

APTOS LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 7:30pm

Zoom Video Conference

1) Call to Order: Meeting call to order at 7:31pm

a) Executive Board members present: Erik Cormier, Brian Dudley, Brad Williams, Soren Bjorn, Ericka Bermudez

b) General Board members present: Amber Melenudo, Alex Smith, Brian Peracci and Nick Tanza

2) Approval of Prior Minutes - Done

3) Changes to Agenda

4) New & Open items

a) Annual elections on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020- review of protocol and current status on positions.

At the end of last Spring Season only one Executive position needed to be filled, the Treasurer position. Due to the intrinsic nature of this board position, the Nomination Committee which was formed in Winter 2020, recruited for and filled the position in June 2020. The board publicly announced the open position and solicited interest from league members. Mark Florez was voted in as the new Treasurer.

There are two general board positions which plan to fill. If anyone has any recommendations for candidates, please refer them to Erik Cormier.

- Website Manager
- Social Media Coordinator

Action Item: Update website: Add Brian Dudley and Mark Florez to BOD roll call website page.

b) Review of 2020 Spring registration letter;

i) Refund/credit/donation and final analysis. Refunds and credits completed. 65 refunds went out. There were 25 requests for either Fall and or Spring season credits. Credits have been allocated to individual accounts. Total refund and credits issued \$5000.

ii) Monitoring email communication from parents during this off-season. Little communication received.

iii) Mark will give update on financial stand point at next BOD.

iv) Erik was copied on all emails between information office and members on hard ship request refunds. 100% of hardship requests were granted.

c) Fall Ball status –

We recognize there has not been any decision made on the 2020 Fall Ball season. The guidelines on Team Sport Play Time / Organized Group Sport has been to follow guidelines published according to State and Local government health office guidelines.

What is the input from the BOD?

Example: Aptos soccer club, which typically has ~700 registered players in the Fall season, has decided to cancel the recreation division. They are still determining if they can play their comp division.

The SC County Park & Rec department is willing to lease the polo grounds baseball fields. If any organized sports / events were to be coordinated by ALL a very detailed and controlled environment will need to be set up as well as a liability waiver form would need to be implemented and required to be signed by parents. Before every practice a second waiver would be required to be signed by the parent/guardian confirming that the child being dropped off at the event has no physical COVID-19 symptoms. Form would include all symptoms listed by the CDC. Parents would not be allowed to stay and watch or participate in any of the events except from inside their vehicle. Coaches would be required to take and record temperature for each participant including themselves. No player could be within 6 feet of one another at any time. All events would be individual skill drills performed within each players enclosed pod.

Discussions open to the floor.

- It is unlikely that a Fall season will be played compared to prior Fall Seasons.
- None of the school fields are available for any sort of organized sports activity.
- The Polo Grounds would be the only fields available and they would need to be leased. What is the cost and is the cost something ALL can afford?
- There are some travel balls which are having some sort of organized clinics. Could ALL organize something to what they are doing?

Example: Aces run by Soren Bjorn and John Paul Berg

Their club runs clinics with emphasis on instructional baseball. There are no games but they have a cohort of kids they have been running clinics with. Same closed group of kids. Soren and John Paul are willing to explore the possibility of splitting the cost of leasing the Polo Grounds with ALL and helping organize and run small clinics with parents willing to coach other small cohorts. The ACES are currently playing in public parks.

Note: ACES are not affiliated with Aptos Little League in any way.

Action Items: Erik will follow up with Gene Carlisle regarding ALL running an “Instructional Clinic” Fall Ball Season in coordination with The ACES... as in splitting the field costs with the ACES or any other travel ball organization that is interested in part time use of fields. Erik will also follow up and look into Polo Fields lease availability. Are fields available month to month, week to week or by the hour? That would largely determine our costs.

Other questions to consider:

- How long would the clinics run for? Consider running during the month of October twice a week.
- Who would the clinics be offered too? What age groups? 9-12 year olds. AAA and Majors.
- How would be fees be collected?
- What happens if a player has to be quarantined? Do they get fees reimbursed? What is required for that player to return to play?
- Information Officer would need to add all required documents to the website for parents/guardians interested in participating to access them and submit them via web.
  - Waiver form
  - Registration form

In order to increase the registration of kids ALL could offer registration to other D39 league players. Currently none of the other leagues are planning on organizing any Fall Ball seasons.

5) Info Officer Update – Information Team- Action Item: Please update current website and add Brian Dudley and Mark Florez to their new executive roles

6) District Update – President’s meeting Sept 8th

7) Treasurer Update -

8) Fundraising Manager Update –

Amber – wait till after end of the year. Hopefully sign sponsors are interested in continuigin to support and open to another annual renewal.

9) Field Manager Update – Will has been taking care of the AJHS fields.

10) Equipment Update

11) UIC Update – Shortage of umpires.

As of right now due to the shortage of umpires Aptos Little League is considering making it mandatory for AAA coaches to umpire Major’s games and Major’s coaches to umpire AAA games. One game per week would be mandatory for each coach. Try to get AAA coaches to umpire (Amber) Make it mandatory to umpire one game a week.

12) Safety Officer Update

13) Snack Shack & Score Booth Update

14) Commissioner Update

15) Appointment of Executive Committee

16) Adjourn /Next Meeting -

a) 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month, next meeting September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm via

Zoom.

