



**Centennial Lakes Little League
Board Meeting
December 14, 2014 at 7PM**

Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: Pat Mahr, Mike Marso, Steve Klebba, Abby Pullman, Jen Wenzel, Chris Reff, Chris Summerfield, Heidi Hansen, Becky Whaley, Dan Whelan, John Golden, Amanda Bibeau

Absent: Patty Preblich

Welcome to new t-ball representative - Amanda Bibeau. Thank you for taking on this position.

2. Registration Update: Chris

Compared to last year - our numbers are lower than the same time last year. We have about 26% fewer registered players right now with softball and baseball together. Some of this may be due the age changes from Little League International. The league office has received a lot of calls on this. Some families are not happy there child will miss a year of coach pitch and others are not sure what level to register their child. CLLL wants to accommodate all requests for their child to play at the appropriate level.

3. Treasure Report - Patty

\$22,000 in the bank

4. National Coach Interviews

Recently 6 people interviewed for the 2 head coach positions at the National Level. Those 6 people were: John Golden, Bill Combs, Randy Streit, Chris Summerfield, Tony Grubbs, John Newpower

The interview committee (Pat Mahr, Heidi Hansen, Chris Reff and Steve Klebba) recommended John Golden and Bill Combs be the head coaches. All six coaches are excellent. The two head coaches selected were: John Golden and Bill Combs. They have also chosen their partner head coaches:

John Golden selected Chris Summerfield

Bill Combs selected Randy Streit

5. Winter Clinic Updates - Becky

Winter clinics have filled up since our last email blast to all members. We have received positive comments about the 10 week format. Mike Marso reports that his defensive clinics are going well.

6. Metro Classic Tournament Update

A meeting was held today to determine where the tournament would be held and what the rules would be. Centennial Lakes will hold the 10 year old tournament. Hopkins will be doing the 11 year olds. Coon Rapids Cardinal Little League will be hosting the 12 year old tournament. Coon Rapids has a new name. Coon Rapids National and Central have merged. CRCL wants to join us for interleague play during the season. The group also decided on the rules for the tournament. There was some disagreement. District 1 wanted to go with batting 9 hitters. The rest of the group wanted round robin batting. The decision was made to go with round robin batting. The price for the tournament will be the same. A third place game will be added.

District 2 Presidents Meeting:

State Tournament is in Duluth will be the last weekend in July.

Indianapolis will not do pool play this year. It will now be double elimination. Check the Little League International website for details.

All Star Tournaments: Shoreview wants 10 and 12. CLLL would do 11.

At the presidents meeting it was recommended to all teams they should not go to tournaments that are not Little League tournaments. CLLL will try and set up something for our teams to go to Rochester for some scrimmages since they can't do other tournaments.

7. New Little League Age Guidelines

Little League International changed the age requirements. See our website for details on how this change affects your player. This will be a difficult year for

transition but after that it should work itself out. Becky is taking a lot of phone calls in the office about this issue. We want to work with parents to make sure their kid is in the right place. This year the change is affecting the younger players in our league.

8. Discussion on filing for 1 All Star Team

Last year we filed a petition to be able to field 1 All Star team instead of 2. This year we have not yet filed application for one 12 year old team. This was discussed at the President's meeting. The board discussed if we wanted to proceed with the filing. The pros and cons were discussed. This is a serious consideration since we don't have a lot of kids trying out for all stars. The past few years we have had to work hard to fill two 12 year old all star teams. A decision was not made at this meeting. We will consider this option. ***Since the meeting on 12/14/14 the league has learned that if do file for 1 team it will NOT be granted. Other options for fielding competitive teams is are being discussed.

9. New Business

There is an opportunity for training from the **Positive Coaching Alliance**. Steve Klebba brought information to the board about this training. Centennial Baseball would like to work with us to cover the cost of bringing in the training. This was very well received. The board will discuss this and look into this further. Many other sporting organizations in our area are training their coaches.

A **letter from Tim Waldvogel** was read to those in attendance. Tim was a long time (20+ years) board member that recently resigned. The board gave him a plaque and gift card for his many years of service. **THANK YOU Tim Waldvogel!**

Last month a proposal was brought to the board for changes to our Constitution. These proposed changes have been posted on our web site. The office received NO phone calls, board members heard no feedback and no opposition was shared at the meeting so a motion was made to accept the changes.

Motion: Accept changes to Constitution proposed at last months meeting.

Motion Made By: Chris Reff

Second By: Mike Marso

Motion passed.

Little League signs reminding the community about registration have been posted around the area. Dan Whelan and John Golden posted all of the signs. THANK YOU Dan and John!

Little Sluggers were here last Saturday having a demo. About 20 kids came. Santa and an elf were here.

Update on Lexington Project: pictures on web site. THANK YOU Chris Reff for all of your work on the web site.

10. Next Board Meeting is January, 11th at 7pm

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:24 PM