

## **DRAFT**

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

A meeting of the CHLL Board was held on November 2, 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 Cumsy-Whitlock  
Steve Fall  
David Fox  
Jason Goldsmith  
Lance Hayden  
Lisa Miller  
Becky Skinner  
Ryan Smith  
Justin Sprinzen  
Kevin Starace  
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 October. The motion was approved by voice vote.

#### **Commissioners**

David Fox presented five commissioners for board approval.

AA: Kevin Moriarty  
AAA: Doug Rawald  
Majors: Josh Batkin  
Softball: Jen Squires  
Challenger: Katie Holloran

A motion was made to approve all of the commissioners. The motion was approved by voice vote. Becky Skinner is working on recruiting commissioners for Single A and Juniors. Jake Cumsy-Whitlock will make sure that all of the newly approved commissioners have current concussion training certification.

### **Update of Fall Practices**

Jason Goldsmith provided an overview of registration. Registration is now closed. We did not fill all of the available fall slots for Majors, AAA, Softball, or Challengers. Being under enrolled, though, is giving us a chance to test our coronavirus protocols. Coaches are checking player temperatures regularly. Board members are communicating with coaches and following up regarding protocols as needed. Board members with children participating this fall said that things are going well. There have been some issues with other individuals trying to use our permitted space, but they have been addressed.

### **Implementing New League Age Changes for Majors and AAA**

Becky Skinner will lead a committee tasked with making recommendations to the board about how to implement the new board policy related to league age eligibility for Majors and AAA. The committee also will include Jason Goldsmith, Melissa Beard, Lisa Miller, Justin Sprinzen, Lance Hayden, Doug Rawald, and Josh Batkin.

### **Draft Spring 2021 Calendar Review**

Becky Skinner reviewed the draft spring 2021 calendar. The board discussed the Majors workouts. It also discussed possibly adding some meetings to the schedule to help recruit coaches and to provide coaches with training related to COVID protocols.

### **2021 Board Priorities**

The board had a brief discussion about the 2021 board priorities. Many of last year's priorities continue to apply. It was suggested that we add a priority related to COVID and potentially add something about a COVID "coach" under the coaching priority. Jason Goldsmith will update the board priorities for discussion at the December board meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Ryan provided the treasurer's report. He noted that he met with former treasurer, Chuck Barnett, to work on handing off the books. Ryan's goal is to have everything be as transparent as possible. He said that the November report is essentially the same as the October report. He is going to cancel all of the existing credit cards and apply for new ones in accordance with best practices for non-profit organizations. Ryan and David Fox are going to National Capitol Bank to make changes to the signers on the CHLL accounts.

Ryan discussed the MLB grant for field improvements at Payne. He will look into the timeline for using the funds. Steve Fall continues to follow up with the DC Department of General Services (DGS) twice a week. There has been no movement on getting approval for the work. David Fox, Steve Fall, Ryan, and Lisa Miller will reach out to the Nats to let them know that we are waiting on DGS approval and to see if they can help us get things moving. Ideally, the Payne field improvements will be completed prior to the start of the spring season.

### **Upcoming Communications**

David Fox discussed three separate communications that are needed. The first will be an announcement about the fall sessions and how they went. This announcement will come out sometime after the close of the season in November (or early December). A second

announcement will focus on the spring season, registration, late fee dates, and the league age structure changes for Majors and AAA. The third announcement will focus on a call for volunteers. For example, we need a grounds crew to set up the home run fences at the RFK Fields prior to games. We also would like to have grounds crew members to prepare fields for games at other locations, so managers and coaches do not have to do it.

### **Draft Budget**

Ryan Smith walked the board through the draft budget. The board discussed the need to match our priorities with our financial resources. It also discussed the possibility of providing financial support to other leagues and covering equipment costs for individual players. A Hit-a-Thon might be a way to support scholarship players and other leagues. The board also discussed potential donations to schools. The planned donations for 2020 were never made due to the pandemic. Ryan will create a revised draft budget and share it with the board for consideration at the December meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

The next board meeting will be on Monday, December 7 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 8:20 p.m. EST.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted,

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David Fox, President

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Rebecca Skinner, Secretary