

November SCLL Board Meeting Minutes

14 NOVEMBER 2023 / 8:00 PM / LUKE JENSEN CONFERENCE ROOM

Call to Order at 8:05pm

Attendees

Jared Currie, Natalie Dodge, Mike Eckhardt, Ethan Elkins, Annie Gunderson, Brad Hill, Zack Keith, Heather Nelson, Sadie Prodanovich

Guests: Andy Holmes, Justin Pierce

Agenda

Last Meeting Follow-up

Discussion of Schedules By Division. Ethan Elkins has been in contact with Kyle Sproul regarding the schedules for the 2024 season. The board was in agreement that the schedules for 2024 should follow a similar pattern as last season. Changes will include starting the season after spring break which would shorten the season by 4 weeks, a reduction in total number of games played across all divisions, with the Majors schedule including 15 regular season games and 5 post season tournament games. Discussion of interleague games with Hazel Dell for Majors and possibly other divisions. Ethan will bring back additional information about the schedules to the December board meeting.

Possible coaching reminders regarding arm care throughout the season, but especially when the end of the season tournament overlaps with the Bend travel ball tournament.

Discussion of make-up games and a standard protocol for reserving the turf field when the other fields are non playable due to rain.

Open Board Positions. Andy Holmes attended the meeting and expressed interest in the Information Officer position. Andy has extensive experience with little league in multiple volunteer roles. His kids are currently grown and Andy has the time and willingness to contribute to SCLL.

Rob Bonneau, although not present at the meeting, expressed interest in the role of Coaching Coordinator.

We are still looking for a T-Ball Commissioner, a Fall Ball Commissioner, Apparel, Auction Chair, Fundraising Coordinator. Sadie will create a social media post with information about the open positions.

New Business

Luke Jensen Update. This will be an action item for the next meeting. Zack has not received any new information from the county and will reach out to Eric regarding the

costs and the level of support we can expect for next season. Zack will bring information to the December meeting.

Discussion of the Sponsorship packages for next season. Sadie and Natalie brought a proposal that included the cost of each package and the value included for the sponsor. Feedback from former sponsors has been that the league does not provide enough value for their sponsorships. Saide and Natalie presented some new ideas to increase the value including add a logo to the All Star hats, a logo on the travel banner for All Stars. Also discussed was a sponsorship logo banner for the regular season to increase exposure. Ethan Elkins suggested offering an opportunity for sponsors to speak at opening/closing ceremonies as a way to add value. Also suggested was a thank you to our sponsors on Saturdays over the PA system. The board had reservations about putting a logo on All Star hats. Discussed selling uniform sponsorships as a separate item that would last +/- 3 years or the length of the uniforms.

Opening Registration. Registration is set to open on December 4th. Sadie will put together a Peach Jar flier for all the schools within our boundaries. Social media posts will be put out to advertise registration. Current plan is for an in-person registration at Luke Jensen early January and possibly another date either at Luke Jensen or Round Table Pizza. We will incorporate the equipment donations at registration. Brad Hill will put up the yard signs announcing registration.

Calendar of Events for 2024 to include Opening Day - April 13th; the dates for tryouts, the start of practices, team parent meeting and possibly adding this year a new parent orientation meeting (zoom).

Ethan suggested that we move part of the volunteers for Field Day to Luke Jensen to get the fields ready for the season since we have no current promise of support from the maintenance crew from the county.

Zack decided to form a subcommittee to figure out how to divide the Majors teams.

Ethan reports that he has plenty of coaches volunteering across all divisions.

Sadie will be out mid January through the end of February.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm