

April SCLL Board Meeting Minutes

14 APRIL 2024 / 6:00 PM / LUKE JENSEN CONFERENCE ROOM

Call to Order 6:05pm

Attendees

Zack Keith, Natalie Dodge, Jeremy Lovelace, Heather Nelson, Brett Fray, Brad Hill, Ethan Elkins, Mike Eckhardt, Jasmine Keith, Annie Gunderson.

On Zoom: Shaun and Kelly Cain

Guest: Jamie Winter, parent from the T-Ball Angels.

Agenda

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Recap of Opening Ceremonies - We received a lot of positive feedback from the hot dogs and concessions received about \$800 via Square for the hot dogs, concessions, sticker sales, SCLL swag and donations. We still need an iPad and a tap adapter. Community members also appreciated that the opening ceremonies were brief. Sponsors were acknowledged. Ridgefield Raptors mascot was a big hit with the kids.
2. Current state of auction planning. Jeremy Lovelace and Jasmine Keith were present to discuss the auction scheduled for May 4th at 5:30pm. The auction committee has secured some really good live auction items and the silent auction items are picking up. Amanda is going to send a team parent email with the link to auction tickets. Liz is going to post about the auction on FB and IG. Kyle will add the event to the Team Snap league schedule. We still need a photo slideshow and volunteers to help the day of the event. More specific needs for volunteers will be given soon.
3. Recap of combined practice. Everyone loved the combined practice that was held for the Majors teams. All the kids who wanted to participate at the Major's level are welcome to join. The league has Field 1 reserved every Thursday night as a location for makeup games, so that field is available for combined practices when not in use. Justin Pierce may be willing to coordinate the combined practices moving forward. Coaches reported they liked the community building aspect of the practices and the kids had a great time.

New Business

4. Field Usage for F2/F3. Rules need to be established regarding field usage at Luke Jensen when games are not scheduled. A Major's team was reported to have been practicing at Luke Jensen. Kyle Sproul reserves the fields for games and when the fields are not needed, she cancels the reservation with the county and releases the field so that the league does not get charged for usage. The league is not paying for time that is not reserved and we do

not want to pay for teams to practice on the fields. Board in agreement that we do not want it to become a “free for all” at Luke Jensen with coaches trying to get on the fields when games are not scheduled. Luke Jensen to be reserved for games only. Practices to be held at approved VPS locations.

5. Change in procedure for Major’s coaches with keys to the fields. Possible check out process for keys/key cards to improve security.
6. F2 1st base side locker was cleaned out. All consumables and equipment in that locker will be shared with the county, including chalk and surface.
7. Possible Second Field Day at Gaiser to continue work on all fields, but with a focus on the T-Ball field which is in bad shape. Brett Fray suggested we request donations from Parr lumber and Rick’s Custom Fencing to replace the T-Ball backstop and possibly supply benches.
8. We still have \$1000 to spend with ADStar/Dicks Sporting Goods. Possible purchase of a nail drag or a roller attachment for the lawn mower.
9. Reminder to all coaches regarding ongoing field maintenance, before and after games. Groundskeeping is needed and all fields and lockers must be securely locked before coaches leave.
10. Board Positions to fill. Janelle York volunteered to take over apparel. Jamie Winter, guest today, is willing to volunteer to help the league in whatever capacity is needed that fits her skill set. Board Elections to be held in October for the 2025 season. We are seeking someone to volunteer as league President and Commissioner in Chief.
11. Update on Hit-a-Thon Fundraiser. Scheduled for May 11th. Mike Eckhart will be able to provide additional information soon. Considering using the platform 99 pledges, that is familiar to families who have seen that in the schools or for other fundraisers.
12. AA Umpiring. Clarification that home team must designate one umpire for the entire game. No switching out each inning, with teams umpiring for their own pitchers.
13. All league volunteers must complete a background check and the Abuse Awareness course. Next year we will have a centralized registration system, so Team Snap will not be needed. The league will have a master spreadsheet with all available volunteers so that we can ensure all adults on the fields or around the children have passed the background check and completed the required certifications.
14. All Stars. The email for parents will be sent out soon asking if their player would like to participate in All Stars this year. Change will be that players can opt-in to preferred age groups. For example, based on age, which team do you want consideration for? 10, 11, 12. This is a change in policy due to the exodus of 12 year olds this year.
15. Thank you to all the people who helped out on opening day! We had a lot of volunteers and they are appreciated.

Adjourned at 7:32pm