



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

GLLL Board Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2017

Opening of Meeting 6:00pm

1. Roll Call/Attendance: Colton Lenzinger, Lindy Wolthuis, Kristin Brown, Matt Morgan, Katie Moratti, Elizabeth Ratti, Paul Wargolet, Ian Launius, Shaun Ballard, Nicole Hess
2. Approval of Minutes from 11/12/2017 Colton Lenzinger motion to approve, Elizabeth Ratti 2nd, unanimously approved

1. President (Colton Lenzinger) - present

- Review and discussion of 2017 Parent Survey:
 - Request for food changes will share feedback and pass on to the Township 2.
 - Carnival – we will explore other options to do differently or opt out of the carnival. The cost to the league is currently \$4000. We can not have the bounce house due to it not being covered by insurance. Kristin Brown, Lindy Wolthuis, and Nicole Hess will explore different ideas for the carnival and present them to the Board at the next meeting.
 - Learned a lot from interleague games
 - What improvements do we want to see at the park?
 1. Bleachers at all the fields
 2. Dugouts on fields 8 & 9, permanent one on field 6 (currently mesh)
 3. Bring electrical to field 6 – will reach out to two sponsors to possibly do for discounted cost
 - Draft: will send out communication to parents. Discuss current thoughts on draft process. We currently use the snake draft. If we change the process and it is not one of the three that are little league approved then we will need to get it approved.
- Managers – Will bring forward names and vote on approval. Will wait until January until registration is finished so we know the number of teams that we have.
- Catchers equipment approved, softballs on order, baseballs on order next week, umpire gear examples coming in, two baseball bat models being tested to see which one we will go with, \$100/bat

2. VP Baseball (Steve Tanner) – absent

3. VP Softball (Lindy Wolthuis) – present

- uniforms- comparing boys vs. girls from last year. Girls snags easily. ? Change girls uniforms to dry fit or different cotton that doesn't snag. Limited colors. Will get examples for new ones and compare cost difference. Current cost \$15/shirt

4. Player Agent (Kristin Brown) – present

- New registration going smooth
- Brought examples of Little League University/Coaching practice

- Will put a reminder of the last day for early bird discount on Facebook
 - Need fliers sent to Montessori School
- 5. Treasurer (Matt Morgan) - present**
- Need to sign off on new bank account
- 6. Sponsorship Officer & Uniforms (Katie Moratti) - present**
- Update sponsorship forms. Team sponsors currently get \$100 off package. A banner is good for two years. Request report from registration on who would like to sponsor teams. Date on sponsorship form for payment deadline. Banners this year will be made of mesh. Waiting for price. Approximately \$50
- 7. Webmaster (Amanda Nuyen) - absent**
- Update: Website up and going
- 8. Scheduler (Elizabeth Ratti) - present**
- Concerns on following up on what parents sign up to volunteer for. They need to be held accountable for their volunteer commitment
 - Recruiting volunteers for umpires
 - Place post on Facebook reminding parents of appropriate behavior during games and zero tolerance policy.
- 9. Safety Officer (Paul Wargolet) - present**
- Everyone passed background checks
 - Request suggestions for safety items. Suggestions presented: 1. chest protectors and masks – need extra protection in lower levels 2. concussion awareness training- online course 3. Double base/orange safety at first base
- 10. Fundraising Officer (Ian Launius) - present**
- Discuss possibly doing something other than hitathon for fundraising in 2018. Request ideas. Money raised by hitathon is going down. Football team had coupon cards by adrenaline fundraising. Elizabeth Ratti suggested a silent auction, dinner and drinks. Katie Moratti suggested an idea of putting an area on registration for donations. Only 70% covered by registration. We need to notify parents of the reasons why we are doing a fundraiser, our goal of the fundraiser so that they know where funds are going
- 11. Umpire-In-Chief (Shaun Ballard) - present**
- Currently reviewing names of previous umpires info. Will be connecting with them
 - January 01, 2018 – training meeting
 - Working with Alex Hufford from Portage
 - Getting new umpire gear
- 12. Secretary (Nicole Hess) - present**
- Update: none

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Open Forum:

- No questions

Important Dates:

- District 2 Interleague meeting – open to all board members
 - Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7 pm, Main Street Pub Gull Rd
- GLLL Board Meetings:
 - Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 6pm, Jasper's Pizza Gull Rd
 - Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 6pm, TBD

Meeting adjournment at 8:00 pm. Motion by Elizabeth Ratti, motion to 2nd by Matt Morgan