

**APTOS LITTLE LEAGUE**  
**Special Meeting Introducing New 2019/2020**  
**Aptos Little League Board of Directors**  
**June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 8:00pm Rio Sands Hotel**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:**

President: Erik Cormier

Vice President: Soren Bjorn

Player Agent: Nickos Zappacosta

Secretary: Ericka Bermudez

Treasurer: Steven Allen

Information Officers & Social Media Coordinators: Julie Wilson / Danielle Kile (Not Present) /  
Scott McConville

Field Manager: Will Meyer

Equipment Managers: Scott Tidd / Brian Pieracci

Umpire in Chief: Dave McGillicuddy

Safety Officer: Brad Williams (Not Present)

Fundraising Chairwoman: Quinn Cormier

Sign Sponsorship: Amber Melenudo

Snack Shack: Christen French (Present) and Brianna Bauen (Not Present)

Majors Commissioner: Alex Smith

AAA Commissioner: Amber Melenudo

AA Commissioner: Zeb Goodman

A Commissioner: Garrett Latorre

Farm Commissioner: Position / Role needs to be filled

T-ball Commissioner: Scott McConville

Fall ball Commissioner: Manny Rivas (Present) and Zeb Goodman

First Day / Closing Day Coordinator: Position / Role needs to be filled

Uniform Coordinator: Fausto Ramero

Hit-A-Thon Coordinator: Ed Work (currently this role is shared with John Paul Berg (Not Present))

Parent(s) Attendance: Cindy MacConnell

I. **Call to Order** (8:04pm) & welcome words by Erik.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

- Need to keep minutes, publish with agenda on a monthly basis. APPROVED

**III. Changes to Agenda**

- Proposals added to the agenda:
  - Proposal to nominate splitting/ sharing Player Agent Role so as to avoid any potential conflict of interest in the future. Nicko will be the Aptos Little League

overall Player Agent. However, if there was a need to have the Player Agent for any AAA issues Alex Smith will act as Player Agent. The same thing will happen for Majors. Nicko will be the Player Agent for Majors in the case his role is needed. This proposal was nominated and approved by more than a 2/3 majority.

- Proposal to review the sustainability of the current Aptos Little League Constitution, dated October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 by comparing / contrasting to Little League International's annual template/guidelines for standard LL constitution. This also includes our League Bylaws. Formed a committee made up of 3 members (Ericka Bermudez, Amber Melenudo and Julie Wilson) to work on this project and make recommendations to the board. This will include new and/or adopted guidelines for a disciplinary committee and disciplinary guidelines and procedures.

#### **IV. Board of Directors introductions**

a. Welcome words by Erik and introduction of newly elected Executive Board members present. Each member was given a few minutes to introduce themselves.

b. General Board members present are acknowledged and introduced.

- The following general board members were nominated/ appointed and approved to their new offices.
  - Will Meyer, Christen French, Nickos Zappacosta.
  - The following absent general board members were nominated/ appointed to their new offices and approved. Briana Bauen to help co-run snack shack with Christen French. Danielle Kile to co-assist/ learn together with Scott McConville as the new information officers / social media coordinators. Julie Wilson will be stepping down next year and she will be training them this year.
  - Majors, AAA, AA, A and T-ball commissioners were proposed, voted for and approved. Farm Commissioner position still available..

c. Guests present: Introduction of Gene Carlisle – Little League International District 39 Administrator

#### **V. Review of Directors/Officers roles & responsibilities**

Newly elected as well as remaining position holders were given a copy of the current (October 2013) Aptos Little League Constitution. They were also given the opportunity to ask questions regarding their roles/responsibilities and if necessary, to please follow up with others who have held their positions before for help. A link was also provided to Little League International in order to read more regarding each specific position.

#### **V. New & Open items**

- Opening/Closing ceremony volunteers/ coordinators- This position needs to be filled. Recruiting open. Hopefully position will be ratified at the next board meeting.

- DSA approval process & update on AAA scoreboard
  - Customized structural engineer plans
  - A lot more work is needed in order to be able to move this scored board. Erik and others are working to get this done in the future. For the current 10's tournament the AAA scoreboard will be heavily padded for player protection
  - Sectional tournament moved to Pajaro Valley LL
  - Volunteers are still needed for All Star 10's tournament hosted in Aptos
  - **Thank you** to West End Gastro Pub for gracious donation of score booth speakers, flags and new Snack Shack sign!
  
- All three proposals added to the Agenda were approved.
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  - Julie Wilson, Amber Melenudo and Ericka Bermudez volunteered to work together in the coming months and help clarify/define disciplinary steps/guidelines for when disciplinary action is necessary. Guidelines will need to be done prior to next year's Spring Season. Guidelines once edited/written down will be given to Gene Carlisle for further review and to be taken up to Little League International for approval.
  
- **Fall Ball**
  - Registration needs to be opened up. The information officers will open up registration on-line in the coming week. Will try to invite other leagues to come play Fall Ball with Aptos Little League. Advertisement / "Get the word out" on-line via social media in the next few weeks. Fall ball runs from late August to the end of October.
  
- **AJHS locks re-keyed.**
  - Erik currently holds new keys for all locked doors. Keys will be given next season only to necessary personnel.

## **VI. Treasurer Update / Fundraising Manager Update**

- Currently the league has funds but not enough to upgrade all necessary items which need to be fixed.

It will be necessary to raise more funds in order to keep using Polo Fields (if that is what is agreed to do). However, playing at the Polo Fields costs Aptos LL as much as \$17,000. There has been a proposal to work together with one of the elementary schools to see if the baseball fields can be “upgraded” as used more by Aptos LL. This would save Aptos LL a lot of money. This idea has been in the works but more discussions and details will need to be addressed in order to move forward.

- The AAA SafTop Fence Guard needs to be replaced. Perhaps current money made from this year’s shack could be used to replace current black fence guard plastic cover.

## **XVIII. Adjourn at 9:20pm**

### **Next Meeting**

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month, next meeting Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**