



**Centennial Lakes Little League
Board Meeting
October 12, 2014 at 7PM**

Meeting Called to Order at 7:07 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: Pat Mahr, Mike Marso, Steve Klebba, Abby Pullman, Jen Wenzel, Chris Reff, Chris Summerfield, Patty Preblich, Heidi Hansen, Becky Whaley, John Golden, Dan Whelan, John Wlazlo, Greg Fletcher, Randy Frechette

Absent: Sarah Flood

2. Annual Election

The Centennial Lakes Little league has 1 open position on its Board of Directors. The floor was open to nominations to the Board of Directors.

Motion was made to nominate Heidi Hansen to the Centennial Lakes Little League Board of Directors.

Motion: Chris Reff **Second:** Mike Marso **Discussion:** none **Vote:** motion passed

As outlined on our constitution the Board of Directors held a vote for the following positions: President of Baseball and Softball, VP of Baseball and VP of Softball.

Motion was made to elect Pat Mahr for President of Baseball and Softball, Heidi Hansen for VP of Baseball and Randy Frechette as VP of Softball.

Motion: Chris Reff **Second:** John Golden **Discussion:** none **Vote:** motion passed

3. Treasure Report

Patty Preblich reports that we are \$166 within proposed budget for 2014 (under). Currently we have \$19,000 in the bank. Much of this will be used for repairs and updates.

4. Move the start of baseball games to 6pm for the 2015 season

Rationale: This will allow the league to get games in before dark as well as get our workers home sooner. The other leagues also start at 6:00 PM.

Motion: Mike Marso **Second:** Chris Reff **Discussion:** Members discussed the earlier start time may make it difficult for families to get their players to the field at 5:00 if the coach wants the players there an hour before games. Members felt the advantages outweighed the disadvantages of starting the games at 6:00 PM. **Vote:** motion passed

5. Update on the equipment return (Chris Summerfield)

Unfortunately there are still a lot of equipment bags still checked out. The last turn-in date is **Monday, October 13 from 6-9 PM**. Chris had offered several dates to our coaches. He reports the equipment is coming in cleaner this year. The board appreciates Chris' work on the equipment.

6. Fall Baseball Review and Feedback (John Golden)

There were 6 teams this year (we are adding 1 team a year). This year there was only 1 day of evaluations. Next year there will be 2 or 3 evaluation dates. John will need help with evaluations next year. The program seems to be going well. Coach evaluations will be sent out to fall baseball parents as well as regular season parents. There doesn't seem to be talk among the players/coaches to encourage fall ball. It was suggested to include that in coaches meetings at the beginning of the season. Fall baseball teams had new uniforms this year. Shoreview liked the uniforms because it had S instead of C - John Golden received a lot of positive comments about the program. John has worked really hard to get this program up and running. THANK YOU John!!!

7. Discussion about Open House for the 2015 season

In the past the open house hasn't been well attended. There are a few reasons for this - one is that we do registration early and the other could be that returning players don't see a need to go. Dan Whelan also suggested posting outdoor signs to alert the public that baseball registration is open. The open house will still happen - but it will target the younger players. It was decided that registration will continue to begin in December but the open house will be in January. Pat will look into getting TC Bear to come for the open house.

8. Winter clinics for Complete Game and Mike Marso Catching Clinics will be offered this winter

This year there won't be a fall and winter clinic it will just be a winter clinic. These workouts will go right up until tryouts. The time choices will be 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 PM. These clinics are hitting and pitching for boys and hitting for girls. Both of these are open for baseball and softball players. An email will be sent out soon and online registration is open. Becky will check with Complete Game to see if they will offer a defensive clinic.

Since the meeting - Becky has talked to Complete Game and they will offer a defensive clinic on Thursday evenings.

Complete Game Clinic Dates 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 PM

Monday nights: Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th, Jan. 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, Feb. 2nd, 16th, 23rd

Tuesday nights: Dec. 2nd, 9th, 16th, Jan. 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, Feb. 3rd, 17th, 24th

Mike Marso Catching Clinic- 5:30 and 6:30 PM

Wednesday evenings, Dec. 3rd, 10th, 17th, Jan. 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, Feb 4th, 18th, 25th

9. New Business

Lexington Park Upgrade:

Becky and Pat went to a meeting with the city of Lexington. The city is looking at upgrading Lexington Park. The city gave the CLLL a few options. Fields 1,2 and 3 will remain. Fields 4 and 5 will be located by the current park entrance. There will be a natural park in the area currently occupied by fields 4 and 5. There will be a new concession area. The current concession stand will be bathrooms. The batting cage currently between 2 and 3 will be moved as well. There will be approximately 150 paved parking places. CLLL gave them ideas for the design of concession stand.

There will be irrigation on the fields and new sod. The final approval from the city board will be in January. The City of Lexington is writing a grant for most of this work. At this time we do not know what monetary responsibilities will be expected of CLLL. The work will be done in phases.

Lions and Carl Eck

Work continues by Lions and Carl Eck. When the road work is finished we will have new parking and sidewalks.

Batter's Box - Carl Eck/Lions

Dan Whelan is making a template for chalking the batters box at Carl Eck. This will give the players an accurate and consistent batters box.

Constitution

Chris Reff brought copies of the constitution used by CLLL.

Motion was made to publish the current CLLL constitution on our league web site.

Motion: Chris Reff **Second:** John Golden **Discussion:** Members noted the constitution does not currently reflect our current practices. It was noted that we need to publish the document as it exists now even though the board will be proposing changes over the next several months. **Vote:** motion passed

National League Baseball Rep

Pat Mahr announced he will no longer be the National League Representative. He is stepping down from that position. Pat nominated Steve Klebba for this appointed position.

Motion was made to nominate Steve Klebba as the National League Representative.

Motion: Chris Reff **Second:** Mike Marso **Discussion:** none **Vote:** motion passed

Proposed Changes to the CLLL Constitution

Motion was made to change the name in our constitution to Centennial Lakes Little League.

Motion: Chris Reff **Second:** Mike Marso **Discussion:** none **Vote:** motion passed

NOTE: since this change was voted on during the October 12th meeting. The published constitution on our web site WILL reflect this change.

Motion was made to add an adoption page for board members to sign. The constitution should be reviewed each year and each board member should sign it. This motion will add a page for signatures.

Motion: Chris Reff **Second:** Mike Marso **Discussion:** none **Vote:** motion passed

T-Ball Representative

There is still an opening for T-Ball representative. If there are any members interested in this position they should contact Chris Reff.

Ken Manning addressed the board regarding adding a position of a field coordinator. Ken is concerned about the conditions of some of our fields. One example of poor conditions would be a lip on the 3rd base at Sunrise or weeds on fields. He is suggesting that our league advertise for a person to be a field coordinator. It was suggested that we could leave rakes at the fields in lock boxes. Ken offered a lot of suggestions on the correct ways to groom the fields. The people hired to groom the fields will get more instruction to improve the conditions of Carl Eck and Lions fields.

10. Next Meeting is November 9th at 7pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8:24 PM