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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CAPITOL HILL LITTLE LEAGUE (CHLL)

A meeting of the CHLL Board was held on December 7, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time by video. CHLL President David Fox presided over the opening of the meeting. Becky Skinner served as Secretary. In attendance were:

Melissa Beard
Jake Cumsky-Whitlock
Steve Fall
David Fox
Jason Goldsmith
Lance Hayden
Seth Kaufman
Becky Skinner
Ryan Smith
Justin Sprinzen
Ramin Taheri
David Toney
Lona Valmoro

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from November. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Commissioners

David Fox presented one commissioner for board approval.

Juniors: David Schneier

A motion was made to approve David as the Juniors commissioner. The motion was approved by voice vote.

2021 Board Priorities

Jason Goldsmith discussed the proposed board priorities for 2021, noting that they were similar to the board priorities from 2020 with the exception of adding COVID precautions to the priorities. The board discussed each of the priorities including increasing participation from schools where we play but where participation is currently low. The board also discussed the district's role in helping to increase participation in baseball and softball citywide. The player experience was considered. It was agreed that CHLL should provide a positive experience for all players which will include a mix of competitiveness,

development, and opportunities to be social. The goal is to provide the best experience to the greatest number of players. One way to achieve this is to help improve the coaching pipeline. The board also discussed physical infrastructure needs, operations, and processes.

Treasurer's Report

Ryan Smith delivered the treasurer's report. The only major expense since November was paying \$5,000 for our Little League charter and insurance.

Majors and AAA Workouts

Justin Sprinzen provided an overview of the current issues associated with running workout days given the uncertainty of field permits, possible weather issues, and COVID associated issues, including the need for small group workouts. With these issues in mind, Justin has been working with Bradley Baseball (BB) to arrange for small group workouts at the BB facility in Reston, Virginia. Holding the workouts at the BB facility would be substantially less expensive than holding them at the Dynasty facility. Justin will continue to work on finalizing the Majors and AAA workout plan.

Calendar Update

CHLL will hold a coach interest meeting on Thursday, January 7.

Registration Update

Jason Goldsmith provided an update on preparations to open registration in mid-December. The board discussed not charging late fees for the spring season. A motion was made to forgo instituting a late fee for the spring 2021 season. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Fields Update

Lona Valmoro and David Fox discussed the need for a backup plan if school fields are not available for the spring season. CHLL currently uses fields at Eastern, Tyler, Payne, and Ludlow. Lona and David are going to talk with DPR and the Fields at RFK to discuss possible options for getting more space.

League Age Changes

Becky Skinner discussed the work of the small group charged with finalizing the document explaining the league age changes for Majors and AAA and provided an overview of the substantive changes to the document. Becky will send the document to the board for any final comments.

Budget

Ryan Smith provided an overview of the budget and noted that no board members had proposed any substantial changes to the budget since it was reviewed at the November board meeting. The board had a brief discussion about funding for clinics. A motion was made to approve the final budget as transmitted on December 7, 2020. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Communications

David Fox will send a fall season wrap-up email on Tuesday, December 8. Another email will be sent on December 14, announcing the start of spring registration. The board also discussed coordinating with other leagues to communicate with the city about the importance of Little League and the need to have field access this spring.

Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be on Monday, January 4 at 6:30 pm, unless the board needs to convene earlier, and will be conducted by video.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. EST.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted,

David Fox, President

Rebecca Skinner, Secretary