

# SLJL Meeting Minutes – May 2, 2018

- **Attending**

Dan Young, Grace Hoffman, Laura Hoffman, Guido McLaren, Vanessa Goodwin, Ken Elkins, Joe Yamin, Dean Whitcomb, Deb Gaudreau, Randy Hoffman, Ralph Dunigan, Lance Shipman, Otis Kirkland, Rich Robinson, Derrick DeGroat, Walt Novak, Bobby Porter, Chris Hare

- **New Business**

Meeting minutes of April 24 were accepted.

**Next Board Meeting Tuesday May 8 at 7:00 pm at Java House and will be alternating Tuesday then Wednesday and then repeated thru out season. See SLJL Calendar on last page for schedule.**

Grace to start advertising a new promotion. The SLJL will collect used cleats, tennis shoes, any other shoes which will be sent to Africa to help children who do not have shoes.

Photo Day location, possibly Duncan Warehouse or School on June 2-4 timeframe. Many people at meeting stated concerns over lack of parking at Duncan Warehouse. Dean is checking on school availability.

Boys and Girls Senior Scholarship essays must be in by May 21. Umpire scholarship essays must be in by July 4.

Jake Heffernan, Hayden Harigan, Roy Swartzinski, and Max Denny of SLEHS Baseball came to board meeting to ask for donation of \$250.00 for new banner at their Varsity Field. Board approved the donation.

- **Treasurer**

SLJL Fields Fund	\$40,734.91	-\$5,554.98
SLJL Checking	\$139,700.18	-\$1,213.80
Boy's Travel	\$43,564.85	+\$532.68
Girl's Travel	\$14,127.66	-\$879.00
Pay Pal Credit Card	\$4,935.77	+\$2,067.30

- **Website/Registration**

Post on website; Dates for Memorial Day and 4<sup>th</sup> of July that SLJL will be shut down, Discount done on hoodies for parents and siblings, Scholarship sign up for both Softball and Baseball players.

SLJL will be taking out an ad in the Fall South Lyon Rec Catalog.

Need to Push Harder to sell Tiger Game Tickets for SLJL Day have sold only 300 so far.

Dean to write email for expectations for new Atchison Park fields to Laura for her to post on website.

- **Fields/Equipment**

Have large field box for Bartlett. Needs to be placed.

SLJL and Lyon Twp have spent \$175,101.40 so far leaving \$9,898.60 left in budget to pay for finishing touches on 2 new fields.

Additions for 2 new fields at Atchison Park, Field Boxes, Benches, Bleachers, Wind Screens, Decorations, Bases, Home Plates, and Pitching Rubbers. Field equipment box items needed, Rakes, Drags, Dig Out Tools, Plugs, Shovels, Hammers, First Aid Boxes, Trash Bags. Need to utilize the \$9,898.60 left over in Atchison Park Field Budget before any new money is used in SLJL Field Budget. Benches have been ordered, will be cemented into ground. No Bleachers have been ordered, Deb questioned if we plan on having garbage cans at new fields. Dean is meeting with Twp Board on Wednesday to discuss these and other items including Twp participation in Grand Opening of fields on May 6.

Lance started discussion to suggest approaching SLHS about allowing the removal of some infield grass to allow longer bases and larger infield for Freshman field. This field is used for both Travel and House and is used by boy's divisions that have longer bases and not much infield left behind fielders when using.

Need to recover the Left-Handed Catchers Gloves from last season. It was reported that Chris Hare and Jason Westphal may know where these are.

Lyon Twp Fire Chief asking SLJL to advertise that anyone playing or spectating at new fields should not park in Fire Department parking lot. They need to park in parking lots outside of outfields at new fields.

Ralph ordered 70 small throat guards for \$3.50/ea and 30 of the large throat guards for \$4.00/ea. These will be used for all catchers in SLJL. Umpire throat guards will be ordered for umpires in next week or two.

Vanessa reported we have 3 boxes of new catcher's helmets. These will start to be used to filter out the worn-out ones thru out the league.

All equipment needs are to go to Vanessa then to Deb, Ralph, or Grace. T-Ball has received all of their equipment bags.

Ordered 8 new steel drags and 3 rubber drags to be tried out by field crews as potential replacements for the steel drags.

Dean to write up Atchison Field to do list for coaches including bathrooms and garbage clean up.

- **Scheduling**

Any changes to schedules must be done thru Ken with attached emails to Dean, Rich, Sean, and Bryan. This is to avoid confusion with any Travel or Rec Leagues schedules.

Will schedule a few Reese games at Volunteer instead of old Atchison. Reese will use 80' bases when playing at Volunteer. All involved had no issues with this decision.

Any concerns regarding the master game schedule must advise board by next meeting to have corrected.

- **T-Ball Day**

Hot Shots should set up next to balloon and face painter people to get more traffic.

Terrific-T-Ball Day will be on 6/23 at New Atchison Fields. There will be Wonder Jump, Balloon Artists, Carousel Acres, and Guido's Coney Island.

- **Travel**

Handouts that require signature from each player, School Rules & Travel Bylaws.

Field expectations for Travel Teams to be shared with coaches.

- **Umpires**

Ordering items for umpire needs at new fields, posted on website also. KV Sports is on same page concerning umpire needs.

Ben Wolak and Justin Lanyon to become more involved in daily issues to relieve Duane of that responsibility.

- **Dick's Day**

Consider having Dick's Day 2019 the Saturday prior to NCAA Basketball Tournament.

- **Division**

For 2018 need to invite Suzie Fredricks to Major Championship Game to hand out the Bob Fredricks Championship Trophy.

Uniforms are on schedule and will be ready one week prior to season starting. T-Ball uniforms still out a few weeks.

Koufax good to go with Sunday practices. There are 7 Koufax teams total with SLJL having 4 of them.

There will be 7 teams in Colt. Still looking for a Palomino team, possibly combining 2 or more communities to make one team.

- **All Star**

Need to order new Abby D. and Matt D. banner for All Star awards ceremony.

- **SLJL Calendar**

- May 8** – Tuesday-Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
- May 16** – Wednesday-Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
- May 21** – T-Ball Games Begin, **(Deadline for Senior Essays for Scholarships)**
- May 22** – Tuesday-Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
- May 25-28** – No Games due to Memorial Day Weekend
- May 30** – Wednesday-Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
- June 2** – Picture Day **(Either Duncan Warehouse or Schools)**
- June 3** – SLJL Day at Comerica Park
- June 5** – Tuesday-Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
- June 13** – Wednesday-Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
- June 19** – Tuesday-Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House – **(Trophy Pick up)**
- June 23** – T-Riffic T-Ball Day - **(Location to be NEW Atchison Fields)**
- June 27** – Wednesday-Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
- July 4** – **Deadline for Umpire Essays for Scholarships**
- July 4-8** – No Games due to 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday
- July 10** – Tuesday-Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
- July 12** – 2018 Fall Registration Begins
- July 12-14** – All Star Weekend
- July 16** – Travel Coaches Applications Deadline
- July 18** – Wednesday-Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House