

# SLJL Meeting Minutes – March 1, 2017

## Attending

Ralph Dunigan, Dan Young, Dean Whitcomb, Bryan Spaller, Sean O’Neil, Ken Elkins, Jeni Schiller, Deb Gaudreau, Rich Jasper, Josh Wells, Jason Westphal Walt Novak, Brian Smith

## New Business 3-1-17

- Meeting minutes of February 22 were accepted.
- We need Board Members to commit to volunteering for shifts at Dicks Sporting Goods on March 18. We need volunteers for 9-12, 12-5 and 5-8 p shift.
- There is no restaurant committed for Dicks SG Day. Deb G will order 30 SLJ sweatshirts to sue as door prizes at DSG. (red, white, blue).
- No late fee for Colt or Palomino. Not decided for Koufax.
- Discussed March 25. 9-11 am Coaches training would be open to parents.
- Confirmed March 22 is Coaches Meeting, Location TBD. Boys 7-8. Girls 8-9.
- Registration Numbers as of 3-1-17 = 830
  - T-Ball - 134
  - GCP - 59
  - Minis - 57
  - Minors - 55
  - Majors - 21
  - BCP - 169
  - Kaline - 98
  - Mays - 119
  - Reese - 82
  - Koufax - 28
  - Colt - 7
  - Palomino - 1

## Archived New Business

- 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;
  - Umpire in Chief-Boys
- 2017 SLJL Rules were approved and released for posting on Website and Facebook.
- Discussion concerning Coaches Expectations needs to happen before Coaches Clinics. This will allow us to have these published and shared with all coaches so there is no question as to their responsibilities and what the SLJL expects of them.
- Ralph proposed having Coaches clinics put on by SLHS Baseball and Softball coaches on Saturday March 25 at SLHS and hand out equipment following Clinics. See SLJL Calendar for times.
- Doug Pajot and Nick Rovech attended board meeting to discuss process of becoming T-Ball coaches this coming season.
- Looking at a Tuesday in March for Holiday get together for Board Members and their families.
- Jason reserved 750 tickets for SLJL Night on May 20 at Comerica Park.
- Fall Season
  - There were concerns over how Fall Registration and Drafts transpired. The following are points to be implemented with future Registrations and Drafts;
  - All future Registrations to be Stopped on Sunday night prior to Wednesday Drafts. Open registration -following draft and place players from there on.
  - Need discussion on Hard Deadline for Future Registrations.
  - Need to have all Drafts at one location and on one evening.
  - Return to equalizing ages on teams within each division at Drafts.
  - Develop training material for each division’s coaches & parents for 2017.

## **Treasurer 3-1-17**

Chase Checking        \$89,493.94            N/C

First Merit Checking \$131, 626.67

+\$25,106 Blue Sombrero

- Clinic Reimbursement, TBall refund, Java House, Martin Hardware

First Merit BT        \$49, 721.21

First Merit GT        \$8, 834.02

Pay Pal Credit Card unknown

## **Website 3-1-17**

- Communicate that \$25 of every registration is directly deposited into Capital Improvements Fund.
- Agreed to Continue to promote registration through e-mail; FB, Twitter, car wash signage.
- Approved \$100 for FB ads for SLJL registration.

### **Archived Website**

- Shout out to the MASSES about 2017 Registration being Open, Dick's Day/Night, Tigers Night, All Star Dates, and SLHS Boys Clinics. Also let all know of regular registration ending on March 5 and Late registration beginning on March 6 with a \$35.00 late fee added on to regular registration.
- Jen and Laura will start to register all SLJL Board Members on Blue Sombrero so they all receive SLJL communication.

## **Fields/Equipment 3-1-17**

- Trustees need to meet before equipment handout to go through equipment. Handout is March 25.
- Bryan Spaller will get softballs as needed.
- Regarding Lyon Township Park, Dean shared that we are waiting for definitive details. We are expecting to have similar field usage agreements as in the past. Currently planning 2 200 foot side by side fields.
- Discussed making upgrades at Bartlett field in partnership with the schools & SL Rec.

### **Fields/Equipment Archived**

- 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 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 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, sizes needed, and pricing of Softballs for 2017 season. Still working on pricing.
- 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.

### **Scheduling 3-1-17**

- Jeni gave list of school dates to Ken

#### **Archived Scheduling**

- Jen to get Ken all school Blackout Dates so Ken can get Spring scheduling started.
- 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.

#### **Archived 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 3-1-17**

- Boys
  - 8, 9, 10 Travel Boys are all scheduled. 12 & 13 will be scheduled next week.
  - 12 & 13 will be in next week.
- Girls
  - Everything will be in by March 10.

### **Archived 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 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.
- Girl's 14 U won unnamed tournament.

### **Umpires 3-1-17**

- Umpire Clinics have been scheduled
- A plan needs to be made for Boys Umpire in Chief. We need to brainstorm a new way to organize Boys umpiring.

### **Archived Umpires**

- Duane will continue in the new year to help at the lower age groups in training and communication as umpires.
- 2017 Umpire hiring has begun.
- Minis Umpire fee will be \$18.00/game.

### **Division Report 3-1-17**

- Nothing new to report

### **Archived Division Report**

- Boy's Uniforms everything is progressing fine. The hats are already arriving.
- T-Ball uniforms have been finalized and ordered.
- Girl's Uniforms, Men's coach's hats will be black with colored SL to match player's colors.
- Derrick to meet with KV Sports on T-Ball uniforms.

### **Archived 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.

## 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.

## SLJL Calendar

(Establish # of teams for 2017 Spring Season)

March 5 – 2017 Spring Regular Registration Closes; agreed to delay 2 days

March 6 – 2017 Spring Late Registration Opens (Price \$200.00); agreed to delay 2 days

**March 8 - Board Meeting 7:00 pm Java House (Establish # of teams for 2017 Spring Season)**

March 15 - Board Meeting 7:00 pm Java House

March 18 – Dick's Day (10:00 am – 9:00 pm) (SLJL Event from Noon - 5:00 pm)

March 19 – 2017 Spring Late Registration Closes

March 22 - Board Meeting 7:00 pm (Coaches Meeting-Location TBD)

March 25 – Coaches Meetings 9:00-11:00 am, Equipment Pick-Up 11:00 am. All at SLHS.

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 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