

SLJL Meeting Minutes – January 4, 2017

- **Attending**

Randy Hoffman, Ralph Dunigan, Guido McLaren, Ken Elkins, Paul Dolan, Rich Jasper, Derrick DeGroat, Walt Novak, Dan Young, Deb Gaudreau, Laura Hoffman, Jen Schiller, Jason Westphal, Don Mifsud, Bryan Spaller, Lance Shipman, Andrew Slankster, Josh Wells

- **New Business**

Meeting minutes of December 14 were accepted.

Discussion on possible bids for 2017 Pictures, Porta Johns, Uniforms, Trophies, and Equipment.

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.

SLJL Board approved donation of \$100.00/child to the Friedrichs College Fund. Bob a long-time coach in the SLJL passed away during the Holidays of ALS. The boys (2) are in college and a senior in high school this year.

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.

Continued open discussion concerning rule changes for 2017. Changes have all been discussed. Randy will publish 2017 Rules in coming weeks for review before inserting on SLJL Website.

Need to establish Date, Time and Where the SLJL Christmas/New Year/Holiday Party will be.

The following are open Board Positions for 2017;

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

Thank you to Dave Curtis (Koufax) and Josh Wells (Kaline) for volunteering to be Trustees for the 2017 season.

• 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. Registration Late Fees, Early Registration Discounts to be considered for 2017 Spring.
6. All Travel Boys & Girls must register thru Blue Sombrero starting with Fall of 2016 Registration.
7. Reevaluate age groups for T-Ball thru Koufax including Boys and Girls divisions. Try to implement a new Girls division mirroring the Kaline division in Boys. This all to be discussed and implemented prior to Spring 2017 season.
8. Develop training material for each division's coaches & parents for 2017.

• Treasurer

Chase Checking	\$89,493.94	+\$6,250.00 Fall Field Fee's
First Merit Checking	\$44,543.87	 -\$3,255.00 Porta Johns -\$1,800.00 Umpire Schedule -\$55.00 Java House -\$1,289.00 Ump Pay/Bonus -\$262.00 Storage -\$385.00 Field Prep +\$58.00 Blue Somb Deposit

First Merit BT	\$48,436.45	+\$926.00
First Merit GT	\$13,763.49	-\$3,981.05
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 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.

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.

There will be a hands-on inventory this Fall/Winter of all SLJL Inventory.

Catchers masks needed for Koufax for Spring season.

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. SLHS Softball parking lot

closing for undisclosed period. SLJL trying to work out possibly supplying temporary fencing to allow use of fields while work is completed. More to come on these situations as winter continues.

Continued further discussion concerning SLHS request for 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.

- **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 Kaline 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. 199 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 out at the lower age groups in training and communication as umpires.

- **Division Report**

Trustees please organize your coaching applicants from past year and provide a list to incoming trustee as far as good/ bad coaches.

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.

- **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.

Dates for 2017 All Star Weekend have been chosen. They are July 13-15, 2017

- **SLJL Calendar**

Jan 11 - Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
Jan 18 - Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
Jan 25 - Board Meeting **7:00** pm Java House
Jan 30 – Spring Registration Opens
March 5 – Regular Registration Closes
March 6 – Late Registration Opens
March 18 – Tentative Dick’s Day
March 19 – Late Registration Closes
March 29 – Spring Draft
April 10 – Practice Begins
May 8 – Games Begin, T-Ball Practice Begins
May 20 – Tentative SLJL Night at Comerica Park
May 22 – T-Ball Games Begin
July 13-15 – All Star Weekend