

SLJL Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2017

- **Attending**

Randy Hoffman, Laura Hoffman, Ken Elkins, Ralph Dunigan, Dan Young, Josh Wells, Guido McLaren, Deb Gaudreau, Don Mifsud, Chris Hare, Jen Schiller, Rich Jasper, Jason Westphal, Dean Whitcomb, Grace Hoffman, Kelly Stemple, Walt Novak, Lance Shipman, Paul Dolan, Bryan Spaller, Derrick DeGroat

- **New Business**

Meeting minutes of March 8 were accepted.

The following are open Board Positions for 2017;

1. **Umpire in Chief-Boys**

Coaches Meetings at Millenium Middle School Cafeteria Wednesday March 22, Boys at 6:30-7:30 pm, Girl's 7:30-8:30 pm. No Board Meeting this Wednesday.

This Saturday March 25 will be Equipment Day at Bartlett Elementary. We will be organizing all team bags from 9:00-12:00 noon. Hand out of equipment bags will be from Noon-2:00 pm. We will not hand out any bags until noon. We need the time in the morning to get all organized. We will need help so please check your schedules and please help for an hour or two.

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

- **Registration**

	<u>Players</u>	<u>Openings</u>	<u># Teams</u>	<u>Players/Team</u>
T-Ball	174	46	8/12	11
GCP	80	16	8	12
Minis	79	17	8	12
Minors	76	20	8	12
Majors	35	13	4	12
BCP	220	14	20	12
Kaline	133	11	12	12
Mays	161	7	14	12
Reese	112	8	10	12
Koufax	48	7	5	11
Colt	8	7	1	15
Palomino	2	13	1	15

Total as of 3/15/17: 1,128

Trustees will be sent list of players on Monday March 20.

- **Spring Draft 2017**

Draft will be Wednesday March 29 at Millenium Middle School Cafeteria. Times are as follows;

1. BCP 6:00 pm
2. Kaline 6:30 pm
3. Mays 7:00 pm
4. Reese 7:30 pm
5. Koufax 7:30 pm
6. GCP 6:30 pm
7. Minis 7:00 pm
8. Minors 7:30 pm
9. Majors 7:30 pm

- **Treasurer**

Chase Checking	\$94,993.94	N/C
First Merit Checking	\$171,148.34	-\$58.00 Java House +\$31,300.25 Blue Sombrero
First Merit BT	\$45,869.13	+\$1,208.00
First Merit GT	\$15,194.02	N/C
Pay Pal Credit Card	\$522.61	+\$19.12

- **Website**

Shout out to the MASSES about 2017 Registration being Open, Tigers Night, All Star Dates, and SLHS Boys Clinics. Late registration beginning on March 6 with a \$35.00 late fee added on to regular registration. 2017 online store to open this week.

- **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 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. Jason at DSG is looking into price and quality of Soft Balls that DSG can provide SLJL.

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 needs to order Brooms, 5 Sets of Bases, and 4 new Drags for upcoming season. Do not need Safety Bases. New bases are needed for Brummer, Salem, 9 Mile, and SLHS Boy's fields. The Golf Cart needs to go in for yearly checkup. Walt will provide Deb with new First Aid Kits he has. Board approved \$1,000 for bases and \$127.00 for brooms.

Dean to order dirt for 2017 Volunteer season. Ralph to order seasons worth of foul line paint for Deb.

- **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.

- **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. Dean reports there are a few stragglers that he is getting to sign up.

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.

- **Dick's Day**

Was very successful. Details at next Board Meeting.

- **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**

March 22 - Coaches Meeting 6:30 pm Millenium Cafeteria

March 25 – Equipment Pick-Up Noon-2:00 pm at Bartlett Elementary

March 29 – Spring Draft at Millenium Cafeteria 6:00-9:00 pm

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