

CSLL Board Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Location: Prairie Inn Pub

ATTENDANCE: Morley Wittman, Dave Glynn, Marti Redman, Andrew McIlveen, John Robertson, Melinda Andrews-Wittman, Kevin Reilly, Niki Post, Stuart Neilson, Kimberley Aitken, Mary Wolske, Liana Tupper, Megan Anderson, Ryan Tilden, Clint Murgatroyd, Cory Shearer, Jennifer Wanless, Heather Alexander, Jane Bassett, Natalie Gladstone, Jenn Hodgkinson, Dave Lougheed

Call to Order – 7:14 PM by Moe, second by Cory

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda by Liana, second by Melinda – Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve June 2019 minutes by Cory, second by Kevin – Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 14Oranges app feedback
 - Well-rated by Mt Seymour, particularly for schedule and rules look-up, notwithstanding continued heavy reliance on MSLL website
 - Hold off pursuing app until financials permit expenditure – revisit next year
- Committee positions requiring descriptions for sign-up sheets at registration tables:
 - Opening Ceremonies (eg: entertainment, sound system, schedule, dedication)
 - Fun Days
 - Closing Ceremonies
 - Pitch/Hit/Run
 - Home Run Derby
 - Parades (Sidney Sparkles, Brentwood Bay Days)
 - Fundraising
 - Tournament
- Uniforms
 - 37 MM/RM pants missing - \$1K replacement cost
 - Partly due to delayed team-assignment approach, resulting in multiple uniforms being handed out – coordinators didn't keep records
 - Heather still working to recover missing pieces
- Discuss suggestion to implement Babe Ruth program – *deferred*
 - Will test interest in SR program, include South teams (HAM, NAT, BH)
- During registration (January), discuss division assignment methodology
 - RMs will be included in assessments to ensure kids can catch consistently @ 40ft

NEW BUSINESS

- Upcoming AGM:
 - Discuss any need for changes to bylaws
 - Suggestion to reduce voting members required for motions
 - 2020/21 Budget review
 - Uncertainty regarding training facility fundraising success, Gaming Grant application, clinics training (may reduce if training facility becomes available for use), potential rental revenue excluded
 - \$57K yet to spend to complete training facility
 - Confirm open roles for election
 - Moe's last year as president
 - Cory will return as VP Players & Coaches
 - Dave Lougheed may return as VP Facilities
 - Clint may not be able to return as Player Agent
 - Marti will return as Treasurer
 - Liana will return as Secretary
 - **Registrar** will be vacated
 - Kevin will return as Chief Umpire
 - Andrew may not to return as Equipment/Safety
 - Nikki will stay on as Sponsorship
 - Melinda will return as Uniforms
 - John will not return as **Scheduling**
 - Stu will return as Website
 - **Concession** unknown
 - Jennifer may return as Staff Coordinator
 - Moe will continue JR/SR coordinator
 - Follow up w Kim re Majors coordinator
 - Follow up w Heather re Rookies coordinator
 - Jane will return as TBall coordinator
 - Follow up w Jenn as Blastball coordinator
 - Remove Megan as **Member at Large**
 - Ryan may return as Member at Large
 - Meeting communications & arrangements
 - Fieldhouse booking needs to be changed from 9th to 8th – 6pm dinner, 7pm meeting
 - Moe will inquire with Nicole for catering thru Stelly's
 - Moe to send out member notification re meeting date & open roles
- D7 Summer Baseball (for teams that don't advance to tournament)
 - Worked well for MIN, hopeful to include MAJ next season
- D7 Fall Ball
 - Not promoted this year, MIN wasn't able to proceed, but MAJ did
 - Growing support across D7
- 2020 Softball
 - Interest to dual roster with Extreme for MAJ
 - Allows access to World Series
 - Not intended to poach kids from softball – supplementary opportunity to play more ball

- Require 'house program' approach, fees have to offset cost, consider additional league games for scheduling
 - May run into issues with team numbers due to Layritz/CS catchment areas
 - Umpire availability shouldn't be an issue
- No impact to CSLL that Babe Ruth program would cause – can be accommodated within existing structure
- Defer MIN division promotion until interest exists
- 2020 registration fees
 - CSLL has lowest fees across D7 (mainly due to having smaller park maintenance expenses)
 - Last fee increase 2017, prior increase >9 yr ago
 - <5 families require financial support at current rates
 - Increase would help offset training facility expenditure
 - Recommend keeping MM/RM and MIN/MAJ fees consistent to facilitate assessment assignments

Reports

President's Report

- District of Central Saanich approved dedication request to acknowledge George Tiessen
 - Diamond 2 will be dedicated at 2020 Opening Ceremonies (hold on D2)
 - District has prepared signage
- Victoria Capitals' 2019 success and 2020 vision
 - Acknowledge Cory's efforts
 - South teams creating dedicated Victoria Capitals website (outside Little League) directing players to various catchments
 - Issues w differing values, potential future splintering
 - Discuss @ D7 meetings
- D7 appointments
 - District Admin – Al Jansen extended for 1 yr, Moe will assume remaining 3 yrs after 2020 tournament (will have to step down as CSLL President)
- Proposal to expand CSLL boundaries to include Salt Spring, Pender, Prevost (south-south Gulf Islands), consider adding Galliano
 - Prompted by island family looking to join, likely to attract even more players

Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve YTD August 2019 Financials by Moe, second by Cory – Carried
 YTD August **NET INCOME:** \$-21,847.57

- Increased loss over budget due to incremental training facility costs
- Anticipating summer/fall ball fees

Facilities Committee Report

- Training Centre update
 - 5 days remain in Pour the Floor matching initiative by Butler
 - Additional donation rec'd, does not want public acknowledgement – Secretary will prepare thank you card
 - Drainage digging should be free

Round Table

- Fall Ball umpires' pre-game plate meeting was abbreviated, training/competency/attitude gaps identified
 - Revisit training & job expectations, set up evaluation, consider cutting underperforming umps
 - Will hold additional regular umpire clinics in new training facility

NEXT MEETING – October 8, 2019 - AGM

Motion to adjourn by **Moe**

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM