

SLJL Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2017

- **Attending**

Randy Hoffman, Laura Hoffman, Ken Elkins, Ralph Dunigan, Dan Young, Josh Wells, Guido McLaren, Deb Gaudreau, Chris Hare, Walt Novak, Derrick DeGroat, Don Mifsud, Paul Dolan, Jason Westphal, Duane Lanyon, Grace Hoffman, Mike Aschi

- **New Business**

Meeting minutes of April 19 were accepted.

All scholarship info to be provided to Paul for organization.

Jason reserved 750 tickets for SLJL Night on May 20 at Comerica Park. 1,000 tickets have been sold so far.

SLJL purchasing 1 foursome in Friedrich's Memorial Tournament. Will award to 4 people on SLJL Board that are interested in going on June 4 at Tanglewood GC. Awarded to the Gaudreau's and Hoffman's

Will need to purchase medals for SLHS/SLEHS softball winners. Once game has been completed. Team and quantity will be given to Randy to purchase medals.

Dedication of the East McHatie field to be known as Maddie Doty Field will be on Sunday April 30 at 4:00 pm. Deb & Ralph to chalk and drag the field prior to ceremony. All people attending are asked to wear their SLJL jerseys or wear yellow. SLJL to provide PA system, balloons, and ribbons.

All concerns with equipment, please contact Ralph.

Minis Co-Trustee Kelly Stemple has resigned.

All uniforms will be ready week of May 1 for pick up.

Suggestion by Jason Westphal for Home Run fence to be used in Mays games for Camo Days.

- **Treasurer**

Chase Checking	\$91,393.94	-\$3,600.00 SLEHS Tunnel
First Merit Checking	\$169,882.95	-\$281.61 Umpire Clinic +\$1,869.21 Blue Sombrero -\$269.89 Sign Up Genius -\$120.25 Java House -\$250.00 SLEHS Banner -\$3,833.00 Insurance
First Merit BT	\$37,999.77	-\$5,084.70
First Merit GT	\$16,059.27	N/C
Pay Pal Credit Card	\$806.72	+\$190.46

- **Website**

Shout out to the MASSES about Tigers Night, All Star Dates, Camo Days (Collect Goods) and SLJL Scholarships. 2017 online store is open, Umpire apparel now on site.

- **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 on May 3.

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. Mr. Bollinger will be providing 50 yards of dirt for Bartlett improvement. DeBord Fencing will be working on repairing fencing at Bartlett on weekend of April 22-23.

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, also has extra girl's facemasks in case of an emergency.

Having complaints of large rocks in infields of Atchison Park.

Any issue with equipment please email Ralph with requests. Received LH Catcher's Mitt. Irv is conducting inventory of all catcher's equipment.

Need to order paint for fields. Chis Hare to check with connection he has with Sherwin Williams and report back to Ralph.

Paul Neito Head Coach of SLEHS Girls' Softball presented to SLJL Board cost of building new Pitchers Bullpen at East Varsity Field. It will have 2 lanes for 2 pitchers to warm up at a time. Cost is \$7,200. SLJL Board approved expenditure of \$3,600 to help in building of this Pen. SLJL will have full use of this facility during High School off season.

- **Scheduling**

All schedules are completed and sent out, except for Koufax road games in other communities.

- **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**

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.

T-Ball Draft for Spring went well. Trustee Derrick suggested that in Fall have coaches provide a want roster and have the Trustee fill in the gaps and not have a draft.

- **Travel**

Boy's Travel having difficulty getting umpires for their games.

10U Thunder won Michigan Monster Gold Tournament. Congratulations!

- **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.

Large turnout for Umpire Clinic. Unfortunately, 2 of the trainers did not show up. Instead the one trainer that did show up along with Duane and Sean O'Neil's father in law assisted to keep the clinic going.

- **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**

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 – 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 at Playground

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