

Tolland Little League  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Draft September 18, 2019

Attendees : Tim Griffin, Joseph Duberek, Gordon Johnson, Roger Neznayko, Jeremy Rainha, Robert Shelby, Nick Grassi, Bruce Blanchard, Jay Lee, Victoria Scott and Joe Overkamp

Non-Attendees: Elaine Cofrancesco, Kevin Moran, Michele Cady, Jayden Regisford, Keith Anderson, Bruce Blanchard, Brian Liebowitz, PJ Clark, Jenn Dimaso, Dana Clark and Michael DiCicco

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM
2. Attendance by the public - None
3. Meeting Minutes from June 19, 2019 and July 24, 2019 were unanimously approved by the Board
4. Treasurer's Report – (Elaine Cofrancesco absent) Tim reported out the following:
  - Fund Balances for the checking and money market accounts
  - Financial results for 2018, 2019 and projections for 2020
  - Fundraising details will be further discussed in November as well as a social event
  - Jeremy Rainha inquired about the All Stars revenue level and asked for a clarification because the number conveyed on the reported amount appeared to be low
5. Annual Meeting- Tim stated ongoing recruiting efforts are needed to address vacancies presently at the TLL Board as well as coaching levels; Keith Anderson was going to be contacted to send out a communication in alignment for the next meeting
6. Fall Cleanup
  - Joe Overkamp asked once the last day of Fall Ball play was concluded on October 27<sup>th</sup>, steps would be taken to takedown the batting cages and cover up the pitching mounds
  - Tim asked if there were any location(s) which could be taken down now before October 27<sup>th</sup>;
7. Fall Baseball Updates
  - Gordon discussed some rain has been impacting scheduled games and asked if 50/70 game available at night for any makeup games; Tim responded “yes” but the portable mound would need to be moved; Also, any need for lighting would be required to be coordinated with Park And Rec (Bruce Watt)
  - Keith Anderson reported there were two majors, two minors, one 50/70 and one Juniors playing over the season; before the season began, a mini draft was used in order to balance out the majors and minors teams; For minors, AA and AAA divisions were combined which eventually developed into noticeable negative skill set observations as well as some feedback from parents which should be considered if such an action to combine is contemplated for Spring Ball;
  - Keith also mentioned this is talk going on now concerning a 50/70 baseball in the Spring and asked if this is something which could be considered, if TLL was ready and the ramifications of eligibility for the majors program and all-star

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8. Softball clinics/workouts (Victoria reported on the following):
  - Four Fall clinic sessions were going to be planned; Two of which may be required to be held indoors at THS; Will coordinate with PJ Clark on equipment needs and will look to fill out the appropriate usage forms; Background checks conducted at the Spring registration timeframe were still valid for one year for these sessions
  - Winter clinic at THS was also in the planning stage but additional research was needed to better understand what had been done in the past
  
9. Division Reports:
  - Majors Softball (Victoria): Reported she is looking to get a Fall Ball Team for next year
  - Juniors (Rob Shelby): Nothing to report out
  - Nick Grassi and Jay Lee discussed some of the difficulties of fall play, especially gaps in skill sets with Enfield at a noticeable skill set level
  
10. Field Projects (the following were discussed):
  - Netting at Crandall needs to be taken down
  - Victoria posed access to Birch Grove Softball Field; at this time nothing has been determined
  - Jeremy Rainha asked how do we compile proposed projects; Tim mentioned there is an old list which needs to be refreshed with new initiatives added but provided there is feedback from individuals involved; Joe Duberek offered to compile the new project listing for future consideration and prioritizing
  - Tim stated a 50/70 Program would promote for a good stepping stone to play, would add value to the Juniors Program in consideration of his observations of only two kids able to play on a 90 field with others struggling ; Rob Shelby mentioned a few towns have already established this level of league play; Tim also stated Crandall could be used and could be scheduled in between the men's league over the summer; Roger asked if Crandall was deep enough for play; Joe Overkamp offered a recommendation to seek out 50/70 at Cross Farms with a comment a new 50/70 field could cost between \$300-400k; Joe also stated further discussion with the Town was needed to entertain a 50/70 field conversion
  
11. Federal SafeSport Law and Little League Child Protection Program – not discussed
  
12. Tim made a motion to adjourn meeting, Roger seconded which was unanimously approved by the Board at  
8:18 PM

Respectfully submitted by Joseph Duberek, Secretary