

Agenda Annual General Meeting 2015 CSLL

October 21, 2015

Attendees: Marti Redman, Darren Redman, Monique Weinmeyer, Sandy Stuart, John Fowler, Kevin Salmons, Heather Stretch, Vince Loewen, Joe Scalzo, Megan Anderson, Nicole Dunford, Morley Wittman

Call to order: By Nicole at 6:43pm. Seconded by Kevin.

Approval of previous meeting minutes by Heather, second by John. All in favour. Carried.

Old Business:

Concession freezers are working but we found plenty of soft products in July. We feel it was because of the style of freezer. The freezer works well but it is not good to open and close so much in the hot season as the cold drops out when opening the door. Looking into a new chest freezer that will fit in the current space of 3 to 4 feet wide. Cost is between \$300 - \$400. Motion to purchase a new freezer by Morley. Seconded by Vince. All in favor. Carried.

Do assessments on Rookies this year. Motioned by Heather, second by Kevin. All in favour. Carried.

Assessment dates for Rookies, Minors and Majors set for Feb 27th. This date gives us two weeks to build the teams so practices can begin spring break.

New Business:

President State of the league

Last year we started a plan to make changes to expand and develop our league. We wanted to give CSLL a proud community based pride. To accomplish this we focused on three goals in year one. We began by bringing in more registrations. We then initiated a development program with Triple A Sports Consultants to advance coach and player skills. We then initiated a facilities upgrade program. Some of these included:

- Contacting previous registrants to determine what we were doing right and focus on improvements.
- Held coach development clinics run by Triple A.
- Replaced catchers equipment for Tball, Mini's and Rookies plus some Minors/Majors.
- Replaced some of the Blastball equipment.
- Installed pitching mounds. Cleaned up and renewed diamond backstops, sheds, the batting cage and fields.
- Installed new stainless counter tops in the concession.
- Added clothing sales and CSLL merchandise with baseball recognized brands.
- Provided more events at opening ceremonies (Pitch Hit Run and Games2U) and closing ceremonies (inflatables and a water park) to give a more community based feel.
- Provided all new uniforms for every division.
- Added a fall ball program.

Moving forward we've learned from our members. We can make small changes to the way we run our baseball program. We want to keep the fun and community based feel. To do this we will put an emphasis on player retention by providing a positive learning experience for players, coaches, parents and spectators. We want to amplify our development program, expand our league with an Intermediate and/or Junior division, and continue with facility and equipment upgrades. We will focus on:

- Amplifying our development program. Start the coaches and kids with the winter clinics. Bring in lots of big names to help out. Keep first preference on our CSLL members. Break the coaches into groups of players aged 8 and under, minors, majors, and intermediate/juniors.

Begin work with the Premier League Mariners to create a yearlong development program for teaching the coaches using the players in drills. This will help teach the coaches how to teach the kids.

- Expand our league by marketing the development program and adding a new division.
- Provide \$8000 to start replacing equipment including catcher's gloves, senior's catchers gear, bats, etc.
- Refresh the bathrooms with new interiors as they need to be cleaned up and it brings another source of pride.
- Add a deep fryer to the concession.

Upcoming changes - league age change in 2018 - move birthdate to Aug 31st

Executive Positions

Have not heard from two people if they are returning.

President - Morley Wittman

VP Players/Coaches - Brad Weinmeyer

VP Facilities - Kevin Salmons

Secretary - Nicole Dunford

Treasurer - Monique Weinmeyer (help from Shawna McLaughlin)

Registrar - Rebecca Tycholiz (would like some help on registration days)

Player Agent - Joe Scalzo

Concession Lead - Stacy Peljhan?

Paid Staff - Stacy Peljhan?

Volunteer Staff Coordinator - Marti Redman

Purchasing – Heather Stretch

Umpire in Chief - VACANT

Uniforms - Niki Post?

Scheduling - VACANT

Equipment/Safety - John Fowler

Sponsorship - Niki Post?

Website - Morley Wittman

Member at Large - Vince Loewen

Member at Large - John Pollard

Blastball - VACANT

T-Ball - VACANT

Mini Minors - Megan Anderson

Rookie Minors - Nicole Dunford

Minors - Lee Scalzo

Majors - VACANT

Monique Weinmeyer (with help from Shawna McLaughlin) voted in as Treasurer. Motioned by Morley. Seconded by Kevin. All in favor. Carried.

Joe Scalzo voted into Player Agent. Motioned by Vince. Seconded by Heather. All in favor. Carried.

Lee Scalzo voted in as Minor Coordinator. Motioned by Kevin. Seconded by John. All in favor. Carried.

Winter Clinics

Dates, staff, goals are to be determined. Email will be sent out for specific dates and times

Development

- Premier League Mariners to run program.
- Cost to be determined. Budget is set for \$6000 for all development including facility rentals.
- A schedule will be made sorting divisions, times and number of sessions.

Prospects

This was our first year with the Prospects program. At the beginning of the year interest was limited due to poor communication about the program. Moving forward we will be better about relaying expectations, goals and purpose of the program to the parents. The U9 team was a success story. There were many kids. They had a great team with plenty of fun and development. In 2016 we would like to include U9, 10-11, 11-12 prospect teams.

Communication

When kids register we need to set up a sheet to give specific information to parents so they have clear expectations about the roles of parents and players. We will hand it out at registration. This hand out will need to include volunteer hours information, uniform expectations, prospect teams, tournament teams, applying for coaching, helping the team etc.

Other

Helmets need to be available for kids as per Little League rules. If they do not own a helmet we will provide them with one. Our goal is to sell them in the concession hoping kids will each get their own to reduce any exposure to head lice.

Players are purchasing their own bats and we need to have a bat size template in each ball bag so they know at the start of the year (hopefully before they use it) if there bat is legal.

There is interest to provide a gear swap at registration.

Fall Ball

Review of the 11-12 yr old team for 2015 was very positive. Next year we hope to get information out early and add a U9 and 10-11 team.

Tournaments

The 2016 season holds in store two tournaments at CSLL. The May long weekend (joint with Beacon Hill) fun tournament for majors teams and the City Minors (end of June).

Junior Division

Update – this would be an extension of our house league. Possibly use our diamond 6 for double headers with Saturday games.

Registration

Approved fees for 2015-16 were noted. We feel we are over due to increase our registration. Increases are a reasonable increment. (Cost increase in September minutes)

Dates to be set Jan 23, 24,30, 31 for Registrations (set by district) We will be doing additional sign ups.

Financial

2014-15 statement - achieved goal to spend gaming grant

- 2015-16 budget - discussed
- Possibly look into giving money to a scholarship fund
- Gaming Grant didn't give us money this year. We need to spend more money from our account.
- GIC rolled over for another year. Approved via email vote prior to Oct 17th deadline.

Coordinator Reports

Concession - Marti sends great appreciation to all parents and CSLL positions for a great year.

Equipment -When ball bags go out we will have a check list signed by Manager. To be signed again when handed in to be accountable for the equipment. Need an inventory of the bags.

Next meeting date - December 3rd 2015 at 7pm at the clubhouse.

Adjourned at 806pm by Morley. Second by Nicole.