

SLJL Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2017

- **Attending**

Randy Hoffman, Laura Hoffman, Ken Elkins, Ralph Dunigan, Dan Young, Josh Wells, Guido McLaren, Deb Gaudreau, Chris Hare, Jen Schiller, Jason Westphal, Dean Whitcomb, Walt Novak, Bryan Spaller, Derrick DeGroat, Rob Schiller

- **New Business**

Meeting minutes of March 15 were accepted.

Hot Shots to attend April 19 SLJL Meeting

South Lyon High Schools, SLJL will donate \$250.00 to each team of Softball and Hardball for their outfield signs to be displayed. Dean to provide Walt with names of each team and boosters to make checks out to. Evening when both high schools play each other SLJL has provided pizza and beverages to all players and fans. This year we will provide pizza to each of the teams between games. All scholarship info to be provided to Paul for organization.

Jason reserved 750 tickets for SLJL Night on May 20 at Comerica Park. 150 tickets have been sold so far.

T-Ball Draft on Thursday April 20 at 7:30 pm at the Java House. Equipment to be handed out at Draft also.

Deb will be cancelling practices just like she would for games. This will minimize the amount of digging and using of field dry for practices and will be utilized for games.

- **Registration**

	<u>Players</u>	<u># Teams</u>	<u>Players/Team</u>
T-Ball	189	16	12
GCP	81	8	11
Minis	72	6	12
Minors	81	8	11
Majors	44	4	11
BCP	228	18	13
Kaline	136	12	12
Mays	164	14	12
Reese	115	10	12
Koufax	53	5	11
Colt	10	1	15
Palomino	3	1	15

Total as of 4/17/17: 1,176

- **Treasurer**

Chase Checking	\$94,993.94	N/C
First Merit Checking	\$173,771.94	-\$2,502 Softballs +\$10,659.00 Blue Sombrero -\$1,567.00 Liability Ins -\$1,015.00 KV Bases/Plugs -\$200.00 FriedrichsMemorial -\$290.00 Draft Food/Bev -\$262.00 U-Store -\$130.00 Facebook Advertise -\$116.00 Flowers Duane -\$175.00 Make Base Plugs -\$365.00 Dick's Day
First Merit BT	\$42,021.97	-\$3,847.16
First Merit GT	\$16,919.27	+\$1,725.25
Pay Pal Credit Card	\$522.61	N/C

- **Website**

Shout out to the MASSES about Tigers Night, All Star Dates, and SLHS Boys Clinics. 2017 online store to open this week, Umpire apparel not on site yet. Advertise Tigers Night on Car Wash Sign.

When sending out Mass emails please have a second set of eyes review before sending. Please put Bob Friedrichs Memorial Golf Outing on SLJL Facebook.

- **Fields/Equipment**

Park's & Rec gave presentation to City Council in development of Volunteer Park. They suggested that the development be done in phases. Each phase would need design approval from all involved. The City Council approved this plan unanimously. The design of Phase 1 which includes to baseball fields has been approved at a cost of \$5,000,000.

Dean reported at June 8 meeting that Lyon Twp has approved the design of 2 baseball/softball fields and 1 multipurpose field at Atchison Park. Lyon Twp has approved the expenditure of \$8,500 for engineering design. Sean O'Neil reported that all are waiting for engineering survey to be completed. Ralph and Dean attended meeting with Lyon Twp and engineers designing 2, 200 ft baseball fields. Still items to be worked out but tentative breaking ground in Spring of 2017. The 2 baseball fields at Atchison behind Fire Department are out for bid with completion scheduled for 2017. Discussion in Lyon Twp concerning possible building of 3rd baseball field. SLJL Board stated that Twp board must approach SLJL to discuss possible funding. Atchison drawings to be completed week of Jan 30, then job will be sent out for bids. The meeting to discuss drawings and to start bid process is being pushed out to week of Feb 13 for Lyon Twp and the SLJL to discuss. Ralph, Paul, Dean, Guido, and Randy attended design review of 2 fields. Discussion went well and it was made clear we expected to be working on 2-200 ft fields. Engineer made notes and will set up meeting to review updates in near future. Dean met with Lyon Twp Commissioner John Dolan to discuss project at Atchison Park. Dean was given OK to start petitioning quotes for project. May meeting will be for approval of quotes. At that time, John Dolan and Sean O'Neil will participate. Dean reported that grading and ground material for 2 fields will be approx \$50,000. Gathering other quotes for fencing and other items at this time. Looking to get approvals at May Lyon Twp Board meeting.

Dean to put together proposal for improving Bartlett field in 2017. Parks and Rec approaching SLJL about use of Bartlett for Wed/Fri for Adult Softball Leagues. Possibly giving SLJL Volunteer for Tuesdays. Deb & Dean to meet with Don of Parks and Rec to discuss improvements to be made at Bartlett. Parks & Rec interested in partnering with SLJL on improvements. Finances unknown at this time. Deb also stated a new large box is needed at Bartlett. Dean received quote from DeBord Fence of \$2,500 for repairs at Bartlett. Dean asked for approval of expenditure, Board voted approval.

Schools will be continuing the work this summer on parking lots and school maintenance. Centennial parking lots to be closed for 4 weeks. Sayre fields to be closed for all summer.

Need to check with Lyon Twp as to when we can strip infield of existing dirt and move that to warning tracks and then spread appropriate infield material.

Deb has opened all fields but Volunteer and Bartlett, they will be opened prior to next SLJL meeting.

Equipment Handout at Drafts worked well. Will continue next year the same way. Have ordered one new LH catcher's mitt and 38 helmet masks.

Any issue with equipment please email Ralph with requests.

Girl's Game softballs will be distributed as such;

1. 8 game balls to each GCP team. Only home team will supply new ball.
2. Minis, Minor, and Majors will be supplied 16 Game Softballs per team.

- **Scheduling**

Need to reschedule games scheduled at Atchison on Kite Day. We need to avoid those fields each year on Kite Day.

Schedule games on Flag Day next year after 1:00 pm. This will allow us to not lose the whole day due to Flag Day Parade.

All future Championship Games need to be at SLHS except for Koufax. Reese (Varsity) and Mays (JV) same night same time. Majors (Varsity) and Minors (JV) same night same time. All of these should be scheduled for Monday and Tuesday of All Star Week.

Ken to send all Trustee's schedules on April 13 for their review prior to releasing.

- **T-Ball Day**

For 2017 need to remove one Bounce House and add large tent with tables and chairs. Suggestion is to have bounce houses and tent in centerfield of both fields.

Have Face Painters and Balloon Artists start at end of first games in 2017.

Move start time of first game later instead of 9:00 am start.

Need to put together flier describing events on T-Ball Day for 2017.

- **Draft/Coaches Meetings**

Feedback from coaches at meetings was that we dwelled on negative thoughts instead of being positive.

Must work on Draft Rules in SLJL General Rules for 2017 Fall Season.

1. Draft to be sorted and drafted by age.
2. Will take requests but not guaranteeing requests
3. Insert Solid Rules into Bylaws.

- **Travel**

All Travel Players must register thru Blue Sombrero to pay SLJL \$30.00 field fee. 222 Travel Players to date have registered. Laura to keep Dean and Bryan up to date on the progress of these registrations. Dean reports there are a few stragglers that he is getting to sign up.

- **Umpires**

Duane will continue in the new year to help at the lower age groups in training and communication as umpires.

New boys umpire sign up is unveiled and will be tried out this spring. It is in Sign up Genius and will be run by Grace Hoffman along with the 2 assistants that worked for Duane in 2016.

Umpire equipment needs to be delivered to each of the field boxes. Once Duane tells us the equipment is ready we may need volunteers to get equipment to each of the fields.

- **Dick's Day**

Items to be used for 2018 Dick's Day;

1. Run official SLJL event from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.
2. Spread DSG Raffle thru out day, must be present to win.

3. Buy Buffalo Wild Wings food and setup in back room for lunch for Dick's employees and SLJL volunteers.
4. Label SLJL Raffle tickets with prize prior to having them picked.
5. Advertise ability to order online at store and still get 20% off.
6. Keep on Saturday

- **All Star Notes for 2017**

Move Girl's Minors & Majors Home Run Derby to Varsity along with Kaline, BCP, & GCP.

Move Accuracy & Fastest Runner to Freshman Field.

Need to acquire one more Radar Gun for Fastest Pitch and Target Net for Accuracy throw for 2017.

Develop guidelines for all games, length, umpire needs, and equipment needed for each game.

Develop guidelines for Host Team to follow for a successful All Star Weekend.

Provide guidelines for anyone announcing games. No play by play. Only announcing names/numbers/team.

Joe Pesci Head Coach of 10U team attended board meeting to begin process of hosting 2017 All Star Event.

All the established All Star Rules need to be revisited prior to 2017.

Reevaluate the Lights for 2017.

Suggest to not have Dodge Ball Bounce House next year.

Purchase double sided All Star Banner for Pontiac Trail to be seen by both traffic directions.

- **2017 Charity**

This year instead of Pink Outs we will be having Camo Days to honor our Veterans and Troops. Grace Hoffman the Charity Coordinator for 2017 has met with the VFW and the Home Zone in Whitmore Lake to develop as our Sponsored Charity. The Home Zone is a Temporary Home in Whitmore Lake for Veterans prior to them getting their own homes. Looking to have a drive to collect items needed for the Home Zone and

the Veterans. Will be working with KV Sports to have Camo jersey's, Hats, Wrist Bands, etc to raise money. Grace, Ken, Deb, and Duane to get together to determine dates for the Camo Days. Grace to provide Jen a write up to be posted on The Facebook.

We will be looking to acquire money donations along with list of supplies needed. This will allow us to provide either supplies or gift cards for supplies to build a storage shed at Home Zone.

Grace met with George at KV sports to design logo's and shirt design for players and parents to purchase for Camo Days.

Grace presented shirt design to board and board approved unanimously. There also will be compression sleeves and hats in pink camo and regular camo.

- **SLJL Calendar**

April 19 - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
April 20 – T-Ball Draft-Java House 7:30 pm
April 23 – Umpire Clinics at Sayre from Noon to 4:00 pm
April 26 - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
April 30 – Umpire Clinics Rainout backup date
May 3 - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
May 8 – 2017 Spring Games Begin, T-Ball Practice Begins
May 10 - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
May 17 - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
May 20 – Tentative SLJL Night at Comerica Park
May 22 – T-Ball Games Begin
May 24 - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
May 26-29 – No games due to Memorial Day Weekend
May 31 - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
June 3 – Picture Day (Tentative)
June 7 - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
June 14 - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
June 21 - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
June 24 – T-Riffic T-Ball Day
June 28 - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
June 30 – **July 4** – No games due to 4th of July Holiday
July 5 - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
July 12 - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
July 13-15 – All Star Weekend