

**SIERRA FOOTHILLS LITTLE LEAGUE**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING - February 26, 2018**  
**PLACE OF THE MEETING - Pizza Factory, Colfax, CA**

**Meeting Opened at 6:04**

**Present:** Andria Souza, Heidee Harvey, Mike Fredy, Ben Brown, Whitney Iseth, Kim Laehle, Tracy Shanahan, Stacie McNally, Chris Nave, Devon Liden, Nicole Paskey, Phil Metheny, Allie Metheny, Laura Keller, Annie Clark

**January Minutes:** Stacie motioned to approve January Minutes. Laura seconded. S/M/C

**Treasurer Report:** Stacie read the accounting. SFLC is still receiving restitution money from Marty Peronto.

CHRIS -

**D11 Assessment Fee** - \$5 each player. Our current registration count is approximately three hundred. Assessment fee likely to be \$1500.

**Interleague Meeting Results** - Minors and Majors schedules are complete. Juniors schedule is still yet to be determined. Juniors will interleague with a Grass Valley, Penn Valley, Nevada City combination, two Auburn teams and two SFLC teams.

**D11 Dinner** - May 5th. 5:30 bar and 6:30 buffet. Event has been moved from The Ridge to the Auburn Fairgrounds. Need count ASAP. Tickets need to be paid by April 18th. Kim motioned that we provide two MLB tickets as raffle tickets. Stacie seconded. M/S/C

**D11 Tournament** - they are asking for two foursomes at \$125 each. Phil Metheny, Tracy Shanahan, Bill Groth are interested in going. Discussion about spending \$500 on a golf tournament instead of putting that money somewhere else. Counter explanation was that the money goes back to D11 that ultimately supports us in the end. Kim made a motion to approve to pay for and send one foursome to the golf tournament on April 20th. Andria seconded. M/S/C

**Rivercats Day** - April 29th. No decision made as whether or not to pursue.

**LL 2018 Rules Updates.**

- Pitchers can't pitch 3 consecutive days.
- Ten Run Rule - now fifteen run rule after three innings for Minors and Majors and four innings for Juniors. Tracy motioned that we maintain the "ten run rule," as an actual ten runs. Heidee seconded. M/S/C
- No pine tar.
- As of February 15, 2018 for Juniors Division -BB core bats in addition to USA bats may now be used and are legal.
- Only two visits to the mound for each pitcher and three total before the pitcher has to come out.

**Tournament Options** - Board favored option 2.

- 1) All Tournaments at one site per division
- 2) All teams at one field per two brackets. Area 2 and Area 1

**Opening Day** - April 7th. Four baseball games are scheduled, BBQ, raffle items. Do we let the little guys run the bases? Board will discuss this at the March meeting. What type of activities should we have? Some suggestions are bounce house(s), sack races, picnic, music. Some MLB players possibly.

HEIDEE/ANDRIA -

**Winchester Field/Juniors**- Derrick Harvey is building a 10' x 12' storage and snack shed for equipment and food. Plans are also to cover the dugouts, bleachers, paint the bleachers, backstop, and shed. Foul ball fencing.

NICOLE -

**Tee Ball** - the group loves the practices more than games and having two practices and less games is suggested. Agreed on 10-12 games total and two practices a week when possible.

TRACY -

**SFLL Field Proposed Improvements/Approximate Costs.** Winchester - \$3285.00. Colfax Ballpark - \$700.00. Applegate Ball Park - \$525.00. Meadow Vista Park - \$1010.00. Placer Hills Park - \$1300.00. Sierra Vista Center - \$6,090.00 - \$9,090.00. Collective costs \$12,910 - \$15,910.00/ Chris suggested bullpen mounds and portable fencing for Winchester Field. Board discussed that because our Hit A Thon monies were hopeful for a batting cage and given that it is not possible, we should use the money for improving field needs at every division. (primarily Winchester and Sierra Vista) and directly impact the experience of all the players. Board voted on an amount of \$12,000 to spend on prioritizing necessities for fields. Whitney made a motion of \$12,000 to begin with for improvements. Nicole seconded motion. M/S/C/

PHIL

**Colfax Fridge/Thermostat** - need new fridge. Will reach out to the Hooper's and look in to other options for replacement.

**Applegate Snack Shack** - Kim makes a motion to buy a propane fridge. Mike Fredy seconded it. M/S/C/ Phil will price out the fridge and reply to the Board for approval.

MIKE

**Spring Uniform Update** - all uniforms will arrive about a week before games begin in each division. He proposed that in the future, the sponsors be determined at or around the time of registration so that uniforms can be ordered as soon as possible with the sponsors name on it. All Star jerseys will need to be ordered sooner than later. Mike provided photo samples and prices. Asked for suggestions for fonts. Devon said that in the past we have asked for a donation from families for the cost of the All Star uniform jersey so that as a League, we could afford a higher quality style and jersey. Decisions should be made at the March 2018 meeting. Mike will have the manufacturer work up a mock up of a button up, dark green, logo, with a name on the back and provide us with that via email or at the March meeting. He presented that we have a "use it or lose it" credit with Nike to use for possible Board shirts. He will email the Board with photos of style and size choice and will order in hopes to get them back for Opening Day.

KIM

**Team Parents** - Need more team parents for Minors. Only eight team parents showed up to the Team Parent Meeting which is a much lower number than in the past. Stacie suggested that in the future we hold back equipment or something and not release it until they attend a meeting. Low attendance may not be indicative of low interest. May have more interested parties in the upcoming weeks.

**Subjects tabled for the March meeting:**

Opening Day, All Star shirts, Colfax Ballpark fridge, River Cats attendance, and Records retention/destruction.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:55.**