

# SCLL Board Meeting Minutes February 5, 2023

Call to order 6:32pm

## Attendees

Zack Keith, Mike Eckhardt, Heather Nelson, Randy Murgu, Derik Morris, Melanie Heaton, Trevor Hahn, Bryan Parker, Patrik Taylor, Rob Garvin, Jared Currie, Chuck Williams, Ryan Phillips, Esther Jording-Hawkins, Brett Fray, Brad Hill, Natalie Dodge, Sadie Prodanovich, Annie Gunderson

## Agenda

### Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Registration is open and we have 225 players registered as of today.
2. Melanie gave the Ohana vendors a deadline for submitting their schedule for the spring season. No response. Melanie will check county records re: Ohana annual permit for LJ building. Right now we have no information about Ohana's plans for the spring season. Group discussion about having other vendors/food carts scheduled as often as possible for game days.
3. Jared reviewed the county invoice and verified rainouts. This item to be considered complete. Trevor will pay the \$54k invoice to the county.
4. Put on hold Justin Pierce's ideas about coaching clinics/sandlot style game days. Agreed that this could be discussed as an activity for the off-season.

### New Business

5. New appointed officer confirmations. Chuck Williams - softball player agent; James Cristman - Equipment Donations; Kenny (?) Softball Commissioner; Patrik Taylor - Uniforms and Equipment.
6. Discussion of Kona Ice proposed sponsorship program. Agreed to schedule Kona Ice as often as they are available. We tabled the discussion due to the length of the agenda, but need to discuss who will manage vendors. Is it another appointed role? Vendor Relations and Concessions or group this together with Fundraising. It is not feasible to add this to the sponsorship job description for this year, but we expect that this role will overlap with sponsorship and auction roles. Possible social media post to inquire if our community can recommend food carts or vendors who would be willing to donate a portion of the proceeds back to the league.
7. Natalie and Sadie presented new sponsorship packages. Agreement to remove the paver and auction ticket from each package. Sponsorship levels will be: Grand Slam \$5K, Home Run \$2,500, 2B \$1K, 1B \$500. Team sponsor to be \$300 this season. All packages include exposure via the league social media. Registration event on website for larger sponsors. Payment needs to be by check or credit card on the website for contributions over \$1500.

League PayPal or Venmo available for contributions less than \$1500. Still needing information about the scoreboard sign availability and costs. Cost of outfield sign materials and printing to be verified as well.

8. Tryouts will be at the Lumberyard on February 18th with set up starting at 7:30am, tryouts from 8am to 3pm. Majors will go first, expecting 30-40 kids; AAA and AA will participate in a try-out/safety evaluation. Jared will send out a sign up sheet for volunteers. We will need tents and tables moved to the Lumberyard and volunteers for check-ins and registration help. We need volunteers to play catch with kids, pitch to kids, at all levels. Parents should be kept outside if possible. A table for equipment donations will be set up again this year. Make up tryouts scheduled for the 21st. Softball will not be holding tryouts or a draft at all this year due to registration numbers.
9. Drafts will be held February 22nd and 23rd; Teams formed February 24th; Practices can start as soon as teams are formed, the week of February 25th. Reminders to be sent out to coaches regarding their background checks and required online training.
10. Another Peach Jar Flyer will be sent out specific to Softball to alert families in both the SCLL and HDLL boundaries that all players are welcome to register and play in our league.
11. Dicks Sporting Goods - Melanie to coordinate with Derik to allocate the funds.
12. Update on Equipment Inventory - Trevor needs information about the rough spending amount for SB and BB. Melanie and Derik to send budget info to Trevor this week. We anticipate needing new catcher's gear and helmets. Will ask coaches to check their gear when they receive it and report back promptly if there are any broken items.
13. Update about pictures for opening day. Pictures have been confirmed. We need to communicate with Melissa regarding what she donates to the league vs what our costs are. Last year we had a check for \$3500 to Melissa that we are unsure about.
14. Agreement on the decorations for opening day. The cost is minimal, but the league families love taking pictures in front of the signs.
15. In person registration to be at Round Table Pizza in Salmon Creek on February 16th from 6pm to 8pm. Melanie will confirm the reservation.
16. Bryan Parker updated on Apparel. We are planning to have a two week window for orders in March. FanCloth's turnaround time is about 3-4 weeks.
17. Randy Murgu discussion of mentorship programs for Majors coaches and AAA/AA/A/TBall coaches. Randy will coordinate. Make available support, guidance and instruction from the Majors coaches for the coaches starting out in the younger groups. Proposed shadowing two practices and then having the ability to reach out to the Majors coaches for advice as needed. Ideally this will encourage more people to step up to coach because they will have support. Hopefully it will also give the new coaches the skills and a foundation to build on, and may result in more people following through as coaches for multiple seasons.
18. Maintenance for Luke Jensen and Gaiser. Basic instruction for coaches and volunteers who are willing to help with field maintenance.

19. Jared to formulate a plan for field day and announce via email to the league families.
20. Summary of Rules Discussion: No change to the drafting rules for 9/10/11 year olds in Majors. The Safety Committee will advise when needed. For registration purposes, the parent of an 11 year old can request that their child plays in AAA, but they must try out for Majors due to their age. If an 11 year old tries out, the safety committee may decide its best for them to play AAA. If an 11 year old tries out for Majors and is not drafted, they will automatically be placed in AAA. Recap: No rule change - 9 year olds can play Majors and 11 year olds can play AAA. Placement is at the discretion of the parents, safety committee and coaches.

The Safety Committee will determine the risk of serious injury to players and determine when a player needs to be moved down or up. Safety Committee to include: Pres, VP of BB and VP of SB, Player Agent, Commissioner and Umpire in Chief.

Board to review coaches who elect to step down to determine reason and eligibility to return to coaching positions in the future. Board to approve the assignment of a new coach and screen for coaches in name only. Clarify language that once a coach formally steps down, they are no longer able to coach on the field or in the dugout for games, but would still be allowed to assist with coaching during practice. Coaches will not be permitted to step down and back up to coach when the intention is to secure a new player as the "coaches option" one year and then reinstate the previous coaching staff the following year.

Mike suggests we clarify the language about the intent of the coaches option.

All-Star Rules: Don Hester reports that with a league of our size, we would need to have a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 14 players for All-Stars.

21. Umpire Clinic on March 14th or 16th. Melanie to put on social media. All welcome to participate, including people from other little leagues.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45pm