

**APTOS LITTLE LEAGUE**  
**Aptos Little League Board of Directors**  
**September 12th, 2019 7:00pm Rio Sands Hotel**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:**

President: Erik Cormier  
Player Agent: Nickos Zappacosta  
Secretary: Ericka Bermudez  
Treasurer: Steven Allen  
Field Manager: Will Meyer  
Equipment Managers: Brian Picracchi  
Umpire in Chief: Dave McGillicuddy  
Safety Officer: Brad Williams  
Fundraising Chairwoman: Quinn Cormier  
Sign Sponsorship: Amber Melenudo  
Snack Shack: Christin French and Brianna Bauen  
Majors Commissioner: Alex Smith  
AAA Commissioner: Amber Melenudo  
A Commissioner: Garrett Latorre  
Uniform Coordinator: Fausto Ramero

Parent(s) Attendance: Cindy MacConnell, Sarah Newhouse, Nick Tanza, Joey Cassidy,

**I. Call to Order (7:04pm) & welcome words by Erik.**

- Roll call of the Executive Board members

**II. Approval of Minutes**

- APPROVED

**III. Changes to Agenda – None**

**IV. Board of Directors nomination(s)**

- CIO Team update: Julie Wilson and Danielle Kile have resigned from their roles and there are two open positions.
  - Proposal to nominate Nick Tanza as part of CIO team. This proposal was nominated and approved.
  - There is still the need to find a third volunteer for the CIO team to help with social media such as Instagram, Facebook, etc. Graphic design background highly desirable.
- Field Maintenance Team:
  - Proposal to add a maintenance field assistant to the current team. Proposal to nominate Michael Pini for this role. This proposal was nominated and approved.

- Opening/Closing Ceremonies:
  - Proposal to nominate Laura Sheppard for this role. Proposal was not carried out as Laura was not at the meeting. This proposal will come up for voting at the next meeting.
- Fundraising team open positions: Two open positions to help current team (Team of 1)
- BOD open positions and how to fulfill them in the future:
  - As part of following Little League International Constitution's guidance a Nominating Committee will be formed according to Article IX, Section 1. This will be how the board identifies, vets and nominates future BOD candidates for league members to vote on for each position.
- **IV. New & Open items**
  - Fall Ball Season:
    - Season started Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>
    - 87 players registered
    - Combined registration with two other leagues within District 39 according to LL rule changes for Fall Ball.
    - Fausto created banners advertising Fall Ball Registration. Would be ideally to collect those back again and re-use them next year.
    - Live streaming of games was turned on this week. Audio is turned off. All content recorded by cameras is owned by Aptos Little League.
    - About \$315 have been used for field maintenance for the fall season
    - Umpires needed. Proposal to buy umpire equipment and keep that in storage in either of the announcing booths in order to help young umpires volunteer. Proposal was nominated and approved. Roughly \$265 is required for a full youth umpire equipment set.
    - Need to get update on budget for umpires for the fall season.
    - Need to get update on budget for fall ball uniforms.
    - Proposal to collect extra Shirts and Hats for Fall Ball Teams and potentially use those same names / teams for next year's Fall Ball. Ideally this would save money.
  - AAA Score board. On-going process. Erik is working on it.
  - Uniforms for Spring Season – Three weeks advance time from close of registration to start of season is needed by Fausto to order uniforms

#### **V. Information Office Update**

- Nick Tanza presented schedule with dates for registration.
- Early bird registration starts November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Early bird registration closes December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- December 11<sup>th</sup> registration price increases
- January 17<sup>th</sup> registration fees increase and during "Final Registration Window". Final registration week is open for 1 week
- January 17<sup>th</sup>-March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Registration continues for T-Ball / Farm/ A/ AA
- January 24<sup>th</sup> – February 2<sup>nd</sup>: AAA/ Majors Try out. Draft, Team formations.

- February 18<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Last 2 weeks of registration for LOWER divisions.
- March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Registration closes for lower divisions
- Opening Day needs to be determined
- \$25 off each additional sibling that is registered at the same time as the 1<sup>st</sup> player
- Erik will look into Scholarships and how the league will monitor / budget scholarships.
- Refund policy will be posted on line. Refund policy / details need to be reviewed and approved. \$15 are non-refundable in order to cover credit card cost and fees. There is a period where %50 of the registration is refunded. After 1<sup>st</sup> day of Spring Season there will not be a refund.
- In-person registration day (s) are desired. Potentially January 4<sup>th</sup> and a later day in February. Ideally location would be a more “foot accessible” venue yet to be determined.

#### **VI. Treasurer Update**

- Currently league has some money available for improvements but there still needs to be fundraising. In Steve’s opinion, there is ~\$10k surplus on the budget.
- Need to take remember Polo Fields cost about \$15K a year for their usage
- Proposed use of money: fixing of batting cage netting, SafTop Fence Guard (yellow protective pads) around AAA and Majors fields and dugouts and maybe a pitching machine. Who will do this?
- Steve emailed BOD current status of finances

#### **VII. Fundraising Manager Update & Sign Manager**

- Need two volunteers to help organize and run fundraising events
- Hit-a-thon will be the major fundraising event. Try to reach out to younger / minor divisions more. Goal is to raise \$25K
- Potential new smaller events: Movie night, Mini-Olympics, Home-run derby, Parent/Child hit-a-thon, small silent auction.
- Joe Wolf willing to help with another clinic
- Old Tournament of Champions signs need to be replaced. Look into cost of replacing them/updating them.

#### **VIII. Field Manager Update**

- Fields are looking nice
- Fertilizer and fuel bought for current fall ball season and enough to take us into spring season.
- Major work needs to be done to Rio Del Mar fields. Will has donors who are willing to help and try to fix this field.

#### **IX. UIC Update**

- Need umpires for weekday and Sunday games. Dave will reach out to Patrick RayRay and follow up on how flag football recruits refs.

- Proposed ALL buy a set or two of umpire gears and keep those in stored in the announcing booths in order to facilitate and ease more kids to volunteer to umpire. Proposal was nominated, voted and approved. Two sets will be bought.
- Ed Hansen hosted one training umpire clinic and another will be hosted closer to Spring season.

#### **X. Safety Office Update**

- New defibrillator (adult/child) & replacement battery are at the AAA and Majors field
- What is the status of the Polo fields? Is there one there? Does it need to be one there?
- A.S.A.P (A Safety Awareness Program) for Spring 2020 is scheduled
- Ice packs and current medicine cabinet located in score booth need to be re-stocked. It would also be a good idea to stock rubber medical gloves in case they are needed.

#### **XI. Snack Shack & Score Booth Update**

- Fall Ball snack shack – Will the Shack be opened on Sundays? Manny will be contacted to see what the status of opening the Shack for Sunday games.
- New T.V. was donated for the shack. T.V. will be mounted on the wall and connected via WiFi for snack shack volunteers to watch livestream of games during volunteer hours.
- Empty water bottles need to be removed from the shack

#### **XII. Aptos Little League Constitution, Aptos By-Laws, and New Disciplinary/Code of Conduct Guidelines Revamping**

- Amber and Ericka presented all three documents. All three documents were given to the BOD and they have the next 30 days to review them. Comments, suggestions by the BOD will be emailed to Erik. Erik will look at those and the final version of each document will be presented at the next BOD meetings so as to be voted and approved.

#### **XIII. Meeting Adjourn at 8:58pm**

#### **Next Meeting**

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month, next meeting Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**