



APTOS LITTLE LEAGUE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA
December 10th, 2020 7:30pm
Zoom Video Conference

- 1) Call to Order 7:30pm
 - a) Executive Board members present: Brian Dudley, Erik Cormier, Mark Florez, Amber Watkins, David McGillicuddy, Scott McConville, Ericka Bermudez
 - b) General Board members present: Brian Pieracci, Garret LaTorre, Amber Melenudo, Nick Tanza, Alex Smith, Fausto Romero, Will Meyer
 - c) Guests present
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Motion for BOD November meeting minutes- approved
- 3) Changes to Agenda- none
- 4) New & Open items -
 - a) Administrative League items- Erik working to get our League ready to go in Spring
 - i) Data Center updated with new board information-
 - ii) Constitution & Bylaws submitted/approved- Good to go with District and LL International
 - iii) ASAP Plan submittal- in progress, background checks. Brad will submit this after adding language for Covid-19. Procedural manner hopefully by the end of year.
 - iv) Charter & Insurance submitted/paid.
 - v) Interleague play. Last year with Scotts Valley. This year- All other seven leagues within District 39 have been approved to be able to play with Aptos Little League. We want to be open and ready to play with them when possible.
 - (1) 17 chartered teams, same as last year
 - b) Spring registration- 60 day delay, maybe more. Aptos Little League is ready to go and have structure plan for when 2021 Season is possible.

1st draft for 2021 Spring schedule is tentatively ready to go.

ALL has potential available fields to play.



Safety officer for the District 39 President's league mentioned how COVID is getting worse. Other leagues don't know what will be possible yet and they are on holding pattern.

- i) Preliminary schedule and proposed dates
 - (1) Spring member survey results- Review of how it was put together and what do results look like. Introduction letting community know ALL hopes to have a 2021 Season. 89 responded. 400 emails or so went out. Of the 89 favorable response. We wanted to gage the interest for playing in the Spring. 329 registered players last year. So roughly 25% response back. We need to set a tone for what Little League will look like. Question: How do we reach out to new households? Some people may not response if their children have aged out (30 or so from last Season)
 - (2) Registration documents on Sports Connect
 - (a) Hold harmless waiver, Player/Parent Pledge, Refund Policy
 - (3) Discussion of strategy-
 - (a) Open registration and not collect \$\$ until play begins-
 - (b) Pivot straight to Baseball Clinic
 - (c) Flexibility with the D39 TOC schedule/dates, this can be moved around, the LL tournament schedule can't.

Open floor discussion:

ALL has a lot of flexibility to practice, get teams organized. A little over a month to play season. For the 12year- olds you need 12 games for a regular season. We have one month to do that. Flexibility with TOC. But TOC can be played later and the District lets us have that flexibility.

We could potentially open registration, sign all wavers, players pledge, but not collect any fees with an opening day of April 17th. There could be a potential of start season without uniforms if no fees are collected. Concern about not collecting fee is the expenses the league acquires to be able to run the Season. However, concern of unknow ability of playing the Season and collecting fees and potentially having to deal with refunds (or the fact that ALL financially would not be able to issue refunds).

ALL may be able to be in leadership role. What do we want to do? We need to have a plan. Right now we cannot play baseball. Not approved by State and or County. We can play baseball clinics. Other leagues like Santa Cruz are playing clinics. Clinics are approved.



Baseball trainings. Do we set the course to play a little league season? At the President's meeting there was more a consensus to wait for January and see what happens to decide.

There is a lot more uncertainty right now. Wait till Feb 1st to open registration. Opening day will be April 17th.

The calendar as of today looks great if we could play. Ideally TOC teams will be able to play and keep continuity of Little League feeling. The dates of the TOC currently overlap / close to the All-Star tournament.

By next month we will know more. If PVUSD does not open schools it may be harder to have a ball season.

It's looking hopeful but not likely. Plan on having a season and concentrate on that. About 60% of League does not have TOC so emphasis should be on playing ball not on the tournaments.

If we are looking to start with clinics then we should look into that. Plan on that. What it will take to organize that, who will coach that, and what the cost of that would be. What's the option for that? We could use Polo Fields to run clinics. Clinics do require a lot of work for that, same as getting the full season going. Clinics would be open from 4-year olds to 12- year olds. Keeping 14 cohort groups with 2 coaches. If we wanted to start with any ball play let's get the clinics going and start with that. Kids would be ready to go if a Season gets going with the clinics. What would clinics look like? Skill clinics. No games or scrimmages. Clinics are a good way to teach situational play, basic baseball instructions, teach them the game. Example: Throwing, outfield, Arizona.

Plan on a February clinic. 2-90min practices a week per cohort. 8 total 90min practice sessions. Or 10-1hour practice sessions. This would also be a good way to reach out to potential parents who may be interested in volunteering coach.

Let's see what happens in county / state post Holidays. Call an emergency BOD for January to make decisions about clinics and 2021 Spring Season registration opening window.

- Action items:
 - Look into cost of clinics. Minimum starting cost for clinics \$50
 - Look into what registration fee will be for the Season
 - Look into credit ALL will get from Santa Cruz for Polo Grounds from prior year's rain delay/cancellations



- C) League/Board positions filled (ie league commissioners)- We need emails to get volunteers for other positions for each level.
- D) Co-Safety Officer/Covid Czar- this role needs to be filled. There will be a lot of protocol and change and members need to know this and see this for next Season.
- E) Info Officer Update – Recommend having only 1 registration window. A flat rate for this coming Season. Keep registration to on-line registration only. Last year’s in-person registration was very low.
- F) District Update
- G) Treasurer Update – Will model what expenses will be for either clinics and or season. Waiting to see what that may look like.
- H) Fundraising Manager Update- Things are on hold. Will reach out to Sign Sponsors to see if they wanted to put their 2021 renewal in at the end of this year for tax purpose in case some are interested.
- I) Field Manager Update- Holes have yet to be filled and water needs to be turned on. Alarm system batteries have been updated with First Alarm. Waiting for field workdays. Fields look great.
- J) Equipment Update-
- K) UIC Update- Western region will not run any umpire clinics this year. Ed will do individual league trainings. Do one training for young umpires and one for adults. Potentially all adult coaches will be behind the plate this year. We may need to buy and or encourage umpires to buy their own masks as those probably will not be able to be shared among umpires. We can add into bylaws if we have a shortage of umpires we can add that managers in AAA and Majors will be participating into umpiring arrangements. Each coach will be required to umpire behind the plate. Foster some understanding for job and a great thing for the League to have more umpires available.
- L) Safety Officer Update-



M) Snack Shack & Score Booth Update

N) Commissioner Update

O) Appointment of Executive Committee

P) Adjourn /Next Meeting – Meeting adjourn at 8:42pm.

a. 2nd Thursday of every month, next meeting January 14th @ 7:30pm via Zoom.