

Monday, December 7, 2009

Members in attendance: Steve Blankenship, Keith Evans, Mike Martin, Dan Pena, Jaime Pena, Diana Torres, Vanessa Garoutte, Davis Winters, Mike Ryan, Frankhi Carrasquel

Members absent: Richard Binney, Jason Lindholm, Janette Lindholm, Julie Pinzon, Joe Sullivan, Albert Troutman

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Keith Evans at 7:09 pm.

II. Minutes

The minutes for the November 23, 2009 regular board meeting were approved as presented.

III. Standing Reports

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Joe Sullivan was not present at the meeting. Joe emailed Keith who presented the board with a monthly statement of the league's revenues and expenses. The current balance was reported to be \$24,703.00.

B. Equipment Report

Davis Winters stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

C. Field Report

Mike Martin nailed dragged and screen dragged all three (3) fields on Sunday, December 6, 2009. The fields are looking good. And it was a good thing as it snowed today (December 7, 2009) and is expected to rain for several days later this week. Mike requested renting a rototiller to mix in the Turface for the Minor "B" field. He also said that he would also rototill the Minor "A" and Major field as well. The Board gave Mike approval to rent a rototiller as soon as the weather would permit.

D. Player Agent Report

Player Agent Julie Pinzon was not present at the meeting. No report presented.

E. Sponsor Report

Pres. Keith Evans stressed the fact that 17 sponsors are needed immediately for the 2010 season and that the board should assist in acquiring sponsor commitments.

Dan Pena motioned to accept the standing reports as presented and Davis Winters seconded the motion with a unanimous vote by the Board approved the Standing Reports.

IV. Old Business

A. Officer Positions Available

Pres. Keith Evans stressed the importance and priority of the league to recruit a Minor A Administrator, Sponsor Coordinator and Umpire-In-Chief immediately. Also Keith mentioned that the Board will need a new secretary.

B. Fundraiser

Fundraiser Coordinator Diana Torres is working with Jason Lindholm to finalize the dates for the Bowl-A-Thon. Diana brainstormed with the board incentives for pledges. Diana will type these incentives up and get to the Board for final approval at the December 21, 2009 meeting. Diana & Jason are to have the Bowl-A-Thon pledge sheets completed by December 28, 2009 so they will be ready for player registrations. Keith said that Joe Sullivan ordered 100 coupon books to be sold at registration. Joe stated for Board members who would like to purchase and sell at their work, please contact Joe.

C. Project List

Field Maintenance Coordinator Mike Martin finalized proposals for the equipment bunker purchase. Mike & Joe Sullivan contacted several companies and the 2 best bids were 1) a 20 foot bunker for \$1,500 or 2) a 24 foot bunker for \$1,900. After discussion, Steve Blankenship made a motion and Davis Winters seconded the motion that the Board approve the \$1,500 bunker. The motion carried unanimously. Keith will pass the contact of the fence company to Mike Martin to finalize details when the fence will be installed at the Major field. The priority for the 2010 season is to have the Major field in good shape with pitching mound and fence. After a lengthy discussion, the Board decided to prepare the Minor "B" field for conversion in 2011 and not attempt to do it in 2010.

D. Player Registration

Pres. Keith Evans distributed almost 3,500 player registration announcements to the schools. A registration packet will go out later this week as Keith had to make more registration forms. Player registration dates are set and the following help is needed:

Saturday, January 2, 2010 at Ports Stadium – Keith, Julie Pinzon & Frankhi Carresquel

Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at Manlio Silva School – All Board Members needed

Saturday, January 9, 2010 at Ports Stadium – Keith, Julie Pinzon & Mike Ryan

Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at Creekside School – All Board Members needed

Banners need to be put out.

V. New Business

A. Sponsors

Pres. Keith Evans stated that we need 17 sponsors now. An email will be sent out to all returning players with the sponsorship form. During manager interviews, managers will be asked to assist with finding sponsorships.

B. Local Rules

Pres. Keith Evans presented the 2010 Delta Little League Local rules as recommended by the Competition Committee. A motion was made by Dan Pena and seconded by Mike Martin to approve the 2010 Delta Little League Local rules as recommended by the Competition Committee. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The Board discussed having 12 year-olds become eligible to move up to the Junior Division. This is an all 12 years-olds are eligible or no 12 year-olds are eligible issue. A motion was made by Davis Winters and seconded by Mike Ryan to not allow 12 years-old to become eligible to move up to the Junior Division. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The Board discussed disbanding the Major Division in 2010. This means that all returning Major Division property players would be entered into the Major Division draft pool. All returning Major players must play in the Major Division, but they will now be drafted on new teams for the 2010 season. A motion was made by Mike Ryan and seconded by Jaime Pena to disband the Major Division and have all returning Major Division players entered into the Major Division draft pool. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The Board discussed allowing a seven (7) year-old to be eligible for the Minor "A" Division. The Delta LL by-laws state that 7 year-olds may participate in the Minor "A" Division with Board approval. This is done on a case by case, player by player basis. A motion was made by Mike Martin and seconded by Steve Blankenship to allow Benjamin Gaff to be eligible for the Minor "A" Division draft in 2010. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

C. Player Evaluations (Try-Outs)

Player Evaluations are set for Saturday, January 16, 2010 and January 23, 2010. All managers, coaches, and board members need to assist in the player evaluations. The Board approved a managers, coaches and players clinic on Saturday, January 9, 2010. This clinic will be to familiarize potential managers and coaches on setting up the fields, drill stations and get familiar with some of the kids. The players would get to dust off their baseball gloves and bats and have some fun getting back into the swing of baseball. Keith will ask Jason Lindholm and Richard Binney to lead this clinic.

D. Opening Day

The Board discussed moving opening day back a week or two. The purpose was for more practice games for players and umpires, allow more practice due to an expected "El Nino" wet season, and to eliminate some of the potential absences from spring break. Keith will contact Sunrise LL to see when they would like to start as we will be interleague with them. A final decision next meeting.

VI. Other Business

A. None

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 21, 2009 at 7:00pm at Round Table Pizza in Spanos West. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.