

SLJL Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2017

- **Attending**

Randy Hoffman, Ralph Dunigan, Guido McLaren, Derrick DeGroat, Dan Young, Deb Gaudreau, Laura Hoffman, Jen Schiller, Josh Wells, Sean O'Neil, Walt Novak, Duane Lanyon, Lance Shipman, Mike Fisher, Nick Dziadzio, Jim Strzalka

- **New Business**

Meeting minutes of January 11 were accepted.

Registration Fee for Colt and Palomino divisions was increased from \$165.00/player to \$185.00/player. Cost of Umpires, Field Prep, and Uniforms higher for older players than younger ones. Board approved increase by vote.

Jason Westphal to head up SLJL Night at Comerica Park for 2017. Tigers have proposed Saturday May 20, 2017 against the Texas Rangers at 7:15 pm. Jason to provide details as we get closer.

Jeni will provide date for SLJL Christmas/New Year/Holiday Party. We will be renting the VFW Hall for \$250.00 and bring in Aleko's Pizza, Salad, and Breadsticks.

All 2017 SLJL Board Members should go to KV Sports to get their choice of clothing item for 2017.

Laura requested \$270.00 to open new SLJL online store. Board approved.

There will be an equipment inventory this Saturday from 10:00-2:00 pm at Rental garage.

Mike Fisher and Nick Dziadzio attended meeting to get approval to coach in the 2017 season. It was agreed that they could coach in the Koufax league and Guido would oversee them and get them a head coach to handle the parents.

Guido will also provide wording for the new Koufax pitching restrictions for 2017.

The following are open Board Positions for 2017;

- 1. New Girl's Minis Trustee**
- 2. Charity Coordinator**
- 3. Umpire in Chief-Boys**

• Fall Season

There were concerns over how Fall Registration and Drafts transpired. The following are points to be implemented with future Registrations and Drafts;

1. All future Registrations to be Stopped on Sunday night prior to Wednesday Drafts. Open registration following draft and place players from there on.
2. Need discussion on Hard Deadline for Future Registrations.
3. Need to have all Drafts at one location and on one evening.
4. Return to equalizing ages on teams within each division at Drafts.
5. Develop training material for each division's coaches & parents for 2017.

• Treasurer

Chase Checking	\$89,493.94	N/C
First Merit Checking	\$29,801.83	-\$99.00 Calendar Wiz -\$41.43 Java House -\$312.00 Ump Pay/Bonus +\$57.00 Blue Sombrero
First Merit BT	\$66,216.17	+\$5,307.17
First Merit GT	\$11,950.74	N/C
Pay Pal Credit Card	\$503.49	N/C

• Website

Shout out to the MASSES about available Board Positions for 2017.

Begin posting 2017 dates making all aware of registration dates and late fee dates. Any outstanding equipment must be returned to respective Trustee. Make aware of new Girl's Kaline Division.

- **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 two baseball fields has been approved at a cost of \$5,000,000.

Eagle Scout project for Dugout Roofs is holding due to finances.

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.

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. Deb also stated a new large box is needed at Bartlett.

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. More to come on these situations as winter continues. SLHS fields will be open all year. A miscommunication caused us to believe they may be closed but they will be open.

SLHS coaches requested Batting Cages for both Softball and Baseball Fields. Ralph to discuss with coaches as to what the teams will bring to the table towards the cost of these Cages. SLJL will not fund the complete projects. Must be a partnership to get these done.

Dan will provide quantity and sizes needed of Softballs for 2017 season.

- **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.

New Girl's Minis division to play on Tuesday and Thursday. May need to schedule divisions for 3 games a week in Spring due to school closures for work on schools and parking lots. More to come during winter.

- **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.

- **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.

- **Umpires**

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

- **Division Report**

Jason presented 3 quotes for uniforms for Boy's in 2017. Quotes were received from Underground Shirts, Headfirst Printing, and KV Sports. Combination of Minors, Majors, and College Teams in order to make color combinations work. Jason removed Thunder and Tigers logos and will use others to avoid Travel issues and everyone wanting to be the Tigers.

Dan presented spread sheet for Girl's uniforms for 2017. After review of 3 bids it was determined to continue with KV Sports. With the change from Headbands to visors price will be approx \$1,000 more than 2016.

- **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.

Need to interview 10U prospective coach for 2017 and require attendance at weekly Board Meetings to make All Star Weekend successful.

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.

- **SLJL Calendar**

Jan 25 - Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
Jan 30 – 2017 Spring Registration Opens (Price \$165.00)
Feb 1 - Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
Feb 8 - Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
Feb 15 - Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
Feb 22 - Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
March 1 - Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House (Establish # of teams for 2017 Spring Season)
March 5 – 2017 Spring Regular Registration Closes
March 6 – 2017 Spring Late Registration Opens (Price \$200.00)
March 8 - Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
March 15 - Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
March 18 – Dick’s Day (10:00 am – 9:00 pm)
March 19 – 2017 Spring Late Registration Closes
March 22 - Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House (Coaches Meeting- Location TBD)
March 25 – Equipment Pick-Up (Time TBD)
March 29 – Spring Draft
April 5 – No Meeting Spring Break
April 10 – 2017 Spring Practices Begins
April 12 - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
April 19 - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
April 26 - Board Meeting **9:00** pm Java House
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