

## Lincoln Little League

### Board Meeting

August 5, 2024

### Minutes

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Craig Kersey at 6:06pm.
2. **Members Present:** Craig Kersey, Patrick Winters, Rachel Parks, Susanna Maldonado, Amber Hawley, Kaushal Diwan, Kendrick Kiefert, Noah Zaputil, Danny Kirk, Kristy West, Todd Benzel, Daniel Elmer, Brittany Elmer
3. **Members Absent:** Chris Annicella, Paul Vanderschrier, James Walker, Nidia Goodell, Jessica Howard, Jake Hanson, Mark Amioka, Lars Ronten, Stephan Bisland, Vanessa Garibay, Claudia Soto, Stephanie Garcia, Fabiola Balderas, Nick Freitas
4. **Non-Members Present:** Jay Rours, Ashley Moreno, Jen Cook
5. **Approve Minutes:**  
There was a motion by Amber Hawley with a second by Rachel Parks to approve the July meeting minutes. This was board approved.
6. **Financial Update:** Chris Annicella
  - a. Chris sent a proposed budget for the upcoming year via email. Every board member needs to review the budget and any suggested adjustments to the budget need to be emailed to Chris before the next meeting. At the next board meeting the board needs to be able to review and approve the budget quickly. Early communication with Chris about any adjustments will make this possible.

**7. Game Changer and Umpires:**

- a. Kaushal Diwan proposes that we pay trained umpires to do score keeping on Game Changer. He suggested \$20 per game for AAA and up, maybe for AA. The goal of his proposal is to provide more accurate stats for players because the games would be more accurately recorded. The league would continue to use parent volunteers for the scoreboard.
- b. In connection to Kaushal's proposal, Amber Hawley and Paul Vanderschrier proposed that:
  - 1) Spring Season Managers or Assistant Coaches (AA and above) be required to train and umpire 3 games outside of their division
  - 2) each team will have a designated and trained parent that will help umpire games. This proposal ensures that an adult will be on the field of every game and will help Managers/coaches and parents to understand the job of the umpire. This proposal will eliminate one paid umpire position from the field and those savings could help pay for Kaushal's proposal in the previous point a.
- c. At the next board meeting the board will revisit and vote on point b- Amber and Paul's proposal.
- d. At the next board meeting the board will vote on keeping Game Changer for scorekeeping.
- e. At the next board meeting the board will vote on point a- Kaushal's proposal if they decide to keep Game Changer.

**8. 2024-2025 Board Expectations:**

- a. Susanna Maldonado printed the position description and responsibilities for each board member. She will email them out for the board members to look over what is described. All returning and new board members will sign their name agreeing to the commitment of their role on the board.
- b. At the next board meeting the board will vote on if the 2025-26 board to get registration reimbursements if they fulfill their board position commitments. The board will add to the board position commitments a designated number of board meetings that each board member is responsible for attending as well as a requirement to join one special committee.

**9. Leveling Larry Costa Field:**

- a. One of Lincoln Little League's sponsors, Duncan Concrete, has offered to level Larry Costa field at no cost to LLL. Leveling Larry Costa field is something that will need to be done at some point and the improvements will make the field unusable for a month to a month and a half. The board needs to decide on a timing that will cause the least disruption to Fall and Spring seasons. Craig is going to contact Doug from the City of Lincoln to see what options the league has for fall ball game spaces. The board needs a full plan before they can vote and move forward with the offer made by Duncan Concrete.
- b. Jay Rours, a LLL coach, visited the board meeting to get permission to rent Larry Costa field on Sundays for his travel team. LLL will figure out the timing on field improvements before talking to Jay about field rental agreements.

**10. General Discussion:**

- a. Board needs to pick a date for registration to open for the 2025 Spring Season at the next meeting. Last year there was early registration and regular registration. There was no late registration.
- b. Brittany Elmer continues to be concerned about having the necessary help in the snack bar for next season. It is proposed that the board requires a \$150 check per player and 4 hours of volunteer hours per player. It was also proposed that each team could be assigned a week in which they cover all the volunteer shifts. The board needs a Volunteer Coordinator for these changes to be managed.
- c. There needs to be a big push for board members.
- d. Daniel Elmer volunteered to do Uniforms in addition to his Single A Player Agent board position. Ashley Moreno volunteered to take on the Secretary board position. All oncoming board members will be voted in at the next board meeting.
- e. Franchise: Some board members are concerned about the future of the franchise model because the league appears to have about 63 twelve-year-old players. Each team can only have 8 twelve-year-olds which means the league is looking at about 7 teams. The board will vote at the next board meeting on if the franchise model will move forward or not.

**11. Next Meeting:** Monday, September 9, 2024 @ 5:30pm, Brick and Barrel

**12. Meeting adjourned at:** 7:39pm