration. SC also has opened up registration. Leagues will take and customize those guidelines and apply them to each league. Registration is voluntary.
- (1) Field availability- We have field availability. PVUSD School Dude program and reserved fields for usage. Working with county and signing our lease for polo fields. Looking into whether we have access to the Pony Field for Intermediate 50/70 play.
- (a) Pricing- One up-front fee and that will include jersey/hat. \$150 for lower divisions and \$175 for upper divisions. Parents will need to understand the difference between what we're permitted to do in Widespread Purple Tier & Substantial Red Tier. Plan is to start with baseball clinics, create cohort teams and begin practicing only. No games/scrimmages. Parents will also need to understand the registration fee includes the entirety of the season. There may be a circumstance in which we remain in baseball clinic mode the entire season. There may also be a circumstance, if health conditions worsen, that we suspend any/all activity. These are possibilities and should be highlighted. However, the plan is to begin in baseball clinic mode in team cohorts, if/when the county enters the Substantial Red Tier, we transition into a regular season with scheduled games.
  - (b) What about marketing that registration is open- PVUSD Peachjar newsletter, Facebook, Spring Sign campaign, email to members, social media (Next Door, Aptosia).
  - (c) Where are the Spring registration signs??? These are still missing



- (d) Discussion around pricing and setting up different tiers for pricing.  
Registration will only be open for ~1 month. Parents need to understand they are registering for the entirety of the Spring 2021 season. Other D39 leagues are opening registration on a waitlist, no upfront costs to members. Several of these leagues have field availability. Will there be scholarships available? Last year we issued close to 30 scholarship. We want to be inclusive and allow any youth in our boundary to play. This year we will do the same. There is an application process that parents will need to complete. We will take case by case to go over scholarships.
  - (e) We will need to have 3 catchers masks per team. Every team will need sanitizing material. Safety team has a list of items that each team will be provide before the season begins.
  - (f) Could an abbreviation of the season be taken into account for pricing consideration? This was not approved. At current pricing, we'll operate at a loss for 2021. Upfront costs and additional COVID related costs have swelled the budget. Agreed upon pricing is significantly lower than last year.
  - (g) Will uniforms be part of this season? Yes, jersey and hat.
- (2) Preliminary season schedule- Alex Smith has been working on this. We are splitting try outs / evaluations over 2-3 days. March 20<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>st</sup>. Mandatory volunteer/coaches safety, background check, abuse awareness certificate. This mandatory meeting is scheduled on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Will have a positive coaching consultant as we did last year. In addition, Chris Christensen has offered to do weekly elbow/arm analysis training.
- Professional / Complimentary in-season Precision Physical Therapy arm/elbow analysis
  - Draft afterwards and following week schools go on spring break.
  - Beginning of April field practices- 5<sup>th</sup> of April and continue to monitor the Purple/Red tier status.
  - All divisions start on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Picture Day/ Opening Day- April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- (3) Waiver/Refund Policy
- (a) Needs to be updated on website. There is a lot of general updating needed for the website, Scott McConville will spend some time on this.
- (4) Health & Safety Protocols- COVID Czar team has put this together- We have a responsibility to the community to be prudent. – Dugouts, equipment need to purchase items for each team. This also includes purchasing safety items and cleaning items for score booths, snack shack, dugouts and other structures.
- (a) Not only includes preventative & mitigation protocol, but also what happens when there is an exposure and/or infection.



- (i) A person (player/coach/volunteer) is infected- The coach will call Safety committee. It is on the safety committee and E-board to be advised right away. The privacy act (HIPA) requirement is very important. We need to recommend that parents provide information to the county for contact tracing.
  - (ii) A person (player/coach/volunteer) is exposed
  - (iii) Spectators- Need to distance around fencing of entire field. Parents need to not have any contact with the kids during activity.
  - (iv) Recommended that players/volunteers wear surgical masks. Gators are not allowed. Masks will be provided by the league.
  - (v) Dugouts –marking off safe social distancing spots for players to sit. Wearing face covering (mask) will be required at all times during activity. For the lower divisions, at Polo & Rio fields, there will be markings sprayed with biodegradable spray paint to keep younger players distanced and safe.
  - (vi) Coaches need to implement rules at the team level. Commissioners will oversee this implementation. The safety team will regulate and manage. Coaches will screen players with a Questionnaire before any activity. Volunteers should not be sharing any personal information with anyone other than the safety team.
  - (vii) Disposable masks will be available for kids who would like surgical masks but kids can wear their own cloth masks. Cloth masks will be allowed. No gaiters.
- (b) Cohort team grouping, scheduling- need to look at scheduling teams back-2 back for more controlled contact tracing if the situation arises. Same team plays each other 2 or 3 times in a row.
- (c) Items to purchase per team-
- (d) Intermediate 50/70 division for 13 yr olds only (last years 12 yr olds)- This division will only be for 13 year olds. Still need to confirm field availability for this division. Pony league has 1<sup>st</sup> right of refusal on the Polo Pony field. It's anticipated that CSLL & SCLL will have 50/70 teams. What about pricing for that? Same as upper division. \$175.
- (5) Uniforms – buy practice jerseys and hats. Parents will be required to purchase any and all other clothing such as baseball pants. The turn-around time for uniform orders is 3 weeks. SportAbout can assist in coordinating this. Do we have team sponsorships? What is the status of sponsorships? Upon a circumstance where the season is cancelled, the kids will still get a jersey/hat. It



would be easier if the full price is charged upfront for all divisions so that all kids get uniforms/jerseys. This was agreed too.

- (6) Snack Shack- open? Need a safety/health plan for operating. Brad and Brie to come together and work on safety plan. Probably not ok for two people to be working together. Cristin and Brie will start planning. Monitoring spacing out of kids in line, markings for waiting in line.
- 5) Info Officer Update
- 6) District Update
- 7) Treasurer Update- working on filing 2020 taxes. David and Mark working on setting up umpires on payroll. Paul Ricabonna is our CPA and does the taxes. Mark stressed the important of managing the budget this year. We'll operate at a loss most likely.
- 8) Fundraising Manager Update- Looking into online fundraising link designed and promoted by little league international for individual leagues. Little League International has set up the platform. Asking the community for donations to the league. Link will be going out to all the teams and league members. Crowd fundraising was discussed. Not planning on doing any large group fundraising event this year. Hit-a-thon and on-line fund raising only. Target for the hit-a-thon is ~10K.
- 9) Field Manager Update- Will gave update on field work day. Will still need to purchase more turface for the fields. Also need to fix the irrigation piping adjacent to snack shack. This is in process.
- 10) Equipment Update- catchers masks for each team, equipment inventory will be conducted this week
- 11) UIC Update- We'l likely have 1 umpire instead of 2 for games. If we are using and umpire under 18 yrs of age there has to be a game manager (adult) to support the young umpire. If Junior ump working alone David will be there to help and cover games. It is also likely that umpires will be working from behind the mounds for social distancing.
- 12) Safety Officer Update – Safety kits for each field – Brad Williams has them and will distribute. He needs to get two more kits.
- 13) Snack Shack & Score Booth Update- working on plan to re-open. Score booth training on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. GameChanger app will be utilized this year. A parent volunteer from one team will operate the Gamechanger app. Another volunteer from the opposite team will utilize the scoreboard/pitch count in the scorebooth. Only 1 person allowed in the scorebooth.



- 14) Commissioner Update – Need commissioner for Farm. John Paul Bergh has offered to be the Single A commissioner.
  
- 15) Guests - Adrian Cavlan, owner of Quality Water Aptos, is interesting in supporting our league. Part of Aptos business community. Offered to sponsor by supplying water bottles to every player in the league. Agreed to include a bottle of water to each player when they receive their uniforms. When the kids get their uniforms the kids get their bottles.
  
- 16) Adjourn /Next Meeting – Meeting adjourn 9:41pm
  - a) 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month, next meeting March 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm via Zoom.