



Gull Lake Little League Annual Membership Meeting – October 5, 2016

Called to order 6:45 PM

Present – Greg Bouhanna, Steve Tanner, Melanie Tanner, Paul Wargolet, Desiree LaDuke, Scott Hershberger, Bruce Krogel, Sherri Alvey, Barb Kuehl

Not Present – Jeramiah Gary, Tammy Sanders, Derrick Ricca, Umpire in Chief (vacant position)

✚ **Thank You!!!** To all coaches, board members, and volunteers!!!

✚ **Financials:**

- We spent \$2,630.09 on new equipment – primarily catchers gear & helmets.
- Our top 2 expenditures in 2016 were RTP and uniforms.
 - RTP: \$16,325.48
 - Uniforms: \$17,661.66
- Overall we are very healthy with \$26,440.62 in our account.
- Details of all expenditures in 2016 will be posted on our website.

✚ **Tournaments – hosting – the board voted not to host any All-Star tournaments in 2016 due to the lacking of volunteers and cost (field maintenance, score keepers, announcers). General conversation among Board members and members who attended the meeting today was why and what is needed. Current board explained that at least 35 volunteers are needed to run the tournament and the question is whether it is cost effective? RT gets the money made from the tournament not GLLL.**

The Coach Pitch and Tee Ball Division – it is highly recommended to the board that 1 person (board member) manage this group to give it the full attention it needs. Also to shorten their season and to **keep the small team sizes** as managers were able to spend more one-on-one time with the kids. **For 2016 there were 10 CP teams and 9 T-Ball teams.**

✚ As we did in 2016 going into the 2017 season we will cap the number of players/teams based on the number of volunteers coaches we have.

- ✚ Scheduling – **We had 500 kids playing on 48 teams this year** – we have seen huge growth in the past few years, which is exciting. With growth come some pains. We experienced it this year with rainouts and the need to make up games for the 9/10's and up for All-Star eligibility. The new scheduler and board members need to please keep this in mind. The older leagues, 7/8 and up need to at least complete 12 games that also include rainouts.
- ✚ Suggest to the new Board cutting in-person registration to one day, no cash, registration online must be paid by credit card, no checks accepted for online registration. **Consider in person registration to be eliminated.**
- ✚ **2016 BEST SAFETY PROGRAM – CENTRAL REGION WINNER – GLLL!!! 2nd year in a row!!!** This is a great honor for our League as there are 5500 Little League's across the U.S. and we won our region. President Greg Bouhanna had the honor of attending the 2016 World Series in Williamsport, PA with his family and Safety Officer Paul Wargolet and his family to receive the award. If you ever have an opportunity to go to the World Series, it is well worth the trip. The award is displayed on the back table along with photos for viewing. Thanks you to Paul Wargolet for all his hard work.

In attendance to the meeting were 15 non-board members which is phenomenal. A great turnout and many who have stepped up to fill the vacancies on the Board. Greg Bouhanna's proposal is that he recommends at least a 2 year commitment.

Days leading up to the meeting – the following Board Member positions are open with other Board positions who are seeking re-appointment except Sponsors/Uniforms Board Member Derrick Ricca who informed Desiree LaDuke and Secretary Melanie Tanner via email that he would not be returning to the Board. In addition, Steve Tanner is running for VP Baseball instead of Equipment Manager and Barb Kuehl has advised she would continue on as Treasurer as Non-Board Member Katie Moratti wished to take the vacant position of Sponsors/Uniforms instead of Treasurer if available after voting.

It was also brought up prior to the meeting from Non-Board member Erica Busick that her husband Josh Busick would volunteer for the position of Equipment Manager if needed. (He was unable to attend the meeting but spoke on his behalf). In addition it was recommended that the Player Agent Position should be separated as one person runs Baseball and the other runs Softball.

President Greg Bouhanna began introduction to identify the person(s) running for the positions below and filling other positions that may have opened. Prior to this meeting all positions were potentially filled by interested Non-Members who wished to volunteer.

Vacant positions

President – Colton Lenzinger – has 3 yr. experience in the league as a parent spectator and managing a team.

VP Baseball – Steve Tanner - has been a Board Member for 2016 as Equipment Manager but is seeking appointment to the position of VP Baseball.

VP Softball – Brian Methner has 2 children ages 4 & 2 and will be involved for TBall for his 4 yr. old daughter and plans to be around a while and wants to be involved.

Secretary – Board Member Melanie Tanner was Secretary along with Baseball Player Agent for 2016 due to no one volunteering for the position. Wishes to concentrate on one Board position. **Kristin Brown** also has children in LL and her husband has coached as well and would like to help and chose the vacant position of Secretary.

Umpire In Chief – for most of the 2016 season was a vacant position. Umpires are paid and the total spent was \$2,545.00. Currently there is no one running for this position, leaving it vacant. Reggie Walters who was in attendance to the meeting said he would attempt to recruit help to fill the position. Filling this position is very important.

Scheduler – Elizabeth Ratti also has children in LL and wanted to help in some way.

Sponsorship/Uniforms – Katie Moratti who advised prior to the meeting she would be Treasurer if needed, volunteer to take the position for Sponsorship/Uniforms since there was no one running for it.

In addition a Non-Member, Scott McDonald inquired about where to find the job description for each position and was interested in helping as Equipment Manager.

Desiree LaDuke also advised that a new contract needs to be signed with RTP and the contact person is Dave Jones. And it was highly recommended that Managers should also get an online certification through LLI.

Vote for Board Members - President Greg Bouhanna then passed out the 2017 Ballot for GLLL Board Members to those in attendance. They were then collected and counted by Treasurer Barb Kuehl.

Board for 2016-2017 Announced by President Greg Bouhanna

President – Colton Lenzinger

VP Baseball – Steve Tanner

VP Softball – Brian Methner

Secretary – Kristin Brown

Treasurer – Barb Kuehl

Player Agent Baseball – Melanie Tanner

Player Agent Softball – Erica Busick

Umpire In Chief – Vacant

Scheduler – Elizabeth Ratti

Safety Officer – Paul Wargolet

Equipment Manager – Josh Busick

Fundraising Coordinator – Sherri Alvey

Sponsorship/Uniforms – Katie Moratti

Webmaster – Scott Hersberger

At the conclusion of the reading of the new Board it was brought to my attention that Scott McDonald would like to assist with Equipment when needed and Jennifer Stuck would like to assist with Fundraising when needed.

Next GLLL Board Meeting – To be announced by the incoming President