

SLJL Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2018

- **Attending**

August 8 SLJL Board Meeting, Laura Hoffman, Randy Hoffman, Ralph Dunigan, Mike Burke, Vanessa Goodwin, Deb Gaudreau, Grace Hoffman, Guido McLaren, Dan Young, Rich Jasper, Ken Elkins, Duane Lanyon, Walt Novak, Chris Bandy, Joe Yamin, Dean Whitcomb, Otis Kirkland, Lance Shipman, Paul Dolan, Jason Westphal, Frank Shikonis, Julie Daraban, Joe Hershey, Kelly Hershey, Bob Coppola, George Daraban, Chris Seubert, Adam Seuleck

- **New Business**

Meeting minutes of July 17 & 23 were accepted.

Next Board Meeting Wednesday August 15 at 7:00 pm at Java House.

- **Treasurer**

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| SLJL Fields Fund | \$38,309.91 | N/C |
| SLJL Checking | \$89,818.91 | No detail provided |
| Boy's Travel | \$34,144.53 | +\$2,357.00 Registration |
| | | +\$1,725.00 Sponsors |
| | | +\$12,018.00 Fundraising |
| | | -\$342.00 Practice Facilities |
| | | -\$1,327.00 Team Entertain |
| | | -\$238.00 Team Equipment |
| | | -\$437.00 Tournaments |
| | | -\$962.00 Uniforms |
| | | -\$720.00 Umpire Fees |
| | | -\$6,489.79 |
| Girl's Travel | \$4,309.17 | |
| Pay Pal Credit Card | \$6,604.11 | N/C |

Need to move \$26,900.00 for 1,076 Registrations x \$25.00 for Spring 2018 from Checking to Field Fund.

All expenditures for SLJL for 2018 must be in by November 30, 2018.

Besides raising Registration Fees for 2019 Spring we will need to investigate an Opt Out/ Opt In Fee for recruitment of volunteers. The

SLJL is too large to rely on the same handful of people every year. If the charge was \$20.00/player, then we could hire more people to work field issues. Further discussion on this topic following Fall Season.

- **Website/Registration**

Spread the word on Fall Registration. Fall Registration to increase from \$110.00/player to \$125.00/player for 2018. **Fall Registration to be closed on August 18.**

There will be a Wait List for Majors in Fall. Goal is 30 players.

In Fall players are allowed to play up to Division they would be age eligible in 2019 Spring Season or play in Division they just finished in 2018 Spring. There is no Double Jump allowed.

Approved 2-7-year old's moving into Kaline for Fall per recommendations of Trustees, Coaches and Umpires. Their names are Eli Shikonis, and Ben Seuleck.

Guido to set up Car Wash sign advertising for Fall Registration.

Laura to send out Coaching Volunteers to Division Trustees.

Fall Draft will be on Wednesday August 22 at Pinz Bowling Alley.

See attached spreadsheet for Registration Numbers and Draft Times.

- **Fields/Equipment**

Contact Deb with any field needs ASAP, our maintenance crews are on fields four days a week, any problem should be able to be fixed within 48 hours or less.

All parents need to be reminded of school rules:

1. No Smoking at Fields
2. Park only where permitted
3. No Pets
4. Pick up Trash after each game, trash bags are in field boxes. Someone take home trash in bag and put in your trash can. Not a hard thing to do.

5. Please take care of these items as parents and not require coaches to do all of this. They after all are working with your children to play Baseball and Softball. Least you can do is help them out.

Need to have the ability to lock all High School Fields in Fall.

Need dirt for Volunteer Fields for Fall Season.

Once games are cancelled due to weather NO activity including practices are allowed on fields the rest of the day.

Remainder of Spring Season Equipment need to be cleaned and returned to Trustee of their Division and then turned into Vanessa.

Fall Season equipment will be handed out at Fall Draft. Spencer, Cal and Vanessa need to set up time to clean up Bartlett Storage from Spring turn in.

- **Atchison Park**

SLJL and Lyon Twp have spent \$177,251.40 so far leaving \$7,718.60 left in budget to pay for finishing touches on 2 new fields. Additions for 2 new fields at Atchison Park, need to utilize the \$7,718.60 left over in Atchison Park Field Budget before any new money is used in SLJL Field Budget. Mike Burke looking at Bridge construction.

Needs for Atchison New Fields: Bridge over ditch. Please keep all field tools in box in middle of diamonds. Keep all umpire needs, TP, First Aid, Umpire Equipment and Trash Bags in box near restrooms.

Suggestion to consider Pavilion Roof full length of land between both fields at Atchison.

Dean suggested idea of naming new fields at Atchison "First Responders Field #1 & #2. SLJL Board to evaluate and possibly approach Lyon Twp Board.

Dedication of Atchison Fields will be probably in Fall.

- **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.

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

Before Fall Schedule is finalized the SLJL Board (Ralph, Randy, Guido, and Dan) must meet with Ken to provide direction as to what fields are to be used for each division.

Please forward any important dates to Ken Elkins concerning possible conflicts with Fall Season Scheduling, so Ken can start working on schedule.

- **Travel**

SLJL Board Approved increasing league participation fee for all Travel players to \$50.00/player. This is \$25.00 for Fields and \$25.00 for SLJL Expenses.

All girl's making a Stealth Team should have been notified by 8/7/18 if they have a position on team.

Lori McLaren is Interim Girl's Travel Treasurer. Must be voted in by Board by attending next meeting. Julie Daraban is interim Boy's Travel Treasurer until a replacement can be found to replace her.

Dean was voted in as Interim Boy's Travel Trustee in lieu of Rich Robinson leaving SLJL Boy's Travel Trustee position last week.

A long discussion took place concerning the 11U Boy's Thunder Team that hosted the 2018 All Star Weekend. Some players have moved on to other teams outside of South Lyon. Others are not sure what they are doing. Head Coach has decided to retire from coaching team. Looking for coach to replace him and run tryouts for Team. Deb stated she has an email from someone interested in coaching and will send it to Dean. 2 players have moved to 11U Shipman team. Ralph has also volunteered as last resort to coach team if needed. Joe and Kelly Hershey past and current members of 11U team attended meeting and stated concerns of the future of the team and the money that was raised for their team to go to Cooperstown in 2019. They requested numerous times in meeting for SLJL Board to disband 11U Thunder Team. No decision has been made concerning that action.

Update on Boy's Travel Teams for 2019:

1. 8U 1 Team
2. 9U 2 Teams
3. 10U 2 Teams
4. 11U 2 Teams
5. 12U 2 Teams
6. 13U 1 Team
7. 14U 1 Team
8. 15U 1 Team
9. 16U 1 Team

• All Star

Rule change for 2019 will be; **There will be a 2 Hour HARD STOP for all Games if 7 innings have not been completed.**

Need for more volunteers for set up and tear down of All Star Weekend in 2019.

Work with Hot Shots to be more involved taking pictures during games. Parents really like the action photos.

Flag off row of parking spots for handicap parking.

Coaches need to present starting lineups for announcers and other coaches they are playing against.

All Star Hats are for the Boy's playing in the games and not others.

Consider returning MEVO Cameras since they were difficult to work with and not worth the price paid.

Consider starting games on Saturday at 2:00 pm for 2019 All Star Weekend.

• Umpires

Duane will officially step down as Umpire Chief after 2018 Spring Season. Duane introduced Chris Seubert as candidate to replace Duane as Boy's Umpire Chief.

- **Dick's Day**

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

- **Division**

Reese Division have asked that umpires please warn pitchers of balks. Duane and Guido to continue thru this year warning and begin calling Balks possibly in Fall 2018.

Game Length Rule for Majors, Reese, and Koufax will change for rest of season to: **"No new Inning can start after 2 hours. Finish inning if started before 2-hour time limit has been reached"**

- **SLJL Calendar**

Aug 15 - Wednesday-Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House

Aug 18 – Fall Registration Closes

Aug 22 – Fall Draft & Equipment Pickup **(Pinz Bowling Alley)**

Aug 23 – Fall Practices Begin

Aug 29 - Wednesday-Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House

Sept 4 – Fall Games Begin

Sept 5 - **No Meeting**

Sept 12 - Wednesday-Board Meeting **Time TBD** Java House

Sept 19 - Wednesday-Board Meeting **Time TBD** Java House

Sept 26 - **No Meeting**

Oct 3 - Wednesday-Board Meeting **Time TBD** Java House

Oct 10 - **No Meeting**

Oct 16 – Fall Season to end if no games have been cancelled

Oct 17 - Wednesday-Board Meeting **Time TBD** Java House

Oct 24 - **No Meeting**

Oct 31 – Fall Season Ends, Wednesday-Board Meeting **Time TBD** Java House