

January Board Meeting Minutes

09 JANUARY 2024 / 7:00 PM / LUKE JENSEN CONFERENCE ROOM

Call to Order 7:05pm

Attendees

Zack Keith, Mike Eckhardt, Brad Hill, Natalie Dodge, Ethan Elkins, Randy Murgo, Brett Fray, Justin Pierce, Sean Cain, Andy Holmes, Jared Currie, Annie Gunderson, Evan Siegel, Rob Bonneau, Dave Goodwin.

Agenda

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Discussion of Thunder and Lightning Protocols. Board decision to keep language as currently stated and ensure that Coaches are informed of the rules during the coaches meeting.
2. Coaching Coordinator. Rob Bonneau unanimously confirmed as Coaching Coordinator.
3. Age requirements for T-Ball. Board confirmation of allowing 4 year olds to sign up for T-Ball as long as there is a commitment from the parent to coach or manage the team.
4. Ethan Elkins Update on Schedules. Kyle Sproul to model a schedule with 5 Majors teams for spring. Last season, the schedules were modeled with 6 teams. Kyle is not able to provide exact schedule dates due to coordination with the county, Kings Way and VSD. Game schedule will wait until February or early March.
5. League Calendar Dates: Field Day and Coaches Clinic TBD for now, best options for Field Day would be March 9th or 16th, best option for coaches/skills clinic is March 23rd. Saturday April 13th Opening Ceremonies; Games start the week of April 8th; March 2nd Tryouts; March 5th Makeup Tryouts; Draft March 6th and 7th. June 8th Closing Ceremonies.
6. Adult vs Kids games for 2024. League position is that there are no adult vs kids events, without exception. This will be addressed in the coaches meeting.
7. Registration. As of today, 56 kids registered. Peach Jar flyers to go out to the schools this week. In person registration scheduled for January 10th from 5p-7p. Additional information to be posted on social media.

New Business

8. Zack shared Luke Jensen update from Eric Christensen. County will provide field prep for opening day and ongoing support with mowing and irrigation. No guidance provided on the maintenance required for the mound areas and around home plate. Zack reported that our scoreboard controllers went missing when the lockers were left open. County to

replace. No update on concessions yet. Eric reports that the county is considering replacing turf on fields 1, 4, 5 over the next couple years. They have received a quote to turf field 2, but no on the schedule.

9. Ethan Elkins motion for SCLL to be open to interleague play with HDLL and Ridgefield. Mike Eckhart 2nd. Motion carried. Last year we played games with HDLL based on a league to league agreement.
10. Softball will not have tryouts this year due to low registration numbers. Softball schedules will be exclusively interleague games, so the schedule is dependent on district schedules.
11. Evan Siegel - 360 Baseball. Proposed SCLL Skills Camp/Coaches Clinic on March 23rd and 24th. Ages 7-12, 1 ½ to 2 hours to include pitching, catching, hitting, IN/OF. Location to be Luke Jensen Field 1. Zack to look at league insurance cover and reserve the field. Participants can pay 360 Baseball directly with check or cash. Cost to be \$60-\$65 per player. 15% of proceeds go back to the league.
12. Future topics. Do we want to host All-Stars this year? Discussion of the Transfer Portal for kids ages 4-7. Possible field day at Gaiser and Luke Jensen.
13. Majors registration is expected to be low this season. Board to consider a reset of the Majors division without an official rule change. Auxiliary meeting will be held for Majors coaches to be held before next month's board meeting.
14. Natalie Dodge ordered the PortaPotty for Gaiser in advance of March practices.
15. Sponsorships are open on the website.
16. Heather Nelson to look at possible league reciprocity for coaches who have safety certifications that are equivalent to those offered through USA Baseball and Safe Sport.
17. Justin Pierce introduced the idea of changing the draft rule for Majors regarding the bonus pick. The bonus pick is used to balance out the number of retained players for appropriate teams. Justin suggests accelerating the bonus pick to earlier in the draft. Conversation reserved for Auxiliary coaches meeting.
18. Amanda Komp to coordinate picture day.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:08pm

Notes

- **Next Meeting February 6th at 7pm in the Luke Jensen Conference Room.**