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San Lorenzo Valley Little League Board of Directors May 16, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Present: Mike Ayers, Peg Weisse, Sue Sutherlin, Addam Stark, Jared Austin, Leslie Haddad, Steven Shabry, Loren Fontinell, Jeremy Lyman, John Woolfolk, Nick Purtscher, Mike Kelly, Heather McLean, Paige Garrahan, Mike Olmsted, Brienne Ruscoe

Pres. Ayers called the meeting to order a little after 8 p.m.

Meeting Minutes: There were no minutes from the prior special meeting.

Tournament Dates/Brackets:

Pres. Ayers went over a draft schedule for League tournaments.

7-8 Tournament:

Pres. Ayers noted the League is hosting this season's 7-8 tournament and asked for volunteers. Mr. Austin said he would provide umpires. Ms. Weisse said she would staff the snack shack and prepare tournament binders and order portable toilets, Mr. Lyman said he would prepare fields. There was some discussion about changing the field designations from "majors" and "PONY" to "Field 1 and Field 2" and about local rules. Pres. Ayers said he would be tournament director, Scott Murray and possibly Greg Oropeza would serve as announcers. Mr. Lyman said he would check with the school district about making school bathrooms available.

All-Stars:

Pres. Ayers said District 39 All Stars start June 25 and run through July 10. Scotts Valley and Pajaro leagues would host sectionals. Brackets are online with District 39.

Ms. Haddad said she has had the following express interest in managing various tournament teams:

7-8 Morgan Scarborough

8-9 Sandor LeBarre

9-10 Addam Stark

10-11 Mark Edgemon, Nick Purtscher

11-12 Jared Austin, Mike Olmsted

Pres. Ayers said the manager interview committee would consist of himself, Ms. Ruscoe, Ms. Weisse, Sheri Austin and division reps Loren Fontinell and Mike Olmsted. There was some discussion of schedule and it was decided the committee would interview candidates May 18 and 19 and the board would vote May 23 at a special meeting, with the teams drafted June 1 and announced June 3.

Maximum Pitch Violation

Various board members raised a concern that AAA River Cats Manager Sandor LeBarre had allegedly violated pitch count restrictions in a recent game by allowing a pitcher limited to 75 pitches to throw 77 and then bringing the same pitcher out for another inning where he ended up throwing a total of 87 pitches. Mr. LeBarre was not present at the meeting to address the matter. Division Representative Mike Olmsted said he would speak to Mr. LeBarre about the matter. There was some discussion whether the board should vote on imposing a penalty or issue a warning. Pres. Ayers said the League's bylaws set up a procedure in which the accused must be given an opportunity to address the concern first.

Ms. Ruscoe moved and Mr. Olmsted seconded that the League give Mr. LeBarre a written notice of violation and a warning that any subsequent violation of League rules could result in his suspension for a game. The motion carried on a 9-3 vote. The board also expressed a desire not to select Mr. LeBarre for the 8-9 tournament team in light of the alleged violation.

Absent Player

Pres. Ayers asked if the board should have a local rule to address a matter in which a player on the Majors Astros team had missed a significant number of practices and games but did not meet the Little League Int. definition of a missing player. He asked whether a local policy should dictate a point at which the player needed to be replaced. Astros Manager Olmsted indicated the player was back with the team after league officials fluent in his parents' native language reached out to them. The board indicated no desire to create a local rule at this time.

Other Matters:

Mr. Purtscher indicated a parent had verbally abused him mid-game and asked what the League should do about it. Pres. Ayers said he would send a letter of warning to the parent.

Ms. Haddad moved and Mr. Fontinell seconded adjourning, all approved at 10:30 p.m.