



Gull Lake Little League
PO Box 310, Richland, MI 49083

GLLL Board Meeting Agenda – October 23, 2016

Called to order at 6:42 PM

PRESENT: Colton Lenzinger, Katie Moratti, Barb Kuehl, Steve Tanner, Melanie Tanner, Scott Hershberger, Josh Busick, Kristin Brown, Elizabeth Ratti, Paul Wargolet

NOT PRESENT: Brian Methner, Erica Busick, Sherri Alvey

Board Meeting Structure

All Board of Director and General Membership meetings will abide by Robert's Rules of Order:

- Roll Call/Attendance
- Determination of Quorum
- Reading of Minutes
- Report of Directors/Committees
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements/Open Forum
- Adjournment

Opening of Meeting

1. Roll Call/Attendance
2. Approval of Minutes from 10/5/2016: **Minutes from 9-24-16 and 10-5-16 approved and will be posted.**
3. Approval of Current Agenda

4. President – (Colton Lenzinger) - PRESENT

- Introduction
- New Board Members Roles - LL Website & GLLL By Laws
- Meeting recap with RTP - Contract, Field Improvements
- Parent Survey Recap

Colton Lenzinger's vision for the upcoming year is open communication, inclusion, and high accountability for board members in the roles. Descriptions of each of the board positions as well as responsibilities have been included in the agenda for everyone to review. He has also included an overview of the timeline for the board and what we have to accomplish throughout the year. Colton wants to set the tone for our activities are for the betterment of the league, for the kids and the families. Colton stated that with so many new individuals on the board this season that there will be lots of new ideas. He has assigned a "homework" for each board member to return with 3-5 individual goals for the upcoming year and as a group we will develop a top 10 list and share with the rest of the league.

Colton met with the Richland Township Park director to review the new contract for 2017. The new contract will be a 2 year contract at the same cost (\$4250 for field use, \$350 gas card). Paul Wargolet asked about the timing of the contract, which coincides with the Little League season April to July. Colton Lenzinger stated that he would email a copy of the contract to the board so everyone would be able to review. Officially we have the first rights to the field use but historically we haven't committed to weekends with the exception of the hit-a-thon and a few scheduled rain out weekends, and therefore the township books weekend events and tournaments with other organizations. Steve Tanner questioned whether the cost included whether we decide to host any all-star tournaments or if there would be an incentive to host a tournament since Richland Township Park would receive concession profit? Barb Kuehl mentioned in the past there was a real struggle to obtain volunteers for all-star tournaments in the past. Katie Moratti stated that this might be a new way to boost volunteer opportunities among the families. Another concern addressed with the Richland Township Park was field improvements, mowing heights, and bat rack replacements, etc. Dugout 6 needs new screen; Colton is getting an estimate for that repair. Also, storage options of the golf cart needs to be decided. Colton motioned to store it where Barb stores her golf cart where it can be maintained properly for \$80 for the winter, Steve Tanner 2nd, unanimously approved.

5. Treasurer (Barb Kuehl) - PRESENT

- Financial Update: Current balance of \$27,772.92 + check for \$1,016.60. We currently have no outstanding bills and no major expenses between now and next season. We need to add Colton Lenzinger to the bank account for access.

6. VP Baseball (Steve Tanner) - PRESENT

- Update: No updates

7. VP Softball (Brian Methner)- NOT PRESENT

- Update

8. Player Agent Baseball(Melanie Tanner) - PRESENT

- Update: Melanie is currently in the process of reviewing records as far as timing to open registration. Melanie posed a question to the board on whether we want to hold an in person registration? Suggested a one day in person registration and possibly an incentive for early registration. Also there are issues with the League One platform regarding volunteering and safety that needed to be updated. Also looking into Sports Illustrated platform but needs to be done ASAP if we decide to switch. Melanie plans on advertising in the communicator, on the board at Richland Township Park, flyers in school, mass email, etc.

9. Player Agent Softball(Erica Busick) – NOT PRESENT

- Update

10. Sponsorship Officer &Uniforms(Katie Moratti) - PRESENT

- Update: Katie has communicated with Derrick Ricca and is planning on meeting with him and John from Mailings and More to get filled in on the position and what he already has in place. Colton stated he also has ideas to communicate with her regarding uniforms and sponsorship. Melanie Tanner also mentioned getting price quotes from other vendors to see what's out there.

11. Equipment Manager(Josh Busick) - PRESENT

- Update: Josh plans on meeting with former equipment manager, Steve Tanner. Barb Kuehl mentioned to get with John to order balls and equipment early and tackle the organization of the equipment room. Steve Tanner also reminded us that in 2018 the Little League will be changing bats and funds need to be set aside to update the equipment bags for that change.

12. Webmaster (Scott Hershberger) - **PRESENT**

- Update: Our league fee of \$100 is due in January. Scott mentioned the Rocket Football program uses Sports Illustrated platform and is meeting with them to see what they have to offer. He asked for \$15 per year so we would have our own domain and also \$1.66/month for increased storage space on our webpage. He also has new ideas for sharing photos such as shutterfly, smug hug, etc. Melanie Tanner volunteered to manage the current Facebook page and work on combining the two pages.

13. Scheduler (Elizabeth Ratti) - **PRESENT**

- Update: No updates currently. Steve Tanner had the idea to email parents to gauge interest in holding Saturday games.

14. Safety Officer (Paul Wargolet) - **PRESENT**

- Background Checks: We can start background checks November 1. All board members need to turn in their background check information as soon as possible. Steve Tanner mentioned other little leagues wearing lanyards to identify people who have background checks and only those individuals would be permitted in the dugout.
- Update

15. Fundraising Officer (Sherri Alvey) – **NOT PRESENT**

- Update: Colton provided the updates for Sherri Alvey. The hit-a-thon has been a successful fundraiser in the past. Idea for how to increase participation: create different “levels” for the kids to achieve to win prizes and to have a “Super Saturday” where there are games scheduled in addition to the hit-a-thon. Colton motion to move forward with hit-a-thon, 2nd by Steve Tanner, passes unanimously.

Another fundraising idea would be to create a website with John from Mailings and more for spirit wear. Investigate more logos and more general logos.

16. Umpire-In-Chief (N/A)

- n/a: Melanie Tanner had an idea to have an umpire sign-up sheet similar to the Field Director sign-up sheet. Steve Tanner mentioned that other little leagues in the area require coaches on their off days to come back an umpire. Also if we pay our umpires, our insurance doesn't cover them. We need a contract for these umpires to protect the league.

Old Business:

- Colton Lenzinger wants to set up committees for things like All Stars, Field Directors, Umpires and the constitution.

New Business:

- Barb Kuehl suggested to have any kick back money to be moved to a savings account for special funding. Elizabeth Ratti motions, Melanie Tanner 2nd, unanimously approved.
- Melanie Tanner stated that since we are a 501c we do not pay tax on certain items so if supplies are needed, to obtain the paperwork to make those purchases. Also a reminder to turn in receipts ASAP for items.

Open Forum:

- Open Discussion
- Committees to establish

Important Dates:

- District 2 Interleague meeting – open to all board members
 - Thursday, November 10th, 2016 at 7pm Main Street
- GLLL Board Meetings:
 - Sunday, November 13th, 2016 at 6pm Aubrey's Pizza
 - Sunday, December 11th, 2016 at 6pm Main Street

Announcements:

Meeting adjourned.

Kristin Brown – secretary.