



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

### GLLL Board Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2018

#### Opening of Meeting – 6:17 pm

1. Roll Call/Attendance: Colton Lenzinger, Paul Wargolet, Katie Moratti, Amanda Nuyen, Shaun Ballard, Kristin Brown, Lindy Wolthuis, Nicole Hess, Matt Morgan, Ian Launius
2. Approval of Minutes from 2/11/2018 – **Kristin Brown motion to approve, Shaun Ballard 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved**
3. **Treasurer (Matt Morgan) - present**
  - Financial Update: **email sent out with financials**
  - **\$55,623 – checking, \$10,000 - savings**
  - **YTD – budget \$36,000 registration. Budget \$37,000**
  - **Sponsorship/Donations \$11,500. Budget \$18,200**
  - **Kristin will issue refunds to the junior team that was dissolved through Dicks website and through checks. Will send totals**
  - **Supplies/Equipment \$14,500. \$14,300 budgeted before pitching machine expense**
  - **Waiting for quotes for improvements for the park. Benches, permanent dugouts #6, new dugouts #8 and #9, power to field #6. Will pick which one after quotes are in**
  - **Bills coming from Township for rental costs. Fee for fields \$4,250 May to May**
  - **Checks sent to Parchment and Eastwood for amount to off set cost of uniforms**
4. **VP Baseball (Steve Tanner) - absent**
  - Update: **No new updates**
5. **VP Softball (Lindy Wolthuis) - present**
  - Update: **softball clinic – Softball clinic went well. Would like to send Mr. Bell a \$50 Kitchen House gift card and his daughter a \$50 Amazon gift card which will be donated by Ian Launius. Motion to approve – Lindy Wolthuis. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kristin Brown. Unanimously approved**
  - **Little League International does not have a policy on face masks/face guards. Requests policy at local level. Little Minors- face masks/guards highly recommended but not required. Minors and above will require face masks/guards in the in field starting 2018 season. Motion to approve – Lindy Wolthuis. 2<sup>nd</sup>- Paul Wargolet. All unanimously approved. Colton will draft up a policy and give it to Lindy to share with the softball managers. A copy will be sent to Amanda to post to the safety section of the website.**
  - **Requests end of the year softball tournament be more realistic with National Anthem, Umpires for tournament and announcers. Need to double check on electrical equipment.**
6. **Player Agent (Kristin Brown) - present**
  - Update: **still getting add requests for registration. Any added player will not have uniforms for pictures or first games.**
  - **Still waiting on paperwork from players. Need to look at a different system for next year.**
7. **Sponsorship Officer & Uniforms (Katie Moratti) - present**
  - Update: **received money from sponsorships**

- Uniforms done on the 20<sup>th</sup> but will have a late add on batch
- Want to be proactive for All Stars tryouts so uniforms can be ordered. Colton will find out from district when we can hold tryouts.
- All Stars- Request to possibly have teams for the following:

Softball- 1 team majors, 1 team Minors, 1 team little minors

Baseball - 1 team intermediate, 1 team majors, 1 team 10/11 year olds, 1 team 9/10 year olds.

- Email sent to Little Minors Managers with a poll/feedback on end of year GLL end of year tournament versus participating in District 15 tournament. Per Colton we are unable to participate in both due to no room in the calendar. Concern voiced that not all the managers received the email to give feedback and would like to vote as a board on the decision for GLL playoff versus District 15 Tournament. Colton will get feedback from poll from Steve. Need to make a decision tomorrow night due to schedule being completed on 4/16. Conference call scheduled for tomorrow night, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 to discuss and vote
- Lindy would like to give the Softball All stars the option to choose between hair bows or headbands

#### 8. Information Officer (Amanda Nuyen) - present

- Update: Picture date added to website. Colton sending info for food drive to post on website
- Old Business: texting versus emailing. Research on Dicks platform shows that you have to send it from their website not app. It's not quick or efficient. Suggested to encourage coaches to use remind app. Also request the League to have their own remind. Needs to do a little more research for League remind to work the kinks out.

#### 9. Scheduler (Elizabeth Ratti) – absent

- Update: Working on schedules

#### 10. Safety Officer (Paul Wargolet) - present

- Update: working on asap safety manual
- Background checks making progress
- Working with Amanda on safety page on website
- Pridecare very appreciative for gift of doughnuts. Banner being made

#### 11. Fundraising Officer (Ian Launius) - present

- Update: Working with Kristin revamping hitathon to get more participation. Colton will give dates available to schedule hitathon

#### 12. Secretary (Nicole Hess) - present

- Update: Nothing to update

#### 13. Umpire-In-Chief (Shaun Ballard)- present

- Update: attended District 2 clinic on March 24, 2018. 15 run rule. Past years Little League International enacted the 10 run or more mercy rule. Game called. It was changed at the Little League Convention to 15 runs to allow more game time. It is not in the rule book. Leaving it up to each league to enact the 15 run rule. Vote for new 15 run policy. Motion to approve- Shaun Ballard. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Katie Moratti. Unanimously approved. Colton will get update to Managers.

#### 14. President (Colton Lenzinger)- present

- Updates: working on field directors schedule. Usually works out to 3-4 field directors dates for everyone to sign up for. Will send out Field Director responsibilities
- Following up with Barb to see when the golf cart will be delivered
- Zero tolerance policy. One has filtered in regarding a parent problem. Will send out a copy/reminder to the entire league to make everyone aware of policy so that we don't have further problems. Will also post on website

- Bats- two new USA bats broke this week. Easton is replacing them. A call is into Little League International to make sure there isn't a bigger issue.
- Opening Day: Colton will send info on food donations to Kristin and Amanda. Whomever can get the most pounds donated will get a plaque in memory of a previous umpire. Will have containers for food at concession stand for drop off. There will be three games scheduled on opening day. 2 majors and 1 Minors
- District meeting scheduled for Tuesday at Main Street pub

#### **Open Forum:**

#### **Open Discussion:**

- Amanda requests clarification on who needs background checks. Per Paul: A background check is required for all people that have regular and repetitive contact with the kids. It is up to the discretion of the manager. Score keepers do not need a background check if they do not have regular and repetitive contact with the kids
- Opening Day- voted on pizza, chips and cookies. Order put together with Jets Pizza. Ian is taking the trailer to pick up pizzas and keep them warm. He will bring them to the fields. Budget set for \$1000. Will be \$100 over when plates, napkins and gloves are purchased. Time frame as follows: parade to field 4 @ 5:50, National Anthem, intro of teams, pledge, spirit awards @ 6:00. Games on fields 2,3, and 6 @ 6:30. Eat, bounce house, music @ 6:30. Last year cost of music was \$150. Will get quote for this year. Theme for opening day will be "The Greatest Showman." Peachwave booth will be available for \$3/cup. Ask for donation for drinks and 50/50 raffle
- Bounce House- Township discouraged use due to liability. Need to get it approved by Township Supervisor. Big Bouncers will pay for their own liability.

**Meeting adjourn at 8:35 pm- motion to adjourn Ian Launius, Kristin Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>**

#### **Addendum: Conference call April 16, 2018**

Attendance: Colton Lenzinger, Steve Tanner, Matt Morgan, Katie Moratti, Kristin Brown, Amanda Nuyen, Lindy Wolthuis, Ian Launius, Nicole Hess

- Vote for Little Minors GLL playoff versus District 15 tournament
- A poll for feedback was sent to the Little Minors managers by Steve Tanner. The majority of feedback was request for more games and playing time for the players.
- Per Colton/Steve the following three are options to vote on:
  - 1. Regular schedule, GLL playoffs, no District 15 tournament
  - 2. 12 game season, GLL playoffs and District 15 tournament
  - 3. 14 game season, All star District 15 tournament
- Split Vote: option 1- zero, option 2- 1, option 3- 8
- Motion for option 3- Amanda Nuyen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Tanner