

SLJL Meeting Minutes – March 8, 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, Chris Hare, Grace Hoffman, Dave Curtis, Joe Pesci, Bret Jackson, Kelly Stemple, Brian Smith, Rob Brothers

- **New Business**

Meeting minutes of March 1 were accepted.

The following are open Board Positions for 2017;

1. Umpire in Chief-Boys

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.

Jason reserved 750 tickets for SLJL Night on May 20 at Comerica Park.

- **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	76	20	8	12
Minors	75	21	8	12
Majors	34	14	4	12
BCP	211	29	20	12
Kaline	130	14	12	12
Mays	157	11	14	12
Reese	107	13	10	12
Koufax	48	7	5	11
Colt	8	7	1	15
Palomino	1	14	1	15

Total as of 3/8/17: 1,101

- **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	\$99,993.94	+\$5,500.00 Travel Fee's
First Merit Checking	\$139,906.10	-\$20,000.00 KV Uniforms -\$62.00 Java House -\$340.00 CPA/1099's +\$34,508.52 Blue Sombrero -\$262.00 U-Storage -\$5,500.00 Transfer Chase
First Merit BT	\$44,661.13	-\$15,466.34
First Merit GT	\$15,194.02	+\$2,514.90
Pay Pal Credit Card	\$503.49	N/C

- **Website**

Shout out to the MASSES about 2017 Registration being Open, Dick's Day/Night, 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.

- **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 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.

- **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**

Ralph to get Banner for Kid's to sign at Dick's

Jason of DSG is increasing value of Door Prizes at Dick's Day.

Need people to participate in hours before (9:00-Noon) (Randy & Don) and after the Noon to 5:00 pm (5:00-9:00 pm) (Deb & ?).

Board Approved \$500.00 along with DSG Gift Card of \$500.00 to be spent on kids raffle prizes at DSG Day.

Deb will order 30 sweatshirts (Red, White, & Blue) to use as door prizes at DSG Day.

- **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.

- **SLJL Calendar**

March 15 - Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
March 18 – DSG Day (10:00 am – 9:00 pm) (Main Event 12:00 – 5:00 pm)
March 19 – 2017 Spring Late Registration Closes
March 22 - Board Meeting **7:00** pm (Coaches Mtg-SLHS Lecture Hall)
March 25 – Equipment Pick-Up 9:00-11:00 am 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