

Pocket Little League
Board of Directors
PO Box 22724 Sacramento, CA 95822
Meeting Minutes

December 4th, 2018 ~ Call to Order 7:08 pm Faith Presbyterian Church

Attendees: A. Nguyen, C. Nurmi, N. Street, N. Street,
S. McCormack, J. McKay, K. Baena, T. Haddix, B. Reid, T. Carter

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting - motion seconded and approved
2. Old Business
 - a. Fundraising Dinner – 3/31 (Sunday) @ Urban Roots Brewing and Smoke House 4-7pm
 - i. Urban Roots downtown - parking may be an issue. A deposit of \$600 has been made. Tricia's goal is to keep the cost at \$20-25 / adult for a plate including 2 pork sliders, side, and a beer. This venue offers food and drinks all in one location with a private room and a bar area sectioned off for us. Tricia would like to do a raffle with baskets put together by each team parent and a silent auction as well. The decision was made to increase ticket price up to \$25 so PLL would make \$5 per ticket sold. Maximum capacity at Urban Roots is 200-250 people. The goal of this fundraiser is to break even and build up our PLL community. The venue has not hosted a band/DJ yet. They are looking at how they can accommodate music. The decision was made to make this an adults only event since the venue is a brewery.
 - ii. The board discussed making the Family Fun Day a bigger event for the kids since the dinner is now adults only. The board discussed having another raffle and a hit-a-thon.
 - b. Spring Registration Update –62 total players signed up. Online registration is on pace to match last year.
 - i. Flyers and promotion — The board discussed different locations to advertise registration. A table will be setup at the Chipotle fundraiser. The board will talk to schools to see if we can put lawn signs at the drop/off, pick-up area. The board discussed different

locations in the area such as the library and coffee shops to place flyers. Lawn signs are about \$900-\$1000 if we want to invest. Nancy will research better prices for lawn signs. They will put them up at main intersections, schools. Anthony is going to ask to have a PLL booth at the Jan. 5th St. Anthony's basketball assessments. The board discussed printing a large flyer to post at Dick's Sporting Goods.

c. Capital Improvement Committee Update

- i. Bullpens – Overbudget funding approval - motion seconded and approved for the additional \$250-300.
- ii. Scoreboard -City permits initiated. They are taking a long time getting back to us and getting the fees waived. The quote was \$19,000+ for install (includes labor, materials, etc). Multiple companies did not reply to our request for a quote. The committee will keep working on the scoreboard but it may not happen anytime soon due to the high cost.

d. Bylaws Committee Update - 11 of 29 pages updated/revised ~ 1/3 of the way through the Bylaws. There is still some major work to do. After the committee is done, we will need to vote as a board to approve the changes prior to the assessment.

- i. End of season tournament - last year 5 games didn't count and 10 games counted to determine placement in tournament brackets. Some coaches felt that this didn't take the pressure off to win. The board discussed whether this is the right way to continue. At TOC Brandon realized his team didn't have enough pitchers to compete in the district. At TOC they play 5 days straight so it changes eligibility for pitching. Brandon recommended having a 1 week double elimination tournament.
- ii. Rookie tournament - AA - The board discussed how to pick the players. It was suggested to switch to a coaches All-Star vote where the coaches only vote for players on opposing teams.
- iii. The board discussed possible changes to the All-Star voting process. As it stands, the players usually get the top 9 correct although sometimes it may seem like a popularity vote.

- e. Skills Assessments Days –There will be scheduled time slots for each division (Juniors through A Divisions. Jessica is working on a ranking system for the Bylaws committee to approve. This would have the Player Agent rank the players and average the ranking with the managers to create a score for each player.
- f. Post Season Tournament Host submitted to D7 - PLL will host the Rookie TOC & 11-10-9 All-Stars (unconfirmed by the district at this time)

3. New business

- a. Chipotle Fundraising Event 12/17/18 (Monday) 5-9 PM 33% profits to be donated to PLL. Board members will space out their presence to hand out flyers. Anthony encouraged the board members to wear Pocket gear. Time slots assigned as follows: Colin 7-8, Nancy 5-6, Shree 6-7.
- b. River Cats Day 4/7/19 (Sunday) Game at 1:00 PM - PLL reserved 200 lawn seats, 241 lawn seats were sold last year. The River Cats sell the seats for \$8 and PLL charges \$10 to make \$2/ticket profit. The board agreed to increase lawn seat reservations to 300 since this is a Sunday game and likely to have more interest.
- c. Awards
 - i. Jerry Otto Awards (All-Stars Teams) most inspirational player. The players vote on this award. Josh has the winners. There was a tie in Juniors - both will get the award.
 - ii. Al Chew Award Nominations - Nominations made
- d. Managers/Coaches Recruitment - no current t-ball coaches. Discussed the downside of online registration. 7 possible managers for A.
- e. Paradise Little League – District 7 contacted PLL to ask for donations for Little Leaguers affected by the fire. There is a go-fund me page setup. Motion seconded and approved to donate \$500. Anthony will also ask if they need equipment. The go-fund me page will be shared on PLL social media platforms.
- f. Baseball Clinic at Kennedy with Tim Fitzgerald (Varsity coach) - Tim wants to host a clinic for PLL in February at the high school before the season starts. They want to break up the age groups. The fall ball clinic was a success. Anthony will work on scheduling.

- g. Coaches Clinic at SSC – Most likely a Sunday in February. Will host at their location since it is indoors. This clinic will be free.
 - h. Tree planting proposal at Conlin - David Robinson wants to plant trees to block out the view of I-5 and the noise. He will work with city, different stakeholders to get this project complete. PLL has agreed to help out, but explained we cannot contribute financially at this time. Jeff wants to have a discussion on placement of the trees. The board discussed having the t-ball players help plant. Devin Lavelle says he may be able to allocate funds. SMUD application for a grant - due in the Spring.
 - i. Pocket All-Stars were in the 4th of July Parade in the past. Discussed submitting for each All-Star team to have a float this year.
4. Adjournment - 8:50 pm
 5. Next Meeting - TBD. Monday 1/7 tentatively 6:30 pm

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was brought to a close at 8:50 pm and these minutes were drawn up to the best of my ability and filed with the Pocket Little League.