



Spotsylvania County Little League, LLC
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Spotsylvania County Little League

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes – November 10th, 2024

Date:	11/10/2024	Chair:	James Manning, President
Time:	6:42 PM	Secretary:	Stephanie McInteer
Location:	The Revival Center	Quorum Required:	Yes
Virtual Available:	Y	Quorum Met:	Yes
Notification Sent:	Yes - via Slack on 11/01	Minutes Approved:	Yes

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order with James Manning, President presiding as and Stephanie McInteer, Secretary recording minutes.

In Attendance:

President	James Manning	P	Information Officer	Daniel McNally	P
Vice President	Matt Glunt	P	Equipment Manager	Kevin McInteer	P
Vice President - Challenger	Scott Neal	A	Uniform Coordinator	Joe Vaccaro	P
Secretary	Stephanie McInteer	P	Sponsorship Coordinator	Tiffany Dudek	P
Treasurer	Elizabeth Brown	A	Fundraising Coordinator	Angela Williams	C - Called In
Player Agent	Rachael Merlo	P	Player Development - Softball	Lee Krueger	P
Coaching Coordinator	Josh Pastell	P	Player Development - Baseball	Roy Garthe	C - Called In
Facilities Coordinator	Josh Price	P	Member at Large	Fred Brown	A - Flying overseas
Safety Officer	Justin Newton	P	Member at Large	David Janney	P
Umpire In Chief	Tim Evans	P	Member at Large	Alexis Johnson	C - Called In

of Guests: 0

In person - 14

On the phone - 3

Angela Williams, Roy Garthe, Alexis Johnson

Approval of Previous Minutes and Agenda:

A motion was made by Kevin McInteer to approve the meeting minutes from October and seconded by Justin Newton.

A motion was made by Tiffany Dudek to approve the November meeting agenda and seconded by Rachael Merlo.

Financial Review:

1. Bank Account Balance: *(as of 10/31/2024)*
 - a. Checking: \$13,748.61
 - b. Saving: \$30,716.26
 - c. Prime Share: \$626.90
 - d. Total Balance: \$45,091.77

Director Reports:

1. Player Development Coordinator Baseball: Roy Garthe
 - a) Contacted CEB - Sunday is the best time slot for clinics
 - i) Joey Friedman will help with hitting and catching clinics. Need to propose some dates for availability
 - b) Reached out to Courtland HS and Chancellor HS for training clinics: possibly in the Spring....
 - c) I will organize and host some pitching clinics myself
2. Player Development Coordinator Softball: Lee Krueger
 - a) Working on 2025 budget to submit for approval
 - b) Putting together some off season clinics/ sessions
 - i) Reached out to CEB and is working on setting up 3 sessions over 3 months (Dec, Jan, Feb) - \$60/hr
 - ii) Jasmine Blackwell working on putting together a hitting session; probably at FOCUS (she has a membership) - only offer to Fall and Spring registrants
 - (1) Focus requires a membership to use the facility
3. Uniform Coordinator: Joe Vaccaro
 - a) Not much to do with uniforms yet
 - i) Goal - end of November to figure out who to use for Spring uniforms
 - b) Working on uniform budget for 2025
 - c) Received inventory of hats from hanger
4. Facilities Manager: Josh Price
 - a) Joe has put together and shared the facilities budget for 2025
 - i) received all spreadsheets and data/ information from Joe
 - b) Requesting a dinner with James M and Joe V as a training session on navigating and scheduling within SportStack (*****DINNER IS ON JOSH*****)
 - c) Wants to work with convincing High Schools to allow field usage
 - d) From James - P&R likes to plan a meeting in December or January. Great time to flood them with all of your questions

Director Reports: *continued*

5. Fundraising Coordinator: Angela Williams
 - a) All updates noted in the agenda
 - b) Need to check PO Box for Jimmy T's check (he's been saying he sent it) - James to check PO Box tomorrow AM (11/11)
6. Sponsorship Coordinator: Tiffany Dudek
 - a) Sent emails to all of last years/ seasons sponsors
 - i) So far we have received a few yes's to return as sponsors
 - b) I have dropped off multiple sponsorship requests
 - i) Nothing Bundt Cakes, Salon Voss, other local businesses....
 - c) From James - gave Tiffany a business card with a QR code to our sponsorship page
 - d) Dick's will want to sit down with us to discuss renewing their sponsorship
 - e) Want to reach out to Academy
 - i) From James - We can NOT accept a sponsorship from Academy while having a sponsorship with Dick's.
 - ii) We CAN accept donations from Academy
 - f) Josh suggests going to car dealerships - we have tried in the past with no luck... Carmax requires an endorsement
7. Equipment Manager: Kevin McInteer
 - a) Collected equipment on 11/10 from 2-5
 - i) still missing around 15 or so bags of equipment
 - ii) I have approved and signed off on certain seasoned managers holding their equipment for their Spring season (ex - Josh Price, Joe Vaccaro, etc....)
 - b) Lee would like to request we update the catchers gear straps to clips and get rid of velcro - IT SUCKS
 - c) Need to set up a cleaning gear / hanger party before Spring planning gets in full gear
 - d) Joe has small catchers gear to donate to SCLL (Play It Again refused to take the gear and likely won't take our old gear)
8. Information Officer: Daniel McNally
 - a) Received 115 responses to the parent survey that was sent out
 - i) summary of responses posted in slack on 11/10 around 5:30 PM.
 - b) Budget 2025 - Fred reached out and informed me of the previous use of the budget. Had \$2K and only used \$800. Possibly can decrease the budget to \$1500 for 2025
 - i) I would like to spend the budget on advertising for more registrations and volunteers
 - (1) Parents would like to see higher registrations specifically for Softball (we should focus advertising here)
 - ii) Google Workspace - coordinate email transition shortly; everyone can have an account
 - (1) Emails need to forward to a standard email for transitioning roles over time

Director Reports: *continued again...*

9. Umpire In-Chief: Tim Evans
 - a) Proposed a new Umpire incentive plan
 - b) In contact with Jeff Petty from Focus for training dates in January and March for umpires to practice balls and strikes calls
 - c) Discuss with board to comp Focus sponsorship - James to send Tim the paperwork for comparable trade in services and sponsorship
 - i) Focus asked if they can keep a group of kids and specific managers
 - ii) Coach Pitch we can possibly carry over half a team, but not a full team, and not at any other level
 - d) Lee to work with Tim on player development sessions in addition to umpire sessions
 - e) Ed Dudek is making “Zones” for Tim, in 2 different sizes
10. Safety Officer: Justin Newton
 - a) Collected almost all safety kits at equipment dropoff on 11/10 from 2-5 PM
 - i) still missing around 14
 - b) David Janney suggested a \$500 increase to the 2025 budget to replace and restock the FA kids (\$12/each)
 - c) Kevin is reaching out to look into getting ammo boxes for permanent kits inside of the blue boxes
 - d) James is meeting with the Roche family regarding their insurance claim
 - i) the family accepted the claim about a week ago
11. Coaching Coordinator: Josh Pastell
 - a) Main effort over the last month was dispersing a coaches questionnaire - will discuss later
 - b) Will start working on appointing managers
 - c) Coaches/ Managers can download skills worksheets from the website
 - d) Need to teach/ train managers and coaches how to properly line a field with less waste of chalk - make tutorial video
 - e) Put changes in the umpire training to make rules a little more clear across the board
 - i) focusing on equipment checks
 - ii) FAQ
 - iii) taking infield for each team
 - iv) when to have the fields lined with chalk
 - v) Umpire Rules training is a minimum of 8 hours

Director Reports: *continued again...*

12. Player Agent: Rachael Merlo
 - a) Registration is trickling in
 - i) 62 kids are registered
 - (1) mostly TBall and CP.
 - ii) Received quite a few age waiver requests from TBall up to CP.
 - b) We got almost all of our kid pitch verified in the Fall for Spring, so we only need to verify a few new registrants
 - c) Registration deadline is the day before assessments
 - i) Registration will get cut early if we don't have enough managers to support the teams (2/24ish)
 - (1) We had to cut off CP registration early in Fall due to lack of volunteer managers; need to keep an eye on that
13. Member At Large: David Janney - nothing to update at this time
14. Member At Large: Alexis Johnson - nothing to update at this time
15. Member At Large: Fred Brown - nothing to update at this time
16. Treasurer: Elizabeth Brown - nothing to update at this time
17. Secretary: Stephanie McInteer
 - a) working to collect SOP's
 - b) working through Google Drive folders (lots of duplicates) to find any SOP's that may have been submitted and stored
18. Vice President Challenger: Scott Neal - nothing to update at this time
19. Vice President: - Matt Glunt - nothing to update at this time
20. President: James Manning
 - a) Working insurance stuff for Roche family; answering as many questions as possible as they come
 - b) Fielding scholarship requests; we send them to T-Mobile; there's an SOP on how to issue the "Coupons"
 - i) we can't turn anyone away for "lack of funds" per LL policy; being good stewards of Non Profit status

Other Reports:

1. Josh Pastell
 - a) to discuss the questionnaire results later
2. Daniel McNally reports 115 responses to the survey sent out
 - a) POSITIVE manager feedback
 - b) 2 major complaints - managers/ coaches prioritizing their own children and travel players being prioritized

- c) Parents are happy with registration process and the fees
 - d) great communication across the board
 - e) A few complaints regarding picture day being so late in the season.
 - f) Competitive balance in the league was also a complaint
 - g) Suggestions - adding abilities to registration form, need better equipment, practices between games;
 - h) Some complaints about specific managers, rules, and communication
3. Josh Price wants to have playoffs
- a) LL as an organization DOES allow playoffs; SCLL can make the decision to do so or not
 - b) I personally bring kids from LL to P&R and P&R kids to LL; parents always ask me why we don't have playoffs in LL
 - c) a lot of the senior SB girls won't ever play varsity SB and won't see a championship game
 - d) Downside is scheduling and there being little to no time in the spring
 - e) Could hold a 2 day tournament that could count toward the 12 game minimum for Allstars; possibly end of season tourney
 - f) senior minimum game rule doesn't exist so it's easier to have playoffs at this level
 - g) Lee completely disagrees; we are a developmental league; the girls that had a bad season don't want to still play and feel defeated; our mission statement says we develop players not win playoffs/ and assign trophies
 - h) Joe seconds the toxicity of playoffs in a developmental league
 - i) Per Matt; we need to find out if these are special games and what we are allowed to do here.....
 - j) Josh final point - he doesn't see the toxicity that Lee and Joe are concerned with

New Business:

1. Time Evans proposes to update the Umpire incentives
 - a) 5 games - Free Registration; 12 games - \$20; 20 games - \$50
 - b) Hoping this helps to incentivise more umpire retention

Scheduling of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the SCLL Board of Directors will be for a monthly meeting, tentatively scheduled for 12/08/2024 at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment:

James Manning moved that the meeting as documented above be called to adjournment, at which agreement was made at 8:47 PM.

Action Items and Additional Motions:

MOTIONS/VOTES:					
motion:	Moved by:	seconded:	carried/ failed:	#AY E	#n ay
Approve previous meeting minutes (10/20/24)	Kevin McInteer	Justin Newton	Carried	17	0
Approve November Agenda	Tiffany Dudek	Rachael Merlo	Carried	17	0
Update Umpire Incentives - proposed by Tim Evans - 5 games ½ off reg; 8 games free reg; 14 games 35; 20 games \$50; 30+ games \$65	Lee Krueger	Tiffany Dudek	Failed		
Amended Updated Umpire Incentives - proposed by Tim Evans - 5 games free reg OR \$20; 12 games \$25; 20 games \$50	Tiffany Dudek	Joe Vacarro	Carried	17	0