

APTOS LITTLE LEAGUE
Aptos Little League Board of Directors
February 13th, 2019 7:00pm Aptos Junior High
Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

President: Erik Cormier

VP: Not Present

Player Agent: Brian Dudley

Secretary: Ericka Bermudez

Treasurer: Steven Allen

Field Manager: Will Meyer, Michael Pini

Equipment Managers: Scott Tidd, Brian Picracchi

Umpire in Chief: David McGillicuddy

Safety Officer: Brad Williams

Fundraising Chairwoman: Quinn Cormier

Sign Sponsorship: Amber Melenudo

Snack Shack: Brianna Bauen, Cristin French

CIO Manager: Scott McConville

Social Media Manager: Baylee Whitted

Registration Coordinator: Nick Tanza

Majors Commissioner: Alex Smith

AAA Commissioner: Amber Melenudo

AA & Fall Ball Commissioner: Zeb Goodman

Tee Ball Commissioner: Scott McConville

Farm Commissioner: Not Present

Uniform Coordinator: Fausto Romero

Opening / Closing Day Coordinator: Laura Sheppard

Hit-a-Thon: Not Present

Parent(s) Attendance: Tim Hinds, Mike Pini, Joey Cassidy, Dirk Osborn

I. Call to Order (7:05pm) & welcome words by Erik.

- Roll call of the Executive Board members

II. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve December minutes.
- Motion passed and APPROVED

III. Changes to Agenda

None

IV. Board of Directors nomination(s)

- Nomination Committee-
 - Motion to create a "Nomination Committee" made of 3 people with the main responsibility / goal to recruit and/or gather names for potential candidates for

future BOD open positions. Example: Upcoming open position for the 2020-2022 Season – Treasurer.

- Motion passed and is approved
- Alex Smith, Brian Dudley, and Brianna Bauen volunteered to be part of this new Committee and they were approved by the BOD
- Erik presented to the BOD the list of Managers for lower divisions. BOD approved all managers selections. There is still the need for a few more coaches for AA and for A.
- One scholarship was requested as an application. Erik reviewed it. BOD approved scholarship.

IV. New & Open items

- Fall Ball Incident- Incident report filed
 - A claim has been issued to the School District regarding an incident involved during the 2019 Fall Ball Season involving the AAA bleachers. The School District is currently investigating the incident.
 - ALL is providing necessary incident reports recorded on the date of the incident in question.

V. Information Office Update

- UMPIRE CLINIC: FEBRUARY 19TH
- OPENING DAY / Picture Day: March 14th

VI. District Update

District 39th President's meeting attended by Erik.

Update from District Administrator. Little League International met at Little League Congress and 3 new rules were presented and passed. These new proposals are being given to the Little Leagues across the country and each League will review them and vote whether or not to integrate them and make them part of their local Little League.

- 3 new proposed rules are:
 1. Sandlot Play. League registered players insured by LL may gather together at any time on any of the little league fields and play baseball. Players must be supervised by an adult. The goal is to encourage ball play and to try to engage new kids to play ball. Aptos is open to the idea but more consideration will need to be given and reviewed prior to posing this new rule to the BOD for approval and voting.
 2. Game modifications.
 - a. Lower divisions. Start with one ball and one strike. Speed up the game. Vote voted down by Aptos LL.
 - b. Every inning the opposing team starts with player on first and second base. Lower divisions. AA and lower. Board does not approve this one.
 3. Aptos Little League ALL Star team that will play during regular season. Pitching counts to carry over during regular season. Compete against travel ball. Discussion also was that it could be an All Star District team. 12 kids per age group. 12 kids in the district per age group. This would be a separate vote from the regular ALL. AAA and Majors.

(10 11, 12). The proposition to create another All Star Team within the regular spring season was presented and put as a motion to be passed by the BOD. BOD voted and this motion and new rule was not passed by the Aptos LL BOD.

- Post Season Schedule:
 - TOC – 6/15/2020 to 6/25/2020
 - Allstars – 6/27/2020 to 7/12/2020

VII. Treasurer Update

- Steve sent out details on current financial status
- A, AA. Polo ground follow up. Currently City of Santa Cruz gave a credit back to the league as fields were closed a lot last year due to rain. However, if this season the fields are open most of the time and there is no rain the league is responsible for paying about \$20K next year in order to lease the baseball fields. Big expense.
- Driscoll – Donation of 6K. Thank you! Reminder.... Donations to the League are very important and we need more.
- Team Sponsorships – need to collect money. Uniforms will NOT be given to players/teams unless funds are collected. Talk to Steve and Erik if necessary.

VIII. Fundraising Manager Update & Sign Manager

- FLIP app. 10-15% up to 5K per season donation. Encourage parents to use APP when they purchase sports gear and equipment. Companies / corporations / brands will donate money to the League if items are purchased through this link.
- John Paul Berg is working on hit-a-thon
- Aptos Little League Spring Event / Festival will be held on April 19th at the Aptos Village. More details to come.
- Field signs- encourage all teams' sponsors to put field signs. Offer new field signs at ½ rate. All levels are encouraged to promote. Afterwards there is a renewal fee but the initial investment is the first one.

IX. Field Manager Update

- February 22nd Field day at Aptos Junior High
- March 15th – Field day at Rio Del Mar Elementary
- Parking lot. Fire lane caution tape School district and Rich Moran will paint a red lane and put signs up by basketball hoops to help avoid blocking of fire lane.
- Mower – Tractor has service contract to keep its maintenance. Sparks plug, oil.
- Fence piping—Not enough ordered. More coming later this week. Will be done next week.
- New Bleachers on AAA field have been installed.

- Water Pipe broke by the Majors Field. Murphy Construction- Thank you for Pro-bono work. Fixing pipe as well as fencing, wood panel, rotted woods.
- Asking parents and coaches to drive on the other side of the track when trying to get to the Majors field.

Important upcoming dates:

- Field prep – Feb 22- Volunteer hours available. Volunteers needed.
9am

X. Equipment Manager Update

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XI. UIC Update

- Umpire Clinic for youths on February 19th at Aptos High School by Ed Hansen.
- Umpire Mechanics Clinic for adults in Los Gatos at the end of February.

XII. Safety Office Update

- Feb 18th, 2020- Mandatory Volunteers, Managers, Coaches safety and positive coaching meeting
- Safety – ASAP and forms in score booths
- INCIDENT REPORTS- Extremely important to be filled out THE day incident occurs. Record as many details as possible. ON THE SAME DAY reach out to Brad and inform him of incident so he can review form and sign it. He will then follow up with family (ies) involved in incident and take it from there. Manager is responsible for reaching out to Brad and informing him of the incident.
- Ambulance Call. Err on the caution side. Call ambulance and let the family/parent/guardian declined the use of it. Better to call.
- IMPORTANT- Incident reports are extremely important. DETAILS. PICTURES.
- WRITE DOWN in Quotes what they say.
- Reports have to be written down by witness.
- ANY reports have to have a BOD member sign the document and put their name and position
- Automatic recommendation to call 911 if anyone gets knocked down unconscious.
- AA, A, T-ball, Fall will get plastic folders with incident reports and pens in the equipment bags being given to them.
- Scott (Information officer) will research more about the on-line waiver.
- Review report from last year and continue review corrective actions
- Handicap signs – on fences, use at your own risk (Scott Tidd)- will have someone make some)

XIII. Snack Shack

- Currently working on process of how shack will be run and how to enforce each team to have parents help run shack.
- Feb 29th, training for learning how to run shack

Commissioner(s) Update:

Majors- Practice schedule out. 24th scrimmages start. SLV/Scott's Valley- splitting their season and will add Aptos to that schedule later on.

AAA- Mirror same as Majors. To help the shack as well.

AA - Creation of another team would be a benefit. Another coach would be needed if it is a yes. They are starting to work on schedules and teams.

A – Find another coach.

Meeting Adjourn at 8:47pm

Next Meetings

- **March 12th, 2020**