

# SLJL Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2017

- **Attending**

Randy Hoffman, Ralph Dunigan, Guido McLaren, Laura Hoffman, Jen Schiller, Josh Wells, Sean O’Neil, Duane Lanyon, Ken Elkins, Rich Jasper, Bryan Spaller, Paul Dolan, Don Mifsud, Dean Whitcomb, Grace Hoffman

- **New Business**

Meeting minutes of January 18 were accepted.

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. Looking at Monday March 6. Jen is checking on school schedules.

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

## **The following are open Board Positions for 2017;**

- 1. New Girl’s Minis Trustee**
- 2. Umpire in Chief-Boys**

Thanks to Grace Hoffman for volunteering to be the SLJL Charity Coordinator for 2017. She is looking at the Military as our Charity for 2017. Grace will be reporting weekly on her progress.

From this date going forward there will not be any registering of events not run by SLJL on Blue Sombrero or SLJL Website. If High School, Travel Teams or other Teams need registering of some sort for fund raising they must run their own registration, and be responsible for answering all of the questions from families.

- **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	\$28,684.73	-\$891.00 Marker Engraved -\$58.00 Java House -\$18.00 Ump Pay -\$150.00 Car Wash Sign
First Merit BT	\$54,637.67	-\$11,578.50
First Merit GT	\$13,209.12	+\$1,258.38
Pay Pal Credit Card	\$503.49	N/C

- **Website**

Shout out to the MASSES about available Board Positions for 2017 and 2017 Registration Opening Jan 30, 2017.

Jen and Laura will start to register all SLJL Board Members on Blue Sombrero so they all receive SLJL communication.

- **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.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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.

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.

Ralph and Randy conducted an inventory of equipment in the extra storage unit Saturday. Have practice balls for all boy's divisions along with game balls for T-Ball, Kaline, Mays, Reese, and Koufax. Also, have practice balls for GCP, Minis, Minors, and Majors.

- **Scheduling**

Ralph, Ken, and Dean need to discuss travel dates ASAP. Boys Travel begins scheduling on Feb 7.

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.

Boys scheduling to begin Feb 7.

Dean meeting with Henry Ford Hospital regarding pitching elbow research. Will be requesting many of the Boys travel teams to participate to help in this research.

- **Umpires**

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

- **Division Report**

Boy's Uniforms everything is progressing fine. The hats are already arriving.

Girl's Uniforms, Men's coach's hats will be black with team mascot.

Koufax pitching rule changed to each pitcher can pitch up to 12 outs per day and then must have 36 hours of rest before pitching again. This includes double headers in Spring and Fall.

- **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 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 (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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

