

Lincoln Little League

Board Meeting

July 8, 2024

Minutes

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Craig Kersey at 6:05pm.
2. **Members Present:** Craig Kersey, Patrick Winters, Rachel Parks, Chris Annicella, Susanna Maldonado, Paul Vanderschrier, Amber Hawley, James Walker, Kaushal Diwan, Mark Amioka, Kendrick Kiefert, Noah Zaputil, Fabiola Balderas, Danny Kirk, Todd Benzel, Brittany Elmer
3. **Members Absent:** Nidia Goodell, Jessica Howard, Jake Hanson, Lars Ronten, Stephan Bisland, Vanessa Garibay, Claudia Soto, Stephanie Garcia, Kristy West, Daniel Elmer, Nick Freitas
4. **Non-Members Present:** Jen Cook, Kyle McLeod
5. **Approve Minutes:**

There was a motion by Kaushal Diwan with a second by Amber Hawley to approve the June meeting minutes. This was board approved.
6. **Financial Update:** Chris Annicella
 - a. Lincoln Little League has \$120,000 cash in the bank account. It was noted that Fall Season is included in the Spring Season budget. In August, the board will discuss the upcoming year's budget. In September, the board will vote on the budget. Kaushal Diwan will present at the August board meeting a proposal to add a paid Game Changer scorekeeping position to the budget.
 - b. Britney Elmer shared her record of profits from the snack bar. She did not include what it cost to pay the snack bar workers. In regular season there was a \$7,656.12 profit. In All-Stars there was a \$3,790.11 profit.
 - c. There will be some big expenses coming soon. Some of these costs include: Batting cages netting (Can we split this cost with other groups that use the cages?), a vehicle for dragging fields and carrying equipment. It was mentioned that someone might want to sponsor the batting cages for around \$1500.

7. Fall Ball:

- a. Fall Ball Coordinator will be Kyle McLeod. All questions and problems or concerns will filter through him.
- b. Fall Ball registration is open for the divisions AA and up.
- c. Scheduling and inter-leaguings decisions will be based on other leagues input on what kind of fall season they intend to have. Lincoln Little League's goal is to have fun, development focused play, unified umpire rules and game schedules that are more streamlined to accommodate families during the off season. Kyle will have these conversations and make decisions about the Fall Ball Season.
- d. Fall Ball uniforms will be the tee shirt style like the previous year. Noah Zaputil will order the uniforms after teams are formed.

8. 2024-2025 Board:

- a. New board members should come to the August board meeting to get acquainted. New board members will be voted into their positions at the September board meeting. Board members stepping out of their roles will train the incoming board members during the month of September.
- b. Board positions that need to be filled: Secretary, Uniforms Coordinator, Scheduler, Volunteer Coordinator, Player Agents, IT Coordinator, Field Maintenance Coordinator, Co-Snack Bar Coordinator, Co-Coach Coordinator

9. Paying Adult Umpires for Majors and Up:

- a. Paul Vanderschrier has received feedback that LLL should have adult umpires for Majors' games and above. Paul suggests that games have at least one adult umpire either behind the plate or at the bases. There was also a suggestion from board members that each Manager should be required to umpire a designated number of games in another division or to designate a parent from each team to go to umpire training and umpire a designated number of games. These ideas brought on the question of who would track the Managers' requirements if we added this to their team managing duties.
- b. It should be noted that there are opportunities to give feedback on umpires and feedback from umpires on Managers on the LLL website. Paul and Amber Hawley filter through the comments and the feedback will affect Manager selections for next year.

10. Proposal for Board Members Fees to be Waived:

- a. Paul Vanderschrier suggested that board members should not have to pay registration fees. The concern of the board is that people will join the board for the financial advantage and then skip meetings and not help. At the next board meeting there will be discussion about guidelines and ideas for board member expectations. A draft will be written, followed by a printed copy for each board position. Each board member will sign the expectations. Susanna Maldonado is going to help with the process of typing the documents.

11. Spirit Wear:

- a. Parents are complaining about numbers and letters falling off their jerseys and spirit wear after very little wear and not drying them in the dryer. Noah Zaputil mentioned that jerseys can be repressed with heat. He is going to look into getting a refund for any spirit wear that is faulty or falling apart. Any photos of the damages would be helpful.

12. Redo Larry Costa Field:

- a. Todd Benzel proposed using money to improve Larry Costa field. We have a sponsor that has volunteered to help level the field. Todd Benzel is going to contact them for more information. Kendrick Kiefert needs there to be a group that helps him monitor setting the mound, if this should happen.
- b. Next year's Managers will need a training on how to prep/manage the field for longevity of the field.

13. Fireworks Booth:

- a. Todd Benzel suggested that LLL starts to do a fireworks booth for financial profit. He will get the board more information.

14. General Discussion:

- a. Kendrick Kiefert- Wondered if we are accepting the 12 Bridges fields as they are. Craig Kersey will pass on Scott's information to Kendrick because Scott has not been responsive recently.
- b. Danny Kirk- Wondered if spray chalking is cheaper, but it is not. There needs to be an inventory taken.
- c. Paul Vanderschrier- Presented to the board an opportunity to buy a brick at Potter's Stadium for \$250. There was a motion by Paul Vanderschrier to purchase the brick and a second by Craig Kersey. This was board approved.
- d. Craig Kersey- Craig asked the board if they wanted to continue to host All-Star tournaments in the future. The group consensus was, yes, we want to continue to host, but there needs to be a better use of volunteers and board members.

15. Next Meeting: Monday, August 5, 2024 @ 6pm, TBD

16. Meeting adjourned at: 7:41pm