

# CSLL Board Meeting

## MINUTES

Monday, October 5, 2020

Location: Centennial Park Training Centre/Teleconference

**ATTENDANCE:**  Morley Wittman,  Dave Glynn,  Marti Redman,  Andrew McIlveen,  Melinda Andrews-Wittman,  Kevin Reilly,  Joe Scalzo,  Jill Medeiros,  Liana Tupper,  Ryan Tilden,  Clint Murgatroyd,  Cory Shearer,  Jennifer Wanless,  Heather Alexander,  Jane Bassett,  Tia Krogstad,  Dave Lougheed,  Michelle Griffin,  Brad Weinmeyer  
Bryan Rowan, Darren Redman, Trina Simonson

**Call to Order – 7:03 PM** by Moe

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion to approve agenda** by Marti, second by Clint – Carried

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion to approve October 2019 minutes** by Cory, second by Joe – Carried

### BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- None

### NEW BUSINESS

- Members set number of Directors (minimum 7). They include current Officers, Board Members, Committee Members, Managers, Coaches, Volunteer Adult Umpires, Team Coordinators and other already elected or appointed officials.
- Members elect the following Board of Directors

Position	Name
President	Morley Wittman
Past President	Dave Glynn
VP- Players and Coaches	Cory Shearer
VP - Facilities	Dave Lougheed
Players Agent	Clint Murgatroyd
Treasurer	Marti Redman
Secretary	Liana Tupper
Registrar	Jill Medeiros
Umpire in Chief	Kevin Rielly
Equipment/Safety	Andrew McIlveen

**Motion to elect Board of Directors as listed by Brad, second by Cory – Carried**

- Board of Directors Elect Board Officers

Position	Name
Sponsorship	VACANT
Uniforms	Melinda Andrews-Wittman
Scheduling	Michelle Griffin
Social Media/Website	Tia Krogstad
<b>Concession</b>	
Concession Lead	VACANT
Staff/Volunteer Coordinator	VACANT
Purchasing	VACANT
<b>Division Coordinators</b>	

Jun/Sen Coordinator	Brad Weinmeyer
Majors Coordinator	Joe Scalzo
Minors Coordinator	<b>VACANT</b>
Rookies Coordinator	Heather Alexander
Mini Minors	Jane Bassett
Tball Coordinator	Jennifer Wanless
Blastball coordinator	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Members at Large</b>	
	Ryan Tilden

**Motion to elect Board Officers as listed by Clint, second by Dave L – Carried**

- Review District 7 vacant positions for expressions of interest – Director at Large & Safety Officer
  - Brad is putting his name forward for Director at Large
- Acknowledge there will be a new District 7 Administrator
- Bylaw update – review and approve any changes

**Motion to approve the changes to the Bylaws as presented by Jennifer, second by Joe – Carried**

## Reports

### President's Report

- 2020 State of the League (attached)
- 2021 Registration – we anticipate a full 300 + player registration
- Coaches – teach and support teams to develop the four fundamental areas – pitching, catching, hitting, defence. If coaches cannot teach a skill make sure they ask our VP for assistance. *Provide o/side coach training assistance if necessary*
- CRC's – we need to make sure coaches understand they MUST complete their Criminal Record Checks as last season had a dismal response rate, *President is personally liable to ensure they're done*
- 3 year plan – increase registration to 400+ players, *seeing growth in younger levels which are expected to move up the levels over time*
  - Discussions had with PBSA about possible consolidation, *neither party is prepared to convert so the matter is deferred for now*
  - Target players on the peninsula to come to open houses
    - Ages MM-RM (8U), MIN-MAJ (12U), JUN-SEN (16U)
    - Two nights for two weeks to allow for schedule conflicts
    - Times 6pm, 7pm, 8pm on Tues/Wed Dec 1,2,8,9
    - Cory & Batters Box to run fast paced fun drills to show development
    - Morley to speak to parents about programs including
      - Development, jamborees, parades, fun ceremonies, travel, hosting bbq's.
      - LL and community values plus development/tournament opportunities
  - Determine if D7 is fully committed to joint Capitals program, *many of the existing kids are aging out, and access to Royal Athletic Park is unconfirmed*
    - If so, run centralized website for information, promotion of program
    - Make sure other leagues are promoting program to their graduating players
    - *Would still retain ability to combine kids from 3 parks if we chose to cut loose from downtown*
  - Promote our accomplishments in past 5 years plus our goals for next 3 years, *target Layritz & Lakehill*
  - Use affiliations in our marketing programs: Batters Box, Premier Mariners, Lambrick Academy

### Treasurer's Report

- Remove the 50-50 duties *for duration of pandemic or until deemed viable to resume, and focus all energy on concession*
- Approval of 2019-20 Financials
  - *Loans & grant in addition to summer season kept the league operational, all refund requests were honoured*
  - *Some fall ball & development registrations were deferred to 2020/21 fiscal*
  - *Need focus on fundraising for next year*

## 2019/20 Net Income \$17,174.07

### Motion to approve the 2019-20 Financials by Cory, second by Clint – Carried

- Approval of 2020-21 Budget recognizing COVID may play a major role in variances
  - Planned expenditures include a new scoreboard, partly offset by dedicated donation
  - Revenues are largely conservative to consider potential challenges (eg: registrations, sponsorship)
  - Plans to pay down most of existing loans by end-fiscal

### Motion to approve 2020-21 Budget by Joe, second by Brad – Carried

## Facilities Committee Report

- Training Centre complete with expected revenues of \$15,000 per annum in addition to contract lease
  - Multiple user groups have expressed interest including Extreme Fastball, being managed by Facilities Committee
- D6 – District intends to have infield extended and rounded plus new dugouts and backstop in July 2021
  - New scoreboard – motion/vote to purchase from Electro-Mech after reviewing 4 quotes
    - \$16.5K cost, partly offset by \$10K anonymous donation, also applied for capital gaming grants

### Motion to accept Electro-Mech quote for a new scoreboard by Cory, second by Dave – Carried

- Upstairs painted, new tables, clean couch, new whiteboards & chairs added
- Concession area – new tables for serving added
  - Used for all teams
  - Fridge, BBQ, propane storage, to be fabricated/donated; utensils, two 10'x10' shelters required to purchase
- Cost for D6 upgrades to be \$1,000 plus scoreboard
  - District of Central Saanich redoing dugouts & backstops
- Expanding facility rental to other age groups
  - 18 and under covers all PBL players
    - 3 other indoor facilities opened in Victoria this year
    - Age policy difference (increasing from max 16 to max 18) should not increase hazard/risk, would make our facility more competitive as well as make baseball more accessible for youth who are aging out of Little League program
    - Concerns relate to durability of turf, and sagging nets which allows balls to travel further
    - Would allow for better expansion and promotion of CSLL intermediate program
    - Original intention for facility discussed with Central Saanich was targeted to youth; specific age 16 limit was only discussed at Board level
    - CSLL must be added as insured for older youth participants, exceptions for 19+ to be reviewed by Facilities Committee

### Motion to permit Training Centre participants up to age 19 by Cory, second by Jennifer – Carried

## Development Model

- New development model as discussed in President's report
- Winter Clinics – RM thru MAJ to start in training centre January. Occupancy should be ideally 9 players at a time.
  - Online scheduling signup for clinic times with 2 time options/division 1 hr sessions to include 15min warm up, targeted skills/session to minimize set up requirements
  - Prepay \$50 for 5 sessions – reimburse \$10/session for attending. Puts emphasis on player attendance – discussion deferred to next meeting
- VP Players/Coaches still responsible for pre-season parent meetings, pre-season coach meetings plus week 1 and week 3 TB and MM jamborees
- Pre-season scorekeeping clinics to be done by Morley
- Umpire clinics for various ages to be done by Kevin Rielly and Jim Gibson in the training centre
- Fun Days – likely not happening unless COVID rules permit

## Equipment

- Bats – all new bats for every division have been purchased in past 2 years. Only need new bats for teams in expanded divisions plus add a few to inventory - \$600
- Helmets – this will accomplish all new helmets in past 3 years - \$1,000

- Baseballs – 20 doz - \$1,100
- New bags – \$200
- Catchers gear – \$2,400 – complete 2 new sets/team for MIN, MAJ, JUN, SEN plus start building RM sets.
- Development – \$600 for training gear

### Uniforms

- Added a set of uniforms for TB division so we have 10 sets.
- Added a set of uniforms for MM division so we have 6 sets.
- Add a set of uniforms for 2<sup>nd</sup> JUN team. Charcoal Capitals (if demand is there in early Feb).
- Beginning in 2022 all players in RM and above plus ALL coaches will receive a puffy logo FlexFit hat (\$2 more), price differential between FlexFit & A-Flex used to be \$4, but due to pricing changes will move to stocking only FlexFit

### Tournaments

- Hosting 2021 Minors Districts Jun 26 – Jul 4 provided COVID rules and District 7 approve play

### Round Table

- Held meeting recently to build development plan (eg: practice, drills) to teach game theory, work in progress, should be complete by spring
- Port Coquitlam lost >\$230K missing from bank accounts is triggering desire to increase due diligence on financials, therefore financials are available for director review monthly and are now being signed off by VPs in addition to President & Treasurer

**NEXT MEETING** – November 3, 2020, 7pm

**Motion to adjourn** by Liana

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM

## Attachment

### 2020 Central Saanich Little League Presidents State of the League

An unusual year but nonetheless what an amazing team we have!

- Our summer baseball program was a huge success! We had the largest program on the island and I believe this is because of our amazing team, awesome community members and the desire to get together in a safe way.
- Equipment – we added all new bats for TB which now provides every division with new bats over the past 3 years. We purchased new leg guards, chest protectors and catcher helmets for MIN and MAJ, plus more team bags, and helmets for everyone. We had a stockpile of new baseballs, so we saved some money there plus we have plenty of baseballs to last next season. Used baseballs were recovered at season end allowing us to have a starting inventory of practice balls for coaches.
- Facilities – our new training facility was approved for occupancy June 28, 2020. Cost overruns were met with some extra fundraising and member loans. Our short term and long-term liabilities increased to near \$70,000. We anticipate full repayment of member loans and most of the short-term liabilities next season. This would bring our total liabilities down to only the remaining contract with Batters Box.
- Development – we had a great turnout for Majors fall ball (19 players) and the Jun-Sen winter development sessions (11 players). We intend to run winter clinics out of the training centre for RM thru MAJ divisions starting in January.  
BB – we want to purchase more items to help coaches have fun with the kids. This will include cones, pool noodles, water balloons, catching toys and more.  
TB-MM – depending on the COVID rules we want to continue running jamborees for TB and MM.  
RM-MIN – our number one development focus will be on teaching players in the RM-MIN divisions how to play defence. We want them thinking about what to do before a ball is or is not hit to them plus, we want coaches implementing drills to allow them to be better at catching the ball. Managers and coaches in the RM thru SEN divisions will be asked to develop players on four main skills including pitching, catching, hitting and defence.
- Tournaments – I would anticipate a return to District play in 2021
- Umpires – we had 3 weeks of games this season but only used paid umpires in the fall ball program. We intend to run clinics in the training centre this winter/spring.
- Events – depending on COVID rules we still want to celebrate the diamond 2 renaming to the George Tiessen diamond plus have a grand opening for the training centre to thank our sponsors/donors.

I believe that our program at Central Saanich encourages the core Little League values. We continue to offer a sense of community excitement and pride to be involved with CSLL. Our facilities/equipment/uniform upgrades are almost complete. It is now time to switch our focus to developing a program where kids understand how to play the game of baseball. We MUST work on developing catching skills and teach kids to think about what to do before a play develops. We must teach the four fundamentals in a fun and encouraging way!