



**Centennial Lakes Little League  
Board Meeting  
August, 24th 2014 at 7PM**

**Meeting Called to Order @ 7:07**

**1. Roll Call**

Present: Pat Mahr, Mike Marso, Steve Klebba, Abby Pullman, Jen Wenzel, Chris Reff, Chris Summerfield, Patty Preblich, Heidi Hansen, Sarah Flood, Becky Whaley, John Golden,

Absent: Dan Whelan, Tim Waldvogel, John Wlazlo, Greg Fletcher, Randy Frechette,

**2. End of year review (recap on the each League Level)**

Tball - Heidi

It was a great season. Overall things went well. Great coaches and no issues. The only change we made this year was to limit games to 1 hour during the school year. Then added 15 minutes after school got out. The Friday night opening day with the National Anthem went well. Keeping opening night on Friday night would be a good idea. Uniforms were o.k. There was a lot of discussion about getting size for jerseys, numbers and names at registration.

CPBB - Steve and Abby

A few parents were upset about NOT having a tee. As the year went on it seemed to work itself out. This was new rule this year. It was determined that it was the first year doing it this way. It should be fine in the future. We will work on better communication next year at coaches meetings etc.

Minor - Dan and Jen

This was the first year of doing kid pitch for 8 and 9 year olds. There was some concern at the beginning of the year. We offered the coaches an opportunity to vote and they choose to pitch the entire season. No

problems during the year. Continue using paid umpires in minors. There was some problems with umpires not showing up.

#### National League - Pat

We did more interleague play this year. Most of the teams liked having more interleague play. The 11 year olds didn't get an opportunity to pitch during the regular season. This negatively affects pitching development and 11 year old all stars.

#### American League - John

Season went well. There was great feedback on the new uniforms. Maybe use names for the teams instead of blue team, purple team, etc.

#### International League - John

There were some issues with treatment of umpires during the season. This will be addressed by the board this off season. Several coaches didn't come to the coaches meeting.

#### All Stars

Tryout numbers were low again. There was some discussion about requiring kids to try out for all stars if they play National League. The tournaments went well.

#### 8U Softball - Sarah Flood

The season begins with coaches pitching then moves to kids pitching. Teaching kids how to pitch for softball is difficult. The coaches also need instruction on how to teach it. There was an end of the season tournament that went well. However, the tournament rules need to be communicated to ALL coaches. Also, it was suggested that teams should start playing by the tournament rules with a few games left in the regular season. The pitching rule of 6 pitches and striking out should be clarified and written more clearly.

#### 10U Softball - Greg Fletcher

There were 4 teams. 2 teams went on to Nationals. This year there was a focus on developing pitching and catchers. This went well. There was a request to have a better description of the different softball levels (i.e. B2 - what does that mean?)

#### 12U Softball - no rep at this level

The season went well. There were 2 teams that went to Nationals.

#### 14U Softball - John Wlazlo

A great season. There was only 1 team. They went to Nationals.

**3. Board members that are returning for the 2015 Season**

The following league reps are appointed positions. This information reflects their desire to return to their position and will continue with these rolls.

Heidi (T-Ball)-yes  
Steve (Coach Pitch)- yes  
Abby (Coach Pitch)- yes  
Dan (Minors)- yes  
Jen (Minors)- yes  
John (International/American)- yes  
Sarah (8 U Softball) - yes  
Greg (10 U Softball) - ???  
John Wlazo (14U, 16U, 18U Softball)- yes  
???? 12 U open  
Chris Summerfield (Equipment) - yes

The following positions are elected positions. A "yes" indicates they will not be stepping down from their positions.

Chris Reff (Information Officer) - yes  
Pat (President)- yes  
Patty (Treasurer) - yes  
Mike (Player Agent) - yes  
Tim Waldvogel (VP) - no  
John Golden -  
Randy Frechette - unknown

**4. 6pm start time instead of 6:30pm**

We are going to start games at 6:00 PM next season to allow players, parents, and kids to get home at an earlier time.

**5. Coaches Evaluations (how can we improve it)**

We are going to try using online evaluations. This will still be sent out for parents to evaluate their coach this season. We hope to have this out by the middle of the week.

**6. Coach meetings being mandatory in order to get equipment?**

Next year we will combine the draft and coach meeting to the same night. We really want to value the time coaches are giving and want to make sure coaches are getting the important information.

**7. Equipment return (Chris Summerfield)**

We discussed ideas for ensuring equipment gets returned. We are currently missing a lot of equipment. Some ideas for getting commitment would be requiring deposit or some kind of penalty.

**8. Going to one charter team?**

Last year we applied for us to be able to have 1 twelve, eleven, and ten year old team. We were denied last year and stayed with two teams at each level this year. We are going to re-apply again this year. We will look into other options for the 12 year olds that don't make the 1 All Star team to continue playing.

**9. Fall Ball Numbers (Fall Baseball and Fall Softball)**

Fall Baseball: We need to change tryouts to 2 days instead of 1. There were 70 kids trying out. John will need more help with evaluations next year. The tryouts will be more formal. Fall ball is much bigger this year. There is a lot of interleague play.

Fall Softball: We had 7 fall softball teams.

**Other New Business:**

Fencing was replaced this year at Lexington. The backstops now have new fencing thanks to Hansen Fencing.

There was a lot of positive feedback for the coupons. Families were charged \$20 for field improvements instead of doing fundraisers. The improvements made with this money will be posted on our web site.

**Action Items as a Result of this Meeting:**

Becky will talk to Clem about jerseys and the possibility to choose numbers, sizes, etc. .

Change/add pitching rules to require 11 years to pitch at National League level.

Follow up with On-Line Coach Evaluations

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 PM.**

Next Meeting: TBD

Respectfully submitted by

Jen Wenzel

