Tolland Little League Board Meeting Minutes 3/23/22 @ 8pm

Location- Hybrid in person at Eversource Tolland office at 48 Tolland Stage Rd. And via Teams videoconference

- 1. Meeting called to order at 8:02pm
- 2. Approval of minutes on hold
- 3. Attendance by the public: None
- 4. <u>Key Open Board Positions</u>- Social media/ parent contact director and Sponsorship relations director
- 5. <u>Treasures Report-</u> 2021 Tax return filed and completed. \$1000 coming out for purchasing home plates and pitchers mounds. Currently about \$70,000 in account.
- 6. Potential Projects that can be completed immediately-
- Press box at Cross Farms. Get pricing from Kloter Farms (Justin Oulette has contacts there) and The Barn Yard.
 - Improve bull pens at Cross Farms and River Park
 - Rebuild Dugouts at River park
- Fixing the batting cages at Star Hill (approx. 15k to complete) T.L.L. would get access for the offseason. Cost would be \$3600/ year for additional expenses and field time. Unsure about if we would be on Star Hill's insurance policy or T.L.L. insurance. Use of the cages must be supervised but would also help keep more kids involved in little league. Terms and Conditions of fixing batting cages and using Star Hill still need to be established.
- 7. <u>Communication on Team Placement</u> Gordon looking into app where there would be an up to date schedule, roster, wins/loses, etc. However, coaches would be responsible to input data.
- 8. <u>Coaches Clinics by TCB in Tolland</u> Will be held 4/2 from 10am-12pm at Cross Farms field 9. Debrief from Evaluations/ try outs/ draft- Tabled until a later date
- 10. Spring Clean-up and set up- Cleanup will take place on 3/30/22 in the morning. Bill will coordinate dumpster rental with Talkin' Trash.
- 11. Opening Day April 30th plan-
- Opening day will run from 10am-2pm or 10am-4pm. We will have food trucks (Taco Truck, Filling Station, Jeff's Kettle Corn, Kona Ice). Mobile Axe Throwing, Bounce house/slide, games, etc.
 - A.J. will throw out first pitch along with possibly the Yard Goats Mascots
- Volunteers needed, will possibly sell drinks at raffle table (water, gatorade, etc), Flyer distribution.
 - Possibly arranging for team pictures on Opening Day with Bishop Photography
- Potential parking problems; need to complete facility use form; T.L.L. may need to pay for a CT State Trooper to help with traffic control.
 - Communicate to division directors about Opening Day. Coaches must attend
- 12. Safety items coming up- Online safety good to go and can be sent to coaches.
- 13. <u>Equipment</u>- Need baseballs and softballs; need chalk line machines. Can use Dick's gift card for synthetic balls.
- 14. <u>Uniforms</u>- AA being ordered on 3/24. TBall, Softball, 50/70 +Juniors- Still need to order.
- 15. <u>Fundraising</u>- Online merchandise store closes 3/24 at the end of day. \$4k in sales form baseball, and \$400 from softball.
 - Yard Goats fundraiser set for June 2nd. Tickets \$15 each
 - TLL night out @Camille's where we will get a portion of the profits- 4/27
 - Hit-a-Thon- Goal of 20k raised and profits will be used to fix batting cages at Star Hill
- 16. Division Reports-
 - Challenger league- Starting opening week; no equipment required
 - -Softball- Reach out to the town about the softball fields at Birch Grove

- 50/70+Juniors- 6 teams signed up to play; need coaches (5-6 people)
 TBall- 57 kids signed up; need coaches, Gordon will send email blast
 17. Meeting adjourned 9:45pm