

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

**Meeting Minutes**

**January 7th, 2019 ~ Call to Order 6:39pm Elks Lodge**

***Attendees: A. Nguyen, C. Nurmi, D. Watson, T. Haddix, S. McCormack,  
J. McKay, B. Reid, J. Reid, D. Rodriguez, W. Namikawa, J. Nurmi, T. Carter***

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting — motion seconded and approved
2. Old Business
  - a. Spring Registration Update: 151 players registered — — needs to double in the next 2 weeks. There is not a lot of engagement on facebook. Please forward and share on social media, E-mail blasts are going out and are mostly seen. Dave will remind Merryhill School that registration is in progress. 10 or 15 people have started registration but have not finished the process. Feedback indicates that registration takes about an hour. Birth certificate will not have to be added in the future once it is uploaded into Blue Sombrero. The website allows us to create reports really quickly. Other local sports use online registration. It is going to take time for people to get used to it. Tricia will reach out to Brookfield Academy. Dave is going to send an email directly to those who signed up last year and have not yet registered. New players are not being recruited as we are relying on social media for advertising, The signs need to be out at busy intersections. The numbers are consistent with last years. Grocery stores will not allow in store signage. Flyers are up at Starbucks and CalFit. Nancy is looking into less expensive lawn signs. The signs that were in good condition have been placed in the neighborhood, Dave suggested having a 2nd round of flyers after Christmas break. Jeff suggested having last year's coaches reach out to their previous players to remind them that registration time has arrived. Last year T-Ball registration continued up until Opening Day. Anthony noted that the numbers may be lower as we are abiding by our address boundary limits. At least 3 or 4 players living outside of our boundary were already turned away. Current registration breakdown: T-ball 21, A 47, AA 23, AAA 31, Majors 22, Juniors 7 (Jeff has been talking with more players). In Person Registration - may think of offering help with registration at a later date if the numbers don't increase. Players who haven't registered can fill out a medical release form at the skills assessment and then register later. Dave is willing to bring his laptop to the skills assessment to help out if needed.

b. Bylaws Committee Update-

i. AAA skills assessment, player ranking and draft proposal

1. A motion was seconded and approved to adopt the AAA skills assessment, player ranking and draft proposal. Please see Exhibit A. In the AAA division, coaches children were not protected in the draft in our previous bylaws. New proposal is to have 1 protected coach prior to the draft. Players will be scored and then placed in rounds of 1-10 with a maximum of 50 points. Protected players (managers and coaches children) must be drafted in the round that they are ranked. Ties will be separated by first/second year of the division, birthdate, and skill level. Players who do not attend a Skills Assessment will be randomly drafted by having their names drawn from a hat. Brandon will take the place of the Division Coordinator for alternate ranking in AAA at the Skills Assessment.
2. Majors division — discussed ranking but Little League guidelines determine which round you must be drafted by. The LLU training video states that the GreenBook rules must be followed. Majors players can be ranked. Players who do not attend a Skills Assessment cannot be drafted unless excused and provided a make-up skills assessment.

- ii. End of Season Tournament proposal — motion seconded and approved for AAA to use Option 4 and Majors/Juniors to use any of the 4 options to be determined by Opening Day. Please see Exhibit B. Option 3 was used last year and did not work as expected. Once the standing started for the season, coaches chose to limit players in their playtime. This only applies to Pocket vs Pocket games. Option 4 was discussed to promote player development instead of focusing on winning throughout the season. Option 4 may increase our player return. The BOD can vote each year to decide which option to use for each division. Discussed adding verbiage that the tournament option must be determined by the BOD prior to Opening Day. In the past, options 1,2, and 3 have all been used. There was much discussion on how this will affect the future board decisions. Majors and Juniors is where we tend to see registration decline. It was discussed that the number of teams may determine which option is the best for each division. The tournament gives something for the players to look forward to.

- c. Skills Assessment Days 1/12 and 1/19 – typically go to 4pm. All Divisions dates and times published – lots of rain in the forecast for 1/12. We may have to cancel and move to 1/20. The call will be made Friday morning. Volunteers are needed for player check-in – Volunteer opportunity – could use sign-up genius. Nancy said she could be there. Volunteer binder will be available in the snack shack. Volunteers needed to run stations – Request all managers/coaches. Brandon needs 2 volunteers on the field and 1 volunteer to line the kids up and announce their name/number. Anthony will reach out to the coaches/managers to see if they can help out. Only managers will be on the field during Skills Assessment. Coaches can score from behind the fence. Field 3 can be used for the skills assessment since it doesn't hold water as much as field 1. AAA ranking sheet must be used by the coaches.
- d. Post Season Tournament Host Confirmed with D7: Rookie TOC - Middle of June and 11-10-9 All-Stars - End of June to beginning of July. Each board member should be able to help out at one of the tournaments. Rookie TOC will save money as we need less umpires.
- e. Fundraising Dinner – 3/31 (Sunday) @ Urban Roots Brewing and Smoke House –Tricia met with the event coordinator last Saturday. 5-9pm for now. The venue closes at 10pm. This event will be open to adults only. We will need to reach out to friends to reach the goal of 250 tickets. A flyer for the Team Parent and Coaches Meeting will be made. The venue is proposing \$25 per ticket – will charge us \$22 for 2 pork sliders, side of fries, one drink. Tricia is asking for an extra side for this cost and asked about drink tickets to split the profits. There will be a silent auction and the raffle baskets. Tight quarters and loud. Barrel room and a portion of the bar in the main room will be marked off for PLL. You get your own access to the bathroom. Brandon suggested offering to put a banner up for them and a spot in the roster book. There is a dedicated door for entering/exiting the private room. It's not a sit down dinner. People could rotate through. Our own banners can be hung across the barrels. The venue charges \$35-45 for a carafe of wine. The board discussed asking for an additional meat option. If we are not able to negotiate a drink share, then we may want to consider increasing the cost per plate. Tricia suggested looking into a discount Code for Uber or Lyft. 200 participants have historically participated in the dinner. Brandon brought up the point that drink tickets may not work given the difference in beer costs.
- f. Chipotle Fundraising Event - \$675 made. Next time we should shift the time to 4-8pm. Chipotle allows you to schedule one event every 6 months.

- g. Preseason Free Baseball Clinic confirmed for 2/2/19 (Saturday 12-4pm) at Kennedy HS - A flyer will be created. The board can promote it at registration. Usually PLL alumni help out. Open to A-Juniors players.
- h. Free Coaches Clinic at SSC confirmed 12:00 PM 2/10/19 (Sunday)- discussed making this a mandatory event. Discussed having the Mandatory coaches meeting at 11am at SSC. Anthony discussed having a light lunch available.

### 3. New business

- a. Treasurer Report - Fall Ball registration — net income \$5764 and estimated income of \$5000. Total fees charged by Blue Sombrero \$175.56. Spring registration — net income as of 1/4/19 \$16195, \$479 charged in fees. The \$500 go-fund-me to Paradise has been paid. \$1800 has not been transferred from the reserves to cover the cost of the bullpens The bullpen ended up costing closer to \$2500. We received a check from Ed Liu Masonry. They are friends of the Nakagawa's. They covered the \$300 for the additional gravel used to build the bullpen. Chipotle check has been received. Urban Roots deposit needs to be refunded to Tricia (\$600). Petty Cash \$40 left overnight typically for the snack shack. A routine of money drops will be made. At the end of the night, the money will be sealed and brought to a person in charge to be deposited. There will be further discussion on the process. Hot chocolate and donuts will be available for the Skills Assessment.
- b. Field Prep Day 1/26 - Jeff is trying to look for a different mix of dirt. Looking at the same amount of dirt as last year. J. Grandchamp said he could distribute it onto the fields with his tractor depending upon the weather. The board discussed whether the dirt needs to all be used as soon as it delivered or if we can save some. Tarps are really expensive. Brandon met with the mound builder from Ewing Irrigation. It will cost \$1000 to rebuild Field 1 (just his cost not the clay). Randy and Jeff wants to rebuild field 2 as a tribute to Sandy. They gave Brandon a ton of tips. When he builds the mounds, he will show a group how to do it. They have DIY videos on their website. If you build with clay bricks, it will last longer but they cannot be left uncovered. Uncovered you use the bag mix but it is easier to repair. Horse blankets can be used to cover and mats will be used on Juniors and Field 1. Mound mat covers will be used for practice.
- c. The estimate for All-Stars photos would be \$420 for Marcia Parker (J. Reid's Mom) to complete.
- d. Draft nights 1/28-1/30 - Juniors and Majors 1/28, AAA and AA 1/29, A and T-ball 1/30. District 7 representatives will be attending. There was

discussion about having only Managers attend the draft. If a manager is not available, a coach can attend in their place.

- e. Equipment pickup date 2/2/19 8am to 11am at the equipment storage site
- f. 2018-2019 Schedule - see Exhibit C

***Adjourned - 8:36 pm***

- 4. Next Meeting February 5, 2019 6:30 PM; Location: Faith Presbyterian Church

***There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was brought to a close at 9 pm and these minutes were drawn up to the best of my ability and filed with the Pocket Little League.***

**Exhibit A: AAA Skills Assessment and Draft Proposal**

**AAA Skills Assessment and Player Rankings**

Player agent, division coordinator, and managers in AAA will score each player in the AAA Skills Assessment. The average score will be used to place each player into draft rounds.

**AAA Draft Method**

AAA draft - Each Manager will have two protected draft picks (one manager's player and one coach's player). All the players will be ranked by draft round based on the data from the skills assessment. Each Manager must select their two protected draft picks in the round designated by the player rankings.

**Exhibit B: Tournament Options**

A Division Champion will be determined in AAA, Majors, and Juniors divisions and will represent PLL in District 7 TOC. PLL reserves the right to determine the method on how this is to be determined each season by a majority vote of the BOD. PLL must choose any of these methods or combinations of these per division.

- 1. Option 1 – The overall Standings of the Regular season.
- 2. Option 2 – The regular season will be split in to two equal half's. The winner of each half will play a one game playoff to be set by the PLL BOD.
- 3. Option 3 – Tournaments for AAA, Major & Junior divisions will be held at the end of the regular season. The tournaments can be single or double elimination, seeding is determined by the regular season standings. Teams will be seeded based on total regular season winning percentage against other Pocket Little League teams.

In case of ties, the following tie-breakers will be applied in order to determine seeding:

1. Head-to-head record amongst all teams with the same record.
2. Run differential amongst all teams with the same record.
3. Coin Flip.

4. Option 4 - Tournaments for AAA, Major & Junior divisions will be held at the end of the regular season. The tournaments can be single or double elimination, random draw.

**Exhibit C:**



**PLL 2018-2019 Schedule**

Dates	Events	Approve
November 1, 2018	Registration opens for Spring Season. \$125 Tball, \$150 all Divisions	Yes
January 12 and 19, 2019 (Saturdays)	Skills Assessment (Make-up date Sunday 1/20/2019)	Yes
January 21, 2018	Additional \$25 Administrative Fee for Registration after 1/20/19.	Yes
January 26, 2019 (Saturday) February 2, 2019 (Back Up)	Field Prep Day	Yes
January 28-30, 2019	Draft Nights	
February 2, 2019 (Saturday)	Equipment Pick Up	
February 2, 2019	Baseball Clinic at Kennedy HS	
February 4, 2019 (Monday)	Start of Practices	
February 10, 2019 (Sunday)	Coaches Clinic at SSC, Coaches Meeting	
February 20, 2019	Team Parent Meeting	
February 23 and March 2	Snack Shack Orientation	
March 9, 2019	Opening Day	
March 17, 2019	Challenger Game	
March 30, 2019	Picture Day	Yes
March 31, 2019 (Sunday)	Fundraising Dinner @ Urban Roots	Yes
April 7, 2019 (Sunday)	River Cats Day	Yes
April 13-20, 2019	Spring Break - No Games	

<b>April 20, 2019</b>	Volunteer Dinner held by District 7 @ Cattlemen	
<b>TBD</b>	Family Fun Day	
<b>May 24-May 27, 2019</b>	Memorial Tournament	
<b>June 1, 2019</b>	Closing ceremony, Announcement of All-Stars, Softball game	
<b>June 2, 2019 (Sunday) 12:30</b>	Challenger Picnic	
<b>June 9, 2019 (Sunday) 12:00</b>	Mandatory All-Star Managers Meeting	@ Sheriff's Substation
<b>June 15 -June 23, 2019</b>	TOC/Rookie Tournament	Tentative
<b>June 29-July 5, 2019</b>	ALL STARS	Tentative
<b>July 4, 2019</b>	Pocket July 4 <sup>th</sup> Parade	
<b>July 6-July 12, 2019</b>	CA Section 4	Tentative
<b>TBD</b>	Umpires Clinic	